

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, August 31, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

|                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Initial attack activity:      | Heavy (336 new fires) |
| New large fires:              | 19 (*)                |
| Large fires contained:        | 5                     |
| Uncontained large fires: **   | 46                    |
| Area Command Teams committed: | 0                     |
| NIMOs committed:              | 2                     |
| Type 1 IMTs committed:        | 0                     |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:        | 19                    |

Nationally, there are 64 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.

A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Aultman) is assigned to Hurricane Irene recovery at Fort Devons, Massachusetts for emergency road clearing. Another Type 2 Incident Management Team (Ourada) is assigned at Stewart Air Force Base in New York to manage and support a mobilization center.

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 3 )**

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| New fires:               | 70 |
| New large fires:         | 2  |
| Uncontained large fires: | 7  |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:   | 7  |

**Canyon Creek**, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Benes). Started on private land five miles north of Laurel, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**West Riverside**, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Grant). Twelve miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity.

**Granite Pass**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Kusicko). Twenty-five miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Saddle Complex – Bitterroot Branch**, Bitterroot NF. IMT 2 (Hutton). Thirty miles southwest of Darby, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Diamond Complex** (two fires), Miles City Field Office, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Heintz) back to local unit will occur tomorrow. Twenty-nine miles south of Ashland, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

\* **Forty One Complex**, Bitterroot NF. Eight miles east of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Bald Bear**, Lewis and Clark NF. Previously reported incident. IMT 2 (Hall). Twenty-one miles southwest of Augusta, MT. Timber.

**Ariana 2**, Northwest Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Fry). Started on private land fourteen miles southeast of Libby, MT. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

**Black Springs Complex**, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. Six miles west of Lame Deer, MT. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**\* Copper Mountain**, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Twenty-seven miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior. 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 |
|----------------------------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Canyon Creek                     | MT | DNR  | 2,456  | 2,056            | 0     | UNK     | 135       | 135              | 1   | 15  | 3    | 0         | 250K     | PRI        |
| West Riverside                   | MT | DNR  | 3,700  | 100              | 45    | UNK     | 681       | -1               | 17  | 35  | 6    | 3         | 3.3M     | ST         |
| Granite Pass                     | MT | LNF  | 300    | -500             | 15    | 9/4     | 247       | 183              | 11  | 2   | 1    | 0         | 485K     | FS         |
| Saddle Complex-Bitterroot Branch | MT | BRF  | 13,361 | -223             | N/A   | N/A     | 205       | 20               | 5   | 12  | 3    | 0         | 1.4M     | FS         |
| Diamond Complex                  | MT | MCD  | 51,460 | 90               | 96    | UNK     | 337       | -189             | 5   | 21  | 2    | 3         | 3.7M     | BLM        |
| * Forty One Complex              | MT | BRF  | 621    | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 111       | ---              | 4   | 5   | 0    | 0         | NR       | FS         |
| Bald Bear                        | MT | LCF  | 436    | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 78        | ---              | 2   | 0   | 2    | 0         | 250K     | FS         |
| Ariana 2                         | MT | NWS  | 200    | 0                | 90    | 9/1     | 186       | 22               | 4   | 6   | 1    | 0         | 731K     | PRI        |
| Black Springs Complex            | MT | NCA  | 24,038 | ---              | 98    | UNK     | 187       | ---              | 2   | 10  | 1    | 0         | 2M       | BIA        |
| * Copper Mountain                | MT | BDF  | 101    | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 1K       | FS         |
| Elk Park                         | MT | LCF  | 600    | 0                | 100   | ---     | 935       | -56              | 1   | 2   | 0    | 0         | 645K     | FS         |

LCF – Lewis and Clark NF

### **Northwest Area (PL 3)**

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| New fires:               | 11 |
| New large fires:         | 1  |
| Uncontained large fires: | 14 |
| NIMOs committed:         | 1  |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:   | 5  |

**High Cascades Complex** (four fires), Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Fillis and Goff). Warm Springs Reservation. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**Hancock Complex**, (two fires) Prineville District, BLM. IMT 2 (Rapp). Two miles northeast of Clarno, OR. Grass. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

**Dollar Lake**, Mt. Hood NF. IMT 2 (West). Sixteen miles south of Hood River, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

**Shadow Lake**, Deschutes NF. NIMO (Gage). Fifteen miles west of Sisters, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior.

