

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, August 18, 2010 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (188 new fires)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	4
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there are 52 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy. **

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

Interagency personnel are assigned to a number of locations in the Gulf of Mexico to assess and mitigate impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

- Support to the Fish and Wildlife Service includes these areas: Bayou Sauvage NWR (LA), Big Branch Marsh NWR (LA), Breton NWR (LA), Delta NWR (LA), Shell Key NWR (LA), Bon Secour NWR (AL), Grand Bay NWR (AL), St. Vincent NWR (FL), and McFaddin NWR (TX).

- Support to the National Park Service includes these areas: Gulf Islands National Seashore (FL), Jean Lafitte Park and Preserve (LA), Everglades National Park (FL), Dry Tortugas (FL), Biscayne National Park (FL), De Soto National Memorial (FL) and Big Cypress National Preserve (FL).

BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	USFS
1	4	558	105	14

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	31
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Oak Flat, Rogue River – Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Fillis). Ten miles northwest of Selma, OR. Closed timber litter. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened.

* **Thunder**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Stehekin, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crowns runs and torching. 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
Oak Flat	OR	RSF	925	125	10	UNK	708	225	27	7	8	0	1.2M	FS

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
* Thunder	WA	OWF	125	---	N/A	N/A	4	---	0	0	0	0	4K	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 17
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1

Deer Park, Sawtooth NF. Fifteen miles northwest of Fairfield, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated interior group torching.

Twitchell Canyon, Fishlake NF. Seven miles east of Manderfield, UT. Timber. Backing and creeping with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Willow Creek**, Uinta/Wasatch-Cache NF. Three miles east of Mona, UT. Timber, brush and grass. No further information received. 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
Deer Park	ID	STF	1,012	0	70	8/20	165	-40	6	0	4	0	2M	FS
Twitchell Canyon	UT	FIF	4,482	0	N/A	N/A	204	27	6	1	5	0	1M	FS
* Willow Creek	UT	UWF	110	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	40K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 57
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Creek Complex, Ouachita NF. One mile southwest of Shady, AR. Hardwood litter and grass. Moderate fire activity.

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
Creek Complex	AR	OUF	343	189	75	8/19	60	-25	1	3	1	0	162K	FS
North Mountain	OK	WMR	2,292	242	100	---	146	-65	2	8	0	0	306K	FWS
Sparrowhawk	OK	OKS	185	0	100	---	0	-2	0	0	0	0	6K	ST

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Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1

*** Klamert**, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. Sixteen miles southwest of Winnett, MT. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

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
* Klamert	MT	LED	400	---	5	UNK	22	---	0	8	0	0	20K	BLM

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 21
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Sheep, Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP. Previously reported incident. Mixed conifer and brush. Moderate fire activity with creeping and isolated torching. 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
Sheep	CA	KNP	1,246	---	N/A	N/A	39	---	2	3	0	0	75K	NPS

Predictive Services Discussion: Significant fire potential is expected today over portions of the West due to thunderstorms, gusty winds and hot, dry weather. A mix of wet and dry thunderstorms is forecast for much of the region east of the Cascades and Sierras. Gusty winds are expected along the east slopes of the Cascades and over portions of Nevada. Much of Wyoming, Colorado and Oklahoma will be hot and dry.

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



Today's discussion is from the Fireline Safety Category.

DOZER/TRACTOR PLOW OPERATIONS

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

- Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.
- Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.
- Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.
- Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.
- When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.
- Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.
- Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.
- Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.
- Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.
- Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook Appendix A or IRPG pg 91, for hand signals.)
- Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.
- Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.
- Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.
- Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.
- Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.
- Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.
- Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.
- Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.
- When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

References:

[Safety and Occupational Health Manual Handbook, BLM--1112-1](#)
[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES				2	12	17	31
	ACRES				0	7	18	25
Northern California	FIRES					17	5	22
	ACRES					9	3	12
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	15	4	21
	ACRES		0		615	6	0	621
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			6	7	14
	ACRES		400			76	4	480
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4		1	2	10	17
	ACRES		161		0	219	61	441
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	7			1	4	14
	ACRES	0	1			0	1	2
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern Area	FIRES					55	2	57
	ACRES					572	2	574
TOTAL	FIRES	2	15	0	4	110	57	188
	ACRES	0	562	0	615	889	89	2,155

