

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, September 18, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (63 new fires)
 New large fires: 1 (*)
 Large fires contained: 4
 Uncontained large fires: ** 12
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 3
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 6
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 7

Nationally, there are 80 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.

Two MAFFS C-130 aircraft from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs (US Air Force Reserve), and two MAFFS from the 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte (North Carolina Air National Guard) and support personnel have been activated and will operate from Austin, Texas.

Southern Area (PL 4)

New fires: 4
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 7
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3

NIMO (Kleinman) is assigned to provide support to existing and new fires in Texas.

Northeast Texas Fire Complex, Texas Forest Service. IMT 1 (Morcom). Four miles southwest of Linden, TX. Minimal fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Bastrop County Complex (two fires), Texas Forest Service. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Wilder) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Six miles northeast of Bastrop, TX. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity.

Southeast Texas Fire Complex (four fires), Texas Forest Service. IMT 1 (Opliger). Four miles northeast of Conroe, TX. Hardwood litter. 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
Northeast Texas Fire Complex	TX	TXS	53,074	-485	95	9/18	357	-33	6	33	3	86	1.6M	ST
Bastrop County Complex	TX	TXS	34,068	0	90	UNK	487	-59	3	60	2	1,554	7.1M	ST

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
Southeast Texas Fire Complex	TX	TXS	32,230	467	95	UNK	275	0	4	28	0	88	1.8M	ST
Ireland	TX	TXS	1,023	0	100	---	0	-72	0	0	0	1	NR	ST
W87C	AR	OUF	104	-3	100	---	3	-7	0	1	0	0	8K	FS

OUF – Ouchita NF

Northwest Area (PL 3)

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

Dollar Lake, Mt. Hood NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Sixteen miles south of Hood River, OR. Timber. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Umpqua Complex (four fires), Umpqua NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Walker) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Twenty miles southeast of Toketee Falls, OR. Timber litter. Backing fire with intermittent torching.

Mother Lode, Mt Hood NF. IMT 2 (Kidd). Ten miles northwest of Detroit, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

Shadow Lake, Deschutes NF. Transfer of command from NIMO (Gage) back to the local unit will occur today. Fifteen miles west of Sisters, OR. Timber. Smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Monastery Complex, Washington DNR. Twelve miles northeast of Goldendale, WA. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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
Dollar Lake	OR	MHF	6,304	20	80	9/20	672	-11	19	19	3	0	12M	FS
Umpqua Complex	OR	UPF	997	0	N/A	N/A	392	-75	12	6	3	0	5.3M	FS
Mother Lode	OR	MHF	2,169	17	N/A	N/A	133	-30	2	2	4	0	2.3M	FS
Shadow Lake	OR	DEF	10,000	0	N/A	N/A	263	-87	4	5	2	0	9.4M	FS
Monastery Complex	WA	SES	3,626	---	90	9/21	115	---	2	10	0	113	4.9M	ST
Buckskin	OR	BUD	1,999	0	100	---	63	-1	2	4	1	0	85K	BLM

BUD – Burns District, BLM

Eastern Area (PL 3)

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

Pagami Creek, Superior NF. IMT 1 (Turman). Thirteen miles northeast of Ely, MN. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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	93,898	426	N/A	N/A	565	55	13	11	4	2	3.1M	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 12
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Mint**, Angeles NF. Twelve miles west of Palmdale, CA. Brush. Extreme 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
* Mint	CA	ANF	634	---	50	9/18	599	---	23	31	7	0	NR	FS
Breckenridge Complex	CA	KRN	25,213	0	100	---	451	-80	16	15	2	0	7.4M	CNTY

KRN – Kern County FD

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

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

Forty One Complex (three fires), Bitterroot NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). Eight miles east of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

Saddle Complex – Bitterroot Branch, Bitterroot NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Cook) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Thirty miles southwest of Darby, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Stewart, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Heintz) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Eight miles southeast of Wisdom, MT. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Birthday, Idaho Panhandle NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Kusicko) back to the local unit will occur today. Twenty-one miles northwest of Bonners Ferry, ID. Timber. 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
Forty One Complex	MT	BRF	11,480	0	N/A	N/A	289	-34	9	5	0	0	4.7M	FS
Saddle Complex-Bitterroot Branch	MT	BRF	15,656	0	N/A	N/A	113	-41	2	3	3	0	4.2M	FS
Stewart	MT	BDF	2,405	0	N/A	N/A	69	-2	0	0	1	0	1M	FS
Birthday	ID	IPF	628	0	0	9/30	29	-17	0	0	1	0	577K	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

Salt, Salmon-Challis NF. Transfer of command from NIMO (Houseman) and IMT 2 (Sommer) to IMT 2 (Wilde) will occur today. Sixteen miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Residences 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
Salt	ID	SCF	20,418	0	20	UNK	315	71	4	8	2	0	12.6M	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Building high pressure will start a warming trend in the West. Westerly flow over the northern states will produce gusty winds across the northern Rockies, the far northern Plains and the Great Lakes region. A cold front will spread showers and thunderstorms from the Great Lakes through the Mississippi Valley to north Texas. Cool, sunny conditions will continue over the mid-Atlantic and New England.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Fire/Weather Behavior Category.

