

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, July 21, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (157 new fires)
 New large fires: 4 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires: ** 9
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 55 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: Delta, Breton and Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuges, as well as Houma, LA and Mobile, AL.

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

BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	USFS
1	4	769	107	29

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Indian, California Desert District, BLM. IMT 2 (Cooper). Sixteen miles west of Ridgecrest, CA. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Interior burning.

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
Indian	CA	CDD	2,812	1,755	80	7/22	702	122	19	31	5	0	1.5M	BLM
Sand 2	CA	CDD	1,254	-1	100	---	0	-127	0	0	0	0	100K	BLM

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 4
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Swakane, Washington DNR. Six miles north of Wenatchee, WA. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Cowiche Mill, Yakima County Fire District. Twelve miles west of Yakima, WA. Brush and grass. Residences threatened. Smoldering.

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
Swakane	WA	SES	19,291	-455	85	7/30	63	2	2	2	0	0	2.9M	ST
Cowiche Mill	WA	YKC	6,200	3,200	55	7/21	143	---	1	45	0	0	500K	CNTY

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 24
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 NIMOs committed: 1

* **Logging**, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. Ten miles southeast of Greystone, CO. Pine, juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with running, torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

* **East Fork**, White River Field Office, BLM. Ten miles south of Elk Springs, CO. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching.

Meadow Creek, White River NF. NIMO (Gage). Confine/contain incident. Thirteen miles northeast of Rifle, CO. Timber. Creeping fire with short crown runs.

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
* Logging	CO	LSD	450	---	5	7/22	55	---	2	3	0	0	NR	BLM
* East Fork	CO	WRD	450	---	70	7/21	39	---	1	3	0	0	NR	BLM
Meadow Creek	CO	WRF	1,500	286	N/A	N/A	101	9	2	2	2	0	363K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Beach, Yellowstone NP. IMT2 (Secrest). Twenty-eight miles southeast of West Yellowstone, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and short duration crown runs.

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
Beach	WY	YNP	500	115	20	UNK	168	87	6	0	3	0	340K	NPS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 25

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Badger**, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Nineteen miles north of Cedar City, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Active fire behavior with running, torching and short-range 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
* Badger	UT	CCD	300	---	10	7/22	18	---	1	4	0	0	20K	BLM
Rainbow Road	ID	CAX	4,380	0	100	---	38	-34	0	10	0	0	1.7M	CNTY

CAX – Cassia County

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 35

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Turkey**, Tonto NF. Confine/contain incident. Fifteen miles south of Young, AZ. Grass. Moderate fire activity. 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
* Turkey	AZ	TNF	350	---	N/A	N/A	92	---	3	2	0	0	447K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 1)

New fires: 3

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 2

Peavey Creek, Tanana Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land fifteen miles southwest of Bettles, AK. Black spruce. Creeping and smoldering.

Pat Creek, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Fifteen miles north of Stevens Village, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Smoldering with single-tree torching.

Tchulkade Lake, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported confine/contain incident. Started on FWS land thirty-four miles northeast of Circle, City, AK. Harwood slash and brush. Creeping and smoldering 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
Peavey Creek	AK	TAD	24,518	0	5	UNK	31	0	1	0	2	0	511K	FWS
Pat Creek	AK	UYD	16,018	0	45	UNK	129	-3	4	0	3	0	6.8M	BLM
Tchulkade Lake	AK	UYD	6,258	---	N/A	N/A	16	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS

Predictive Services Discussion: Gusty winds are expected today across the southern Great Basin. Thunderstorms are expected across central Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and the Four Corner states. Driest storms will be across the Great Basin and Wyoming.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.

BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
 - Has it been approved and relayed to adjoining forces?
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		2		3
	ACRES			1		0		1
Northwest	FIRES				3	1		4
	ACRES				1	0		1
Northern California	FIRES					16	4	20
	ACRES					8	10	18
Southern California	FIRES					13	1	14
	ACRES					1,323	0	1,323
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1			1	3	6
	ACRES	10	1			0	67	78
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		9			5	11	25
	ACRES		305			4,057	0	4,362
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES	3			1	3	28	35
	ACRES	1			1	1	702	705
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	10		1	5	7	24
	ACRES	0	480		0	64	286	830
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					10		10
Southern Area	FIRES					22		22
	ACRES					90		90
TOTAL	FIRES	5	22	1	5	70	54	157
	ACRES	11	787	1	2	5,553	1,065	7,419

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	74	66	50	391	11	593
	ACRES	103	299,003	81,352	110,642	645,270	9	1,136,379
Northwest	FIRES	78	34	2	7	144	191	456
	ACRES	706	1,881	1	1	20,923	136	23,648
Northern California	FIRES	11	12		6	1,203	144	1,376
	ACRES	2	15		5	12,442	26	12,490
Southern California	FIRES	14	96	3	10	1,362	237	1,722
	ACRES	184	6,344	14	7	12,897	454	19,900
Northern Rockies	FIRES	365	15	1	3	140	130	654
	ACRES	2,528	175	761	0	1,320	1,083	5,867
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	16	206	2	7	247	126	604
	ACRES	519	44,061	1	46	127,286	291	172,204
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	110	6	6	33	16	172
	ACRES	0	636	17	1	661	22	1,337
Southwest	FIRES	442	173	4	44	374	705	1,742
	ACRES	7,419	18,339	33	24,298	37,394	70,183	157,666
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	367	208	4	23	229	227	1,058
	ACRES	2,512	3,441	3,051	7,208	12,219	3,945	32,376
Eastern Area	FIRES	615		38	19	8,763	472	9,907
	ACRES	2,708		4,883	26	77,785	4,304	89,706
Southern Area	FIRES	513		47	22	15,482	437	16,501
	ACRES	32,278		1,684	150	205,815	18,909	258,836
TOTAL	FIRES	2,423	928	173	197	28,368	2,696	34,785
	ACRES	48,959	373,895	91,797	142,384	1,154,012	99,362	1,910,409

Ten Year Average Fires	47,065
Ten Year Average Acres	3,203,406

*** 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				1			1
	ACRES				25			25
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						3	3
Southern Area	FIRES			1			3	4
	ACRES			2			794	796
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	0	4	6
	ACRES	0	0	2	25	0	797	824

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	4	1		121	193
	ACRES	6,781	8,616	1,610	11		17,529	34,547
Northern California	FIRES	1	20	23	20	25	229	318
	ACRES	10	347	22,238	64	3,570	9,397	35,626
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	6	7	68	100
	ACRES		1,612	1,493	435	82	2,408	6,030
Northern Rockies	FIRES	73	33	99	8	29	163	405
	ACRES	2,329	4,674	25,262	1,240	934	17,357	51,796
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		17	6	7	30	40	100
	ACRES		1,560	2,745	520	2,288	10,198	17,311
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		7	14
	ACRES		68	1,395	546		638	2,647
Southwest	FIRES	27	22	10	6		99	164
	ACRES	1,575	22,809	8,870	951		63,321	97,526
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	41	56	117	26	49	135	424
	ACRES	5,860	8,215	26,508	5,019	6,300	19,528	71,430
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		366	26	1,520	170	2,129
	ACRES	62,783		55,331	5,514	91,918	58,146	273,692
Southern Area	FIRES	17		186	69	8,808	1,150	10,230
	ACRES	2,905		81,151	72,148	262,381	1,132,186	1,550,771
TOTAL	FIRES	218	215	823	171	10,479	2,182	14,088
	ACRES	82,243	47,901	226,603	86,448	388,970	1,330,708	2,162,873

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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	545	16,733	487	16,439
Yukon Territory	62	150,997	62	150,997
Alberta	1,204	40,275	1,184	40,034
Northwest Territory	131	106,225	114	96,587
Saskatchewan	360	1,160,512	356	1,019,650
Manitoba	365	105,571	361	94,885
Ontario	741	14,060	723	13,647
Quebec	561	362,550	556	363,075
Newfoundland	30	791	30	791
New Brunswick	118	109	118	109
Nova Scotia	267	459	267	473
Prince Edward Island	2	5	2	5
National Parks	56	4,801	54	4,723
Total	4,442	1,963,088	4,314	1,801,415

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