**Bell Plain Complex**, Washington DNR. Four miles northeast of Pomeroy, WA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Wishram II**, Washington DNR. One mile west of Wishram, WA. Grass and brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Smyth Creek**, Burns District, BLM. Fifteen miles south of Diamond, OR. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity.

**\* Salmon**, Washington DNR. Washington IMT 2 (Johnson). Six miles northwest of Okanogan, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**Dead Dog**, Prineville District, BLM. Thirteen miles north of Mitchell, OR. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

**Lauserica**, Burns District, BLM. Twenty miles northwest of Fields, OR. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

**Incident 615**, Prineville District, BLM. Three miles southeast of Twickingham, OR. 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 |
|-----------------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| High Cascades Complex | OR | WSA  | 76,169 | 14,328           | 15    | 9/5     | 1,499     | 264              | 41  | 111 | 4    | 1         | 4.3M     | BIA        |
| Hancock Complex       | OR | PRD  | 59,000 | 6,000            | 80    | 9/1     | 344       | -5               | 7   | 25  | 5    | 5         | 2.3M     | BLM        |
| Dollar Lake           | OR | MHF  | 1,600  | 1000             | 0     | UNK     | 315       | 76               | 14  | 7   | 2    | 0         | 420K     | FS         |
| Shadow Lake           | OR | DEF  | 350    | 50               | N/A   | N/A     | 197       | 50               | 6   | 9   | 0    | 0         | 15K      | FS         |
| Bell Plain Complex    | WA | WFS  | 5,095  | -905             | 65    | UNK     | 133       | 19               | 1   | 12  | 0    | 0         | 265K     | ST         |
| Wishram II            | WA | WFS  | 3,000  | 2,300            | 40    | UNK     | 170       | 170              | 8   | 14  | 0    | 0         | 25K      | ST         |
| Smyth Creek           | OR | BUD  | 1,931  | 326              | 95    | UNK     | 94        | -38              | 3   | 3   | 0    | 0         | 525K     | BLM        |
| * Salmon              | WA | NES  | 1,600  | ---              | 0     | 9/3     | 148       | ---              | 5   | 13  | 1    | 0         | 475K     | ST         |
| Dead Dog              | OR | PRD  | 1,310  | 0                | 80    | 9/1     | 45        | -3               | 2   | 1   | 0    | 0         | 182K     | BLM        |
| Lauserica             | OR | BUD  | 611    | 112              | 90    | 9/1     | 64        | 0                | 3   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 225K     | BLM        |
| Incident 615          | OR | PRD  | 550    | 0                | 80    | UNK     | 1         | 0                | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 2.7K     | BLM        |

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3 )**

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| New fires:               | 22 |
| New large fires:         | 1  |
| Uncontained large fires: | 3  |
| NIMOs committed          | 1  |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:   | 1  |

**Saddle Complex**, Salmon-Challis NF. NIMO (Houseman). Twenty-two miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Salt**, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Sommer). Sixteen miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior.

**Plateau**, Arizona Strip District, BLM. Eight miles south of St. George, UT. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

**Scenic Complex**, Arizona Strip District, BLM. Ten miles south of Mesquite, AZ. Grass. No further information.

**\* Nowlin**, Bridger-Teton NF. Nineteen miles northeast of Moran, WY. Timber. 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 |
|----------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Saddle Complex | ID | SCF  | 12,585 | 764              | N/A   | N/A     | 73        | 0                | 3   | 1   | 0    | 0         | 689K     | FS         |
| Salt           | ID | SCF  | 2,635  | 1,000            | 5     | UNK     | 410       | 113              | 10  | 10  | 5    | 0         | 2.4M     | FS         |
| Plateau        | AZ | ASD  | 4,406  | 0                | 95    | 8/31    | 67        | -19              | 2   | 3   | 1    | 0         | 257K     | BLM        |
| Scenic Complex | AZ | ASD  | 750    | 0                | 95    | 8/31    | 61        | -41              | 1   | 4   | 1    | 0         | 380K     | BLM        |
| * Nowlin       | WY | BTF  | 250    | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 3         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 5K       | FS         |
| Busby          | UT | SLD  | 483    | -4               | 100   | ---     | 40        | -15              | 1   | 4   | 1    | 0         | 159K     | BLM        |

SLD – Salt Lake Field Office, BLM

### **Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 27  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Motor**, Sierra NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Thirteen miles northeast of Mariposa, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity.

