

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, September 29, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (84 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires : ** 8
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

Nationally, there are 56 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment that are not shown on today's report.

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Boze, Umpqua NF. NIMO (Cable). Nine miles southwest of Toketee Falls, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching.

Tumblebug Complex, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Ensley). Twenty-three miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Running fire with torching and spotting.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Boze	OR	UPF	13,910	1,184	20	10/15	551	0	14	16	5	0	5.8M	FS
Tumblebug Complex	OR	WIF	13,000	1,000	25	10/15	724	-278	13	32	7	0	10.6M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 12
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

MacDonald Pass, Helena NF. IMT2 (Secrest). Eight miles west of Helena, MT. Timber. Residences threatened. Creeping and smoldering.

Baldy, Flathead NF. Three miles west of Lakeside, MT. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Community of Lakeside threatened. Road closures in effect.

Kootenai Creek, Bitterroot NF. Seven miles northwest of Stevensville, MT. Timber. No further information received.

Bielenburg, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Nine miles southwest of Deerlodge, MT. Dead and down timber. Active fire behavior with group-tree torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

North Butte, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. Nine miles west of Lame Deer, MT. Timber. No new information.

Saddle Mtn 2, Flathead Agency, BIA. Four miles west of Arlee, MT. Timber and logging slash. Smoldering.

Ninko Creek, Flathead NF. Sixteen miles northwest of Polebridge, MT. Timber. No new information.

Gird End, Bitterroot NF. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Ten miles east of Hamilton, MT. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with running and spotting. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
MacDonald Pass	MT	HNF	170	-69	75	9/29	299	-63	9	14	5	0	1M	FS
Baldy	MT	FNF	246	46	60	9/29	159	11	4	11	1	0	400K	FS
Kootenai Creek	MT	BRF	6,293	473	N/A	N/A	121	-84	3	11	2	0	2.5M	FS
Bielenburg	MT	BDF	1,952	---	N/A	N/A	141	---	4	3	2	0	1M	FS
North Butte	MT	NCA	300	---	80	UNK	25	---	1	1	0	0	10K	BIA
Saddle Mtn 2	MT	FHA	470	0	80	9/30	170	0	5	10	2	0	530K	BIA
Ninko Creek	MT	FNF	500	---	N/A	N/A	33	---	1	3	1	0	350K	FS
Gird End	MT	BRF	1,200	---	N/A	N/A	6	---	0	0	0	0	20K	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Power, Sequoia NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Eight miles northeast of Porterville, CA. Timber and brush. Creeping and smoldering. Road closures in effect.

Station, Angeles NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Wakoski) to local unit will occur today. Four miles north of La Canada, CA. Chaparral. Smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Power	CA	SQF	400	145	80	9/29	502	---	20	8	3	0	500K	FS
Station	CA	ANF	160,557	0	98	UNK	353	-149	5	5	4	209	92.5M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 9
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Gunsight, Bridger-Teton NF. IMT 2 (Svalberg). Twenty-four miles northeast of Jackson, WY. Timber, sagebrush and grass. No further information received.

Bearpaw Bay, Grand Teton National Park. Ten miles west of Moran, WY. Timber. Moderate fire activity with group-tree torching.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Gunsight	WY	BTF	1,200	700	N/A	N/A	7	2	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
Bearpaw Bay	WY	GTP	2,844	594	N/A	N/A	85	-9	2	2	1	0	157K	NPS
Power Station	ID	TFD	3,031	1,531	100	---	19	-49	0	6	0	0	25K	BLM

TFD – Twin Falls District, BLM

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* China	NV	BMD	322	---	100	---	62	---	1	3	3	0	80K	BLM

BMD – Battle Mountain Field Office, BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Castle**, Shoshone NF. Fifty-four miles east of Cody, WY. Timber. Backing fire with isolated group-tree torching.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Castle	WY	SHF	200	---	N/A	N/A	23	---	0	3	1	0	NR	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Increasing southwest winds in advance of a low pressure system moving southeast across the Pacific Northwest today will bring elevated fire potential due to windy and dry conditions to portions of an area extending from southeast California across Utah and Wyoming to western North Dakota. Fire potential will be on the decrease to the west of this area due to showers and cooler temperatures near and behind the cold front associated with this system. Elevated fire potential due to gusty winds and low humidity will be constrained to northern Arizona on Wednesday as the weather system progresses inland, with cooler temperatures and a chance for showers across much of the remainder of the west. Little or no precipitation is expected either day across the southern half of California.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

