

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, August 19, 2010 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (268 new fires)
New large fires:	4 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	5
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	561	105	16

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	176
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	3
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.

* **Fall Canyon**, Prineville District, BLM. Twelve miles northwest of Grass Valley, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. No further information received.

* **Devil's Half Acre**, Prineville District, BLM. Five miles north of Maupin, OR. Juniper 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
Oak Flat	OR	RSF	1,250	325	15	UNK	1,050	342	35	15	8	0	2.8M	FS
* Fall Canyon	OR	PRD	2,700	---	20	UNK	67	---	2	3	1	0	100K	BLM
* Devil's Half Acre	OR	PRD	500	---	20	UNK	25	---	0	8	0	0	50K	BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 14
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Deer Park, Sawtooth NF. Fifteen miles northwest of Fairfield, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated interior group 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
Deer Park	ID	STF	1,012	0	75	8/21	125	-40	4	0	4	0	2M	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 27
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Creek Complex, Ouachita NF. One mile southwest of Shady, AR. Hardwood litter and grass. No further information received.

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	0	85	8/19	10	-50	0	2	1	0	162K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 18
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

* **North Fork**, Shoshone NF. Sixteen miles west of Lander, WY. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and long range 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
* North Fork	WY	SHF	150	---	N/A	N/A	46	---	1	0	1	0	5K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 1)

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

Pat Creek, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Fifteen miles north of Stevens Village, AK.. Black spruce and tundra. Creeping with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Canvasback Lake, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land twenty-three miles east of Beaver, AK. Mixed hardwoods, spruce and tundra. Creeping with 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
Pat Creek	AK	UYD	43,448	---	N/A	N/A	104	---	6	0	4	2	10.7M	BLM
Canvasback Lake	AK	UYD	27,455	---	N/A	N/A	35	---	1	0	0	0	393K	FWS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 0
 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
Klamert	MT	LED	400	---	100	---	11	-11	0	3	0	0	25K	BLM

LED – Lewistown Field Office, BLM

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 12
 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
* Stokes 2	CA	TUU	879	---	100	---	149	---	5	11	0	0	25K	ST

TUU – Tulare Unit, Cal Fire

Predictive Services Discussion: Windy conditions will continue today across portions of the Rocky Mountain Area as a storm system passes to the north. Cooler conditions are expected in the northwest quarter of the country behind the storm system. Thunderstorms with limited moisture are possible across eastern Nevada with wet thunderstorms across Montana, Wyoming and the Four Corner states.

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



Today's discussion is from the Hazard Tree Category.

HAZARD TREE FELLING – HANG-UPS

- For decades, hazard trees have been associated with numerous deaths of workers assigned fire operations and project work. Incidents involving hazard trees are included in the top 5 life threats to wildland firefighters along with wildfire entrapment and motor vehicle accidents. In private industry, logging is recognized as the most dangerous occupation in the nation, and many associated fatalities involve felling hazard trees. Felling a hung-up hazard tree is a particularly hazardous and complex task.



- Sawyers are to be reminded on how vital it is to constantly apply and maintain situational awareness and assess risks, particularly when faced with problem of a **hang-up** hazard tree.
- In most cases, safely felling a hang-up requires extreme caution and expertise due to characteristic danger and complexity. The following are some topics experienced sawyers should review during 6 minutes for safety/tailgate safety discussions and cover in training modules specifically designed to address felling hang-up hazard trees:

- Cut/No Cut (walk-a-way) criteria
- Risk Assessment
- Situational Awareness Checklist
- Secure Felling Area
- No Work Zones (NWZ)
- Blasting option
- Equipment/cable option
- Role/responsibility of swamper/lookout
- Escape routes
- Pushing/driver tree opportunity
- Felling trees tied together
- Sidewinder potential
- Hazards of obscured view of top
- Need to keep looking up
- Weak/spiked tops, limb location/condition/density, and hidden defect/rot
- Prescribed step down (fence post/wafer) cutting techniques
- Rope Technique

References:

[Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			0		4	1	5
	ACRES			8,320		2	0	8,322
Northwest	FIRES	25	5		2	6	138	176
	ACRES	600	3,202		0	1	31	3,834
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				0	9	3	12
	ACRES				18	7	0	25
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	4			1	1	8
	ACRES	10	3			1	1	15
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	3		0	4	5	14
	ACRES	1	2		10	76	195	284
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2					3	5
	ACRES	0					0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	3			9	1	18
	ACRES	12	0			326	50	388
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Southern Area	FIRES					25	2	27
	ACRES					193	2	195
TOTAL	FIRES	36	15	0	2	58	157	268
	ACRES	623	3,207	8,320	28	606	280	13,064

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	74	66	53	426	15	635
	ACRES	103	292,748	116,233	110,724	541,026	9	1,060,843
Northwest	FIRES	140	171	10	20	331	859	1,531
	ACRES	1,683	13,557	3,354	4,004	30,686	958	54,242
Northern California	FIRES	51	122		11	1,466	380	2,030
	ACRES	47	12,222		7	13,969	2,228	28,473
Southern California	FIRES	17	139	3	22	1,822	320	2,323
	ACRES	186	10,040	14	2,060	22,308	18,132	52,740
Northern Rockies	FIRES	418	50	6	10	282	439	1,205
	ACRES	2,623	1,883	1,362	520	2,041	4,566	12,995
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	39	440	2	19	428	372	1,300
	ACRES	13,155	115,546	1	94	118,488	13,976	261,260
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	193	7	58	402	874	2,036
	ACRES	7,441	22,589	35	24,492	38,222	72,691	165,470
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	496	372	6	30	349	337	1,590
	ACRES	2,793	3,613	3,064	7,212	21,840	4,445	42,967
Eastern Area	FIRES	636		39	20	11,903	501	13,099
	ACRES	2,709		4,883	27	86,439	4,336	98,394
Southern Area	FIRES	514		51	24	16,580	499	17,668
	ACRES	32,279		6,117	224	217,016	21,247	276,883
TOTAL	FIRES	2,816	1,738	199	282	34,044	4,638	43,717
	ACRES	63,019	488,488	135,098	149,369	1,095,182	143,558	2,074,714

Ten Year Average Fires	56,453
Ten Year Average Acres	4,831,924

*** 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	0
	ACRES		40				50	90
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						60	60
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1,162	1,162
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	40	0	0	0	1,272	1,312

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	14	40	85
	ACRES		4,110	2,745	520	766	10,198	18,339
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	20,478	8,870	1,103		63,983	96,615
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	178	2,159
	ACRES	62,783		55,431	5,517	92,534	58,961	275,226
Southern Area	FIRES	17		192	69	8,834	1,076	10,188
	ACRES	2,905		87,408	72,148	281,138	1,034,414	1,478,013
TOTAL	FIRES	247	197	843	178	10,518	2,148	14,131
	ACRES	84,511	46,037	234,084	86,685	409,585	1,232,650	2,093,552

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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	22,000	1,461	199,988
Yukon Territory	0	0	84	155,809
Alberta	1	0	1,680	69,072
Northwest Territory	0	0	214	310,335
Saskatchewan	2	144,481	563	1,760,621
Manitoba	0	0	562	149,834
Ontario	3	0	859	14,804
Quebec	1	-464	671	361,456
Newfoundland	2	1	40	806
New Brunswick	1	0	144	142
Nova Scotia	1	0	281	461
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	0	0	100	5,959
Total	24	166,018	6,661	3,029,291

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