**Wells**, California Desert District, BLM. Started on NPS land eighteen miles east of Baker, CA. Brush. No new information.

**Pala**, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Started on county land seven miles southwest of Redlands, CA. Brush. Minimal fire behavior. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

| 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Motor         | CA | SNF  | 5,231 | 0                | 80    | 9/4     | 907       | -294             | 19  | 36  | 9    | 0         | 6.1M     | FS         |
| Wells         | CA | CDD  | 1,583 | ---              | 70    | UNK     | 2         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 35K      | NPS        |
| Pala          | CA | MVU  | 223   | -77              | 80    | UNK     | 288       | -317             | 7   | 40  | 0    | 0         | 1.4M     | CNTY       |
| Oasis         | CA | LAC  | 355   | 10               | 100   | ---     | 11        | -544             | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0         | 1M       | CNTY       |

LAC – Los Angeles County

### **Southern Area (PL 3)**

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| New fires:               | 144 |
| New large fires:         | 11  |
| Uncontained large fires: | 15  |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:   | 1   |

**Lateral West**, Great Dismal Swamp NWR. IMT 2 (Dueitt). Previously reported incident. Nine miles southeast of Suffolk, VA. Timber. Smoldering.

\* **101 Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles west of Palo Pinto, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior. Evacuations in effect.

**Coryell Complex**, Texas Forest Service. Four miles southeast of Evant, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

\* **Legacy**, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles northeast of Forsan, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

\* **Big Draw**, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles northeast of Junction, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

**JA Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Eighteen miles southeast of Claude, TX. No new information. Last report unless new information is received

\* **313**, National Forests in Florida. Thirteen miles northwest of Crawfordville, FL. Southern Rough. Moderate fire activity.

\* **Jack Mountain**, Texas Forest Service. Five miles south of Gatesville, TX. Grass and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Mathews**, Texas Forest Service. Seven miles northwest of Spearman, TX. Grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

\* **Johnson Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Twenty-seven miles northwest of Hunt, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

\* **Pamplin Creek**, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles northeast of Colmesneil, TX. Timber. Active fire behavior.

\* **Double T**, Texas Forest Service. Nineteen miles west of Brady, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

\* **Major Nelson**, Texas Forest Service. Ten miles east of Lumberton, TX. Timber. Active fire behavior.

\* **Rest Stop**, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles northwest of Huntsville, TX. Timber. Moderate fire activity.

\* **Beard Cane Gap WF**, Great Smoky Mountains NP. Seven miles southwest of Townsend, TN. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Beecham**, National Forests in Alabama. Eight miles east of Piedmont, AL. Timber litter. Moderate fire activity.

**Singleton Creek**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Five miles southeast of Hermitage, AR. Timber. No new information.

| 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 |
|---------------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Lateral West        | VA | GDR  | 6,358 | ---              | 90    | UNK     | 142       | ---              | 2   | 1   | 2    | 0         | 8.6M     | FWS        |
| * 101 Ranch         | TX | TXS  | 3,500 | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 78        | ---              | 0   | 11  | 2    | 25        | NR       | ST         |
| Coryell Complex     | TX | TXS  | 1,600 | 0                | 50    | UNK     | 36        | 1                | 0   | 4   | 2    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Legacy            | TX | TXS  | 1,300 | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 33        | ---              | 0   | 3   | 1    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Big Draw          | TX | TXS  | 1,200 | ---              | 40    | UNK     | 38        | ---              | 0   | 6   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| JA Ranch            | TX | TXS  | 1,200 | ---              | 90    | UNK     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * 313               | FL | FNF  | 800   | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 5K       | FS         |
| * Jack Mountain     | TX | TXS  | 800   | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 19        | ---              | 0   | 3   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| Mathews             | TX | TXS  | 700   | ---              | 95    | UNK     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Johnson Ranch     | TX | TXS  | 500   | ---              | 40    | UNK     | 23        | ---              | 0   | 3   | 0    | 3         | NR       | ST         |
| * Pamplin Creek     | TX | TXS  | 300   | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 14        | ---              | 0   | 0   | 2    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Double T          | TX | TXS  | 300   | ---              | 95    | UNK     | 3         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Major Nelson      | TX | TXS  | 275   | ---              | 75    | 8/31    | 16        | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Rest Stop         | TX | TXS  | 150   | ---              | 30    | UNK     | 24        | ---              | 0   | 2   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Beard Cane Gap WF | TN | GSP  | 120   | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 5         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 5K       | NPS        |
| Beecham             | AL | ALF  | 110   | 0                | 50    | 8/31    | 30        | 0                | 1   | 0   | 1    | 0         | 83K      | FS         |
| Singleton Creek     | AR | ARS  | 101   | ---              | 90    | UNK     | 8         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 7K       | ST         |