Proper Use of Trigger Points

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of tactics. Monitoring for the 18 Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits ("trigger points") ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the current and potential situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don't wait until you're in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.
- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
 - RH
 - Winds
 - Fire Behavior
 - Topographical boundaries
 - Time constraints/Time of day
 - Time/distance to safety zones
 - Loss of suppression resources
 - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, weather change)
- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is required. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
 - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
 - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
 - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
 - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
 - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions
- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
 - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
 - Account for all your people
 - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Northern California	FIRES					17	6	23
	ACRES					71	0	71
Southern California	FIRES					11	1	12
	ACRES					13	0	13
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			3		4
	ACRES		300			0		300
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		3					3
Southwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		80	80
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES			3		6		9
	ACRES			201		3		204
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					18		18
TOTAL	FIRES	0	5	3	1	42	12	63
	ACRES	0	303	201	0	105	80	689

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	26	28	17	417	9	499
	ACRES	8	47,653	36,823	7,790	199,819	2	292,095
Northwest	FIRES	216	257	9	42	485	955	1,964
	ACRES	111,643	122,856	89	284	12,944	27,499	275,315
Northern California	FIRES	74	20	5	18	1,518	367	2,002
	ACRES	67	2,476	4	2,178	7,490	6,169	18,384
Southern California	FIRES	21	318	5	43	3,016	438	3,841
	ACRES	225	9,740	3	1,081	46,328	30,080	87,457
Northern Rockies	FIRES	475	77	6	24	489	635	1,706
	ACRES	26,703	56,867	141	1,126	12,655	78,241	175,733
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	31	609	2	21	563	490	1,716
	ACRES	2,252	259,940	26	620	86,432	66,333	415,603
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	400	12	17	165	60	670
	ACRES	3,328	77,296	778	3	21,990	374	103,769
Southwest	FIRES	872	334	13	58	994	1,299	3,570
	ACRES	34,151	108,886	5,374	21,717	633,275	1,285,482	2,088,885
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	637	406	29	39	823	429	2,363
	ACRES	7,268	20,460	3,511	2,476	291,367	62,697	387,779
Eastern Area	FIRES	342		34	23	4,018	257	4,674
	ACRES	355		3,016	100	26,574	118,649	148,694
Southern Area	FIRES	750		249	78	33,398	921	35,396
	ACRES	126,827		121,010	56,036	3,345,178	34,574	3,683,625
TOTAL	FIRES	3,436	2,447	392	380	45,886	5,860	58,401
	ACRES	312,827	706,174	170,775	93,411	4,684,052	1,710,100	7,677,339

Ten Year Average Fires	61,804
Ten Year Average Acres	6,287,525

*** 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						1	1
	ACRES						25	25
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						8	8
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	33	33

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	3	11		15
	ACRES			20	35	8,476		8,531
Northwest	FIRES	8	44	7	1		122	182
	ACRES	5,268	6,885	429	42		8,661	21,285
Northern California	FIRES	15	19	22	21		141	218
	ACRES	61	655	19,522	141		5,389	25,768
Southern California	FIRES		10	10	4	15	75	114
	ACRES		756	1,963	1,205	2,260	2,090	8,274
Northern Rockies	FIRES	39	14	46	6	16	96	217
	ACRES	1,321	912	8,389	4,681	211	6,610	22,124
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	19	3	2	38	30	92
	ACRES	54	9,677	1,023	678	875	7,295	19,602
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	1		2	9	17
	ACRES		124	550		64	296	1,034
Southwest	FIRES	18	27	3	5		89	142
	ACRES	1,725	20,216	1,428	52		73,271	96,692
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	45	34	99	18	44	100	340
	ACRES	5,036	5,947	15,118	6,940	8,538	27,537	69,116
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		350	33	850	139	1,402
	ACRES	60,283		48,465	3,900	50,063	41,435	204,146
Southern Area	FIRES	42		142	24	1,441	577	2,226
	ACRES	7,835		74,469	13,997	305,750	465,123	867,174
TOTAL	FIRES	197	172	684	117	2,417	1,378	4,965
	ACRES	81,583	45,172	171,376	31,671	376,237	637,707	1,343,746

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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	3	3	540	11,946
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	53	39,746
ALBERTA	23	10	1,042	940,055
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	14	205	431,940
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	261	339,956
MANITOBA	0	0	269	84,309
ONTARIO	20	161	1,136	627,244
QUEBEC	1	0	274	12,423
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	5	48	407
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	71	39
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	115	133
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	1
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	61	84,664
TOTALS	48	192	4,076	2,572,865

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