● Consider the “Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts” in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

● Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or “chimneys” on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
- Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.
- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			1	3	5
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES					17	1	18
	ACRES					10	0	10
Southern California	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		0				255	255
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4			2	2	4	12
	ACRES	0			310	1	2,039	2,350
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2		0	3	4	9
	ACRES		3,572		1,344	17	1,348	6,281
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		82			2	0	84
Southwest	FIRES	15	2			3	3	23
	ACRES	18	0			4	12	34
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2	3	5
	ACRES					2	0	2
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					3	1	4
TOTAL	FIRES	19	7	0	2	33	23	84
	ACRES	18	3,654	0	1,654	39	3,655	9,020

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	42	21	376	27	516
	ACRES	1	764,818	754,710	101,190	1,321,312	10	2,942,041
Northwest	FIRES	325	310	26	74	1,023	1,370	3,128
	ACRES	5,838	27,038	2,353	2,220	55,803	42,235	135,487
Northern California	FIRES	153	62	4	37	2,553	858	3,667
	ACRES	127	1,533	5	1,754	60,508	35,447	99,374
Southern California	FIRES	42	180	16	34	3,134	548	3,954
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	10,332	23,545	261,903	301,622
Northern Rockies	FIRES	759	121	17	33	626	818	2,374
	ACRES	2,869	1,017	397	9,388	24,695	19,068	57,434
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	532	5	28	600	546	1,760
	ACRES	106	70,068	226	4,717	16,399	39,096	130,612
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	397	9	11	112	146	685
	ACRES	2,440	29,349	150	22	980	318	33,259
Southwest	FIRES	814	265	10	63	1,882	1,313	4,347
	ACRES	46,719	89,400	3,843	8,010	288,102	133,635	569,709
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	574	425	19	25	679	389	2,111
	ACRES	2,934	9,199	535	67	72,397	7,955	93,087
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		37	29	12,808	567	13,879
	ACRES	1,241		875	110	113,043	6,701	121,970
Southern Area	FIRES	298		234	54	33,518	575	34,679
	ACRES	35,259		44,205	44,166	973,217	30,996	1,127,843
TOTAL	FIRES	3,463	2,341	419	409	57,311	7,157	71,100
	ACRES	99,123	996,630	807,344	181,976	2,950,001	577,364	5,612,438

Ten Year Average Fires	67,283
Ten Year Average Acres	6,325,098

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1,875	1,875
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1,313	1,313
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						640	640
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						860	860
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	4,698	4,698

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					3,438	95	3,533
Northwest	FIRES	14	118	17	4	1	82	236
	ACRES	6,132	31,099	3,036	47	1	25,111	65,426
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	22	46	20	100	230
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,585	1,450	2,512	6,398	39,684
Southern California	FIRES	1	7	9	7	1	116	141
	ACRES	1	564	748	1,248	195	8,628	11,384
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	26	92	2	27	210	380
	ACRES	2,062	4,321	21,824	345	2,295	25,579	56,426
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	4	7	23	91	149
	ACRES	8	11,320	1,225	282	201	21,618	34,654
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	2			6	12
	ACRES		1,452	62			859	2,373
Southwest	FIRES	40	23	3	4		238	308
	ACRES	9,485	46,428	501	530		121,536	178,480
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	70	39	130	14	48	137	438
	ACRES	7,854	4,331	20,654	7,683	1,662	30,584	72,768
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		549	51	2,593	190	3,454
	ACRES	72,390		74,082	9,251	150,685	52,372	358,780
Southern Area	FIRES	6		284	85	816	1,106	2,297
	ACRES	2,450		150,289	92,929	299,369	1,004,854	1,549,891
TOTAL	FIRES	252	256	1,112	220	3,538	2,277	7,655
	ACRES	100,606	102,030	299,006	113,765	460,358	1,297,634	2,373,399

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	15	14,441	3,027	226,988
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0
Alberta	22	7	1,528	64,273
Northwest Territory	0	102	41	2,057
Saskatchewan	1	0	506	37,776
Manitoba	0	0	158	2,813
Ontario	17	3	369	20,654
Quebec	4	0	471	122,685
Newfoundland	0	0	176	36,981
New Brunswick	7	1	190	249
Nova Scotia	1	0	167	932
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	80	128	37,037
Total	67	14,634	6,761	552,444

*** CIFFC table updated weekly ***

Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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