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3 )**

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

**Hole in the Wall**, Shoshone NF. South Dakota IMT 2 (Lowe). Seven miles west of Clark, WY. Timber. Torching and spotting. Residences threatened.

**Ladore**, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. Previously reported incident. Thirty-two miles northeast of Vernal, UT. Grass. 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 |
|---------------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Hole in the Wall    | WY | SHF  | 6,200 | 0                | N/A   | N/A     | 244       | -53              | 3   | 6   | 7    | 0         | 3M       | FS         |
| Ladore              | CO | LSD  | 1,003 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 10        | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 30K      | BLM        |
| * Coal Creek        | WY | NAX  | 403   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 35        | ---              | 0   | 12  | 0    | 4         | NR       | CNTY       |
| * Dunne Ranch South | KS | KSX  | 400   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 62        | ---              | 0   | 16  | 0    | 0         | 7K       | CNTY       |

NAX – Natrona County      KSX – Kansas Counties

**Southwest Area (PL 2 )**

New fires: 14  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Edison**, Cibola NWR. Forty-one miles north of Yuma, AZ. Brush. Torching and crowning.

\* **Border**, Roswell Field Office, BLM. Thirty-six miles northwest of Roswell, NM. Grass. Active fire behavior.

\* **Frio**, Tonto NF. Five miles south of Globe, 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Edison        | AZ | CBR  | 3,200 | 2,200            | 25    | UNK     | 70        | 45               | 1   | 7   | 0    | 0         | NR       | FWS        |
| * Border      | NM | ROD  | 435   | ---              | 50    | UNK     | 10        | ---              | 0   | 3   | 0    | 0         | 10K      | BLM        |
| * Frio        | AZ | TNF  | 300   | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 5         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 9K       | FS         |

**Western Great Basin Area (PL 3 )**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Vigo**, Ely District, BLM. Twenty miles south of Caliente, NV. Grass. Active fire behavior.

**Tijuana John**, Elko District, BLM. Twelve miles south of Jackpot, NV. Brush. Creeping and 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Vigo          | NV | ELD  | 6,477 | 4,277            | 20    | 9/3     | 59        | 55               | 1   | 4   | 2    | 0         | 175K     | BLM        |
| Tijuana John  | NV | EKD  | 749   | 249              | 50    | 8/31    | 249       | 197              | 8   | 9   | 1    | 0         | NR       | BLM        |

**Eastern Area (PL 2 )**

New fires: 14  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 Type 2 IMT's committed: 1

**Pagami Creek**, Superior NF. Minnesota IMT 2 (Peterson). Thirteen miles northeast of Ely, MN. Timber and grass. Creeping and torching. Structures threatened.

| 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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Pagami Creek  | MN | SUF  | 130  | 0                | N/A   | N/A     | 66        | 17               | 2   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 145K     | FS         |

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms over the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies and northern High Plains near a cold front. A large area of critical fire weather conditions is expected from the Great Basin northeast into Wyoming with strong winds and low relative humidity. Scattered thunderstorms will develop across the Southwest, eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountains. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected over parts of the Great Plains, Upper Mississippi Valley and Great Lakes Region. Isolated showers and thunderstorms are also forecast over the Gulf Coast and Southern Atlantic Coast States near a front.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