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	74	66	53	422	14	630
	ACRES	103	309,828	107,913	110,724	674,880	9	1,203,457
Northwest	FIRES	115	162	10	18	312	705	1,322
	ACRES	1,083	7,355	3,354	4,004	30,606	806	47,208
Northern California	FIRES	51	122		11	1,746	379	2,309
	ACRES	47	12,222		7	13,782	2,228	28,286
Southern California	FIRES	17	139	3	22	1,812	317	2,310
	ACRES	186	10,040	14	2,042	22,301	18,132	52,715
Northern Rockies	FIRES	414	46	6	10	276	431	1,183
	ACRES	2,613	1,880	1,362	520	2,024	4,563	12,962
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	37	439	2	19	424	364	1,285
	ACRES	13,154	115,396	1	75	118,416	13,632	260,674
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	177	9	15	55	42	300
	ACRES	0	16,290	35	5	3,147	970	20,447
Southwest	FIRES	502	192	7	58	402	872	2,033
	ACRES	7,441	22,361	35	24,492	38,222	72,691	165,242
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	491	369	6	30	339	336	1,571
	ACRES	2,781	3,607	3,064	7,212	21,512	4,395	42,571
Eastern Area	FIRES	636		39	20	11,903	496	13,094
	ACRES	2,709		4,883	27	86,439	4,331	98,389
Southern Area	FIRES	514		51	24	16,566	497	17,652
	ACRES	32,279		6,117	224	216,855	21,245	276,720
TOTAL	FIRES	2,780	1,720	199	280	34,257	4,453	43,689
	ACRES	62,396	498,979	126,778	149,332	1,228,184	143,002	2,208,671

Ten Year Average Fires	56,227
Ten Year Average Acres	4,781,277

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	0	0				1	1
	ACRES	2	30				22	54
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					92		92
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
	ACRES	2	30	0	0	92	22	146

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					21,497		21,497
Northwest	FIRES	12	55	6	1		152	226
	ACRES	6,781	8,616	1,648	11		17,529	34,585
Northern California	FIRES	1	12	24	19	29	229	314
	ACRES	10	771	22,275	34	4,042	9,397	36,529
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	7	18	63	107
	ACRES		1,612	1,493	547	2,459	1,969	8,080
Northern Rockies	FIRES	99	33	107	8	29	145	421
	ACRES	3,990	4,674	25,961	1,240	934	16,007	52,806
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		18	6	7	29	40	100
	ACRES		4,110	2,745	520	2,288	10,198	19,861
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		7	14
	ACRES		68	1,395	546		638	2,647
Southwest	FIRES	30	21	10	9		122	192
	ACRES	2,181	20,438	8,870	1,103		63,933	96,525
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	41	46	118	26	47	136	414
	ACRES	5,861	5,708	26,858	5,019	6,215	19,554	69,215
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		368	30	1,536	177	2,158
	ACRES	62,783		55,431	5,517	92,534	58,901	275,166
Southern Area	FIRES	17		192	69	8,834	1,074	10,186
	ACRES	2,905		87,408	72,148	281,138	1,032,090	1,475,689
TOTAL	FIRES	247	197	843	178	10,533	2,145	14,143
	ACRES	84,511	45,997	234,084	86,685	411,107	1,230,216	2,092,600

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

Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	13	2,242	1,448	177,988
Yukon Territory	0	0	84	155,809
Alberta	2	-2,058	1,679	69,072
Northwest Territory	0	12,921	214	310,335
Saskatchewan	2	24,744	561	1,616,140
Manitoba	1	0	562	149,834
Ontario	3	1	856	14,804
Quebec	5	8	670	361,920
Newfoundland	0	0	38	804
New Brunswick	4	21	143	143
Nova Scotia	1	0	280	461
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	0	0	100	5,959
Total	31	37,878	6,637	2,863,273

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