**Today's discussion is from the  
Environmental Factors Category.**

### **THUNDERSTORM SAFETY**

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

- Do not lie down.
  - The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
  - Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
  - Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
  - Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!
- "Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.
- Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.
- Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridge tops, etc., should be avoided.
- If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.
- Put down all tools.
- Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

#### References:

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[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 |     |       |     |     |        |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |       |     |     |        |       | 0      |
| Northwest           | FIRES |     | 2     |     |     |        | 9     | 11     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 0     |     |     |        | 1,011 | 1,011  |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |       |     |     | 11     | 1     | 12     |
|                     | ACRES |     |       |     |     | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Southern California | FIRES |     | 0     |     | 1   | 23     | 3     | 27     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 128   |     | 3   | 828    | 1     | 960    |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 7   | 6     |     |     | 12     | 45    | 70     |
|                     | ACRES | 93  | 41    |     |     | 2,578  | 455   | 3,167  |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     | 9     |     |     | 8      | 5     | 22     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 162   |     |     | 33     | 1,760 | 1,955  |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     | 3     | 4   |     | 1      |       | 8      |
|                     | ACRES |     | 4,020 | 5   |     | 5      |       | 4,030  |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     | 2     |     | 0   | 1      | 11    | 14     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 435   |     | 18  | 2      | 736   | 1,191  |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 1   | 4     |     |     | 6      | 3     | 14     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0     |     |     | 402    | 18    | 420    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |       |     |     | 14     |       | 14     |
|                     | ACRES |     |       |     |     | 3      |       | 3      |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |       |     |     | 141    | 3     | 144    |
|                     | ACRES |     |       |     |     | 13,065 | 826   | 13,891 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 8   | 26    | 4   | 1   | 217    | 80    | 336    |
|                     | ACRES | 93  | 4,786 | 5   | 21  | 16,916 | 4,807 | 26,628 |

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA                |       | BIA     | BLM     | FWS     | NPS    | ST/OT     | USFS      | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIRES | 2       | 26      | 28      | 17     | 411       | 8         | 492       |
|                     | ACRES | 8       | 47,653  | 36,822  | 7,929  | 199,818   | 1         | 292,231   |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 194     | 205     | 8       | 40     | 383       | 740       | 1,570     |
|                     | ACRES | 3,727   | 57,266  | 89      | 4      | 6,654     | 3,521     | 71,261    |
| Northern California | FIRES | 68      | 13      | 5       | 13     | 1,461     | 180       | 1,740     |
|                     | ACRES | 56      | 2,470   | 4       | 2,178  | 6,661     | 5,439     | 16,808    |
| Southern California | FIRES | 18      | 285     | 5       | 21     | 2,662     | 318       | 3,309     |
|                     | ACRES | 224     | 3,210   | 3       | 1,052  | 36,297    | 27,265    | 68,051    |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 429     | 76      | 6       | 7      | 389       | 482       | 1,389     |
|                     | ACRES | 26,460  | 41,461  | 141     | 7      | 11,503    | 32,988    | 112,560   |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 30      | 541     | 1       | 12     | 472       | 420       | 1,476     |
|                     | ACRES | 2,035   | 244,884 | 26      | 370    | 60,402    | 26,739    | 334,456   |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 16      | 338     | 10      | 15     | 142       | 41        | 562       |
|                     | ACRES | 3,328   | 70,749  | 74      | 3      | 19,500    | 352       | 94,006    |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 850     | 323     | 12      | 54     | 976       | 1,192     | 3,407     |
|                     | ACRES | 33,909  | 125,599 | 3,473   | 20,326 | 633,223   | 1,269,185 | 2,085,715 |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 529     | 344     | 27      | 34     | 702       | 447       | 2,083     |
|                     | ACRES | 6,904   | 11,162  | 3,502   | 2,470  | 280,239   | 67,849    | 372,126   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 340     |         | 27      | 21     | 3,858     | 227       | 4,473     |
|                     | ACRES | 355     |         | 2,612   | 100    | 26,061    | 14,238    | 43,366    |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 811     |         | 240     | 70     | 31,126    | 890       | 33,137    |
|                     | ACRES | 132,978 |         | 80,483  | 55,690 | 3,145,182 | 35,231    | 3,449,564 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 3,287   | 2,151   | 369     | 304    | 42,582    | 4,945     | 53,638    |
|                     | ACRES | 209,984 | 604,454 | 127,229 | 90,129 | 4,425,540 | 1,482,808 | 6,940,144 |

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Ten Year Average Fires</b> | <b>57,737</b>    |
| <b>Ten Year Average Acres</b> | <b>5,744,640</b> |

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### 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 |     |     | 1   |     |       |      | 1     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 9   |     |       |      | 9     |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 1     |      | 1     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 13    |      | 13    |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1     | 0    | 2     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 9   | 0   | 13    | 0    | 22    |

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA                |       | BIA    | BLM     | FWS     | NPS    | ST/OT   | USFS    | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |        |         | 1       | 3      | 12      |         | 16        |
|                     | ACRES |        |         | 20      | 35     | 8,513   |         | 8,568     |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 8      | 44      | 7       | 1      |         | 122     | 182       |
|                     | ACRES | 5,268  | 6,885   | 429     | 42     |         | 8,661   | 21,285    |
| Northern California | FIRES | 15     | 16      | 22      | 21     |         | 141     | 215       |
|                     | ACRES | 61     | 655     | 19,522  | 141    |         | 5,389   | 25,768    |
| Southern California | FIRES |        | 10      | 10      | 4      | 15      | 75      | 114       |
|                     | ACRES |        | 756     | 1,963   | 1,060  | 1,960   | 2,090   | 7,829     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 37     | 14      | 44      | 1      | 16      | 96      | 208       |
|                     | ACRES | 1,321  | 893     | 8,315   | 141    | 211     | 6,610   | 17,491    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 0      | 17      | 3       | 2      | 37      | 26      | 85        |
|                     | ACRES | 54     | 8,572   | 1,023   | 678    | 738     | 7,038   | 18,103    |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |        | 4       | 1       |        | 2       | 9       | 16        |
|                     | ACRES |        | 121     | 550     |        | 64      | 296     | 1,031     |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 18     | 29      | 3       | 4      |         | 88      | 142       |
|                     | ACRES | 1,725  | 192,296 | 1,428   | 46     |         | 73,234  | 268,729   |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 38     | 33      | 96      | 17     | 45      | 121     | 350       |
|                     | ACRES | 4,711  | 5,597   | 14,339  | 4,703  | 8,554   | 30,247  | 68,151    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 30     |         | 348     | 32     | 844     | 135     | 1,389     |
|                     | ACRES | 60,283 |         | 47,440  | 3,898  | 49,649  | 40,062  | 201,332   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 42     |         | 140     | 20     | 1,434   | 557     | 2,193     |
|                     | ACRES | 7,835  |         | 74,269  | 13,528 | 305,224 | 454,398 | 855,254   |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 188    | 167     | 675     | 105    | 2,405   | 1,370   | 4,910     |
|                     | ACRES | 81,258 | 215,775 | 169,298 | 24,272 | 374,913 | 628,025 | 1,493,541 |

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

| PROVINCES            | FIRES<br>YESTERDAY | HECTARES<br>YESTERDAY | FIRES<br>YEAR-TO-DATE | HECTARES<br>YEAR-TO-DATE |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| BRITISH COLUMBIA     | 0                  | 3                     | 495                   | 11,833                   |
| YUKON TERRITORY      | 0                  | 0                     | 53                    | 39,746                   |
| ALBERTA              | 0                  | 0                     | 976                   | 940,045                  |
| NORTHWEST TERRITORY  | 0                  | 0                     | 203                   | 431,916                  |
| SASKATCHEWAN         | 0                  | 0                     | 257                   | 339,942                  |
| MANITOBA             | 0                  | 0                     | 267                   | 84,306                   |
| ONTARIO              | 0                  | 0                     | 1,074                 | 628,843                  |
| QUEBEC               | 0                  | 0                     | 266                   | 12,423                   |
| NEWFOUNDLAND         | 0                  | 0                     | 46                    | 353                      |
| NEW BRUNSWICK        | 0                  | 0                     | 70                    | 39                       |
| NOVA SCOTIA          | 0                  | 0                     | 114                   | 132                      |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 0                  | 0                     | 1                     | 1                        |
| NATIONAL PARKS       | 0                  | 0                     | 60                    | 84,664                   |
| TOTALS               | 0                  | 3                     | 3,882                 | 2,574,243                |

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