

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, August 27, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (98 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires: **	25
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

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

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

Four MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs (US Air Force Reserve), and the 153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne (Wyoming Air National Guard) are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Boise, ID. One MAFFS from the 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte (North Carolina Air National Guard), along with one MAFFS from the 146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands (California Air National Guard) are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Sacramento, CA.

Northern California Area (PL 5)

New fires:	13
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	8
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

North Pass, Mendocino NF. IMT 2 (Wakoski). Twenty-five miles northeast of Covelo, CA. Timber and logging slash. Crown runs and spotting. Structures and communications site threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

Chips, Plumas NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). Twenty miles northwest of Quincy, CA. Timber and brush. Extreme fire behavior with spotting. Communities threatened.

Bagley, Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 2 (Whitcome). Seven miles west of Big Bend, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures and high voltage power lines threatened.

Fort Complex (3 fires), Klamath NF. NIMO (Kleinman). Ten miles northwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber. Backing fire. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

Ponderosa, Tehama-Glenn Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Kaslin). Two miles east of Manton, CA. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Numerous structures threatened.

Rush, Northern California District, BLM. IMT 1 (Turman). Fifteen miles southeast of Ravendale, CA. Juniper and brush. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. 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
North Pass	CA	MNF	27,153	505	34	9/7	1,678	144	36	121	15	6	9.9M	FS
Chips	CA	PNF	68,582	1,832	65	8/31	1,502	83	26	140	9	8	35.7M	FS
Bagley	CA	SHF	22,103	7,298	20	9/5	1,193	1	38	53	7	0	6.1M	FS
Fort Complex	CA	KNF	11,403	1,120	24	10/31	461	0	15	9	7	0	13.6M	FS
Ponderosa	CA	TGU	27,676	0	80	8/28	1,916	-48	55	132	5	142	20.8M	ST
Rush	CA	NOD	318,400	-2,393	69	8/30	753	-2	12	44	5	0	12.1M	BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3

Trinity Ridge, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Quesinberry and Lund). Seven miles northwest of Featherville, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and crown runs. Numerous structures and communications site threatened. Area closures in effect.

Halstead, Salmon-Challis NF. NIMO (Houseman). Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crown runs and long-range spotting. Numerous structures and power lines threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

Mustang Complex (4 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 1 (Joseph). Twenty-eight miles west of North Fork, ID. Timber. Moderate fire activity with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

North Buffalo, Bridger-Teton NF. Fourteen miles northeast of Moran, WY. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Radar Hill, Clark County. Twelve miles northeast of Dubois, ID. Brush and grass. 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
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	119,706	NR	5	10/1	1,238	NR	29	72	11	12	20.6M	FS
Halstead	ID	SCF	102,931	2,744	N/A	N/A	612	31	7	37	6	0	12.4M	FS
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	136,895	5,228	N/A	N/A	781	178	14	57	2	1	10.1M	FS
North Buffalo	WY	BTF	4,000	3,500	N/A	N/A	34	0	1	0	1	0	70K	FS
Radar Hill	ID	5CN	1,800	300	85	8/27	35	-56	0	7	0	0	210K	CNTY

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 20
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Delphia, Southern Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Heintz). Fourteen miles northeast of Roundup, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

Felan Gulch, Southwestern Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Fry). IMT is also managing the Elevation Mountain fire. Started on private land ten miles west of Drummond, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Elevation Mountain, Southwestern Land Office, Montana DNR. Started on BLM land ten miles southwest of Ovando, MT. Timber. Short crown runs.

Deep Creek 2, North Dakota State. Started on private land twelve miles north of Marmanth, ND. Juniper and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Condon Mountain, Flathead NF. Five miles northeast of Condon, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Cygnets Complex (3 fires), Yellowstone NP. Previously reported incident. Twenty-six miles southeast of Gardiner, MT. Group tree torching and short-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
Delphia	MT	SOS	30,000	18,000	45	UNK	368	96	4	48	5	0	400K	ST
Felan Gulch	MT	SWS	142	-28	50	UNK	194	65	6	3	2	0	176K	PRI
Elevation Mountain	MT	SWS	560	53	10	UNK	162	-16	4	7	3	0	840K	BLM
Deep Creek 2	ND	NDS	4,500	0	60	8/27	46	4	0	17	0	0	65K	PRI
Condon Mountain	MT	FNF	1,706	1	50	10/1	67	-19	2	5	2	0	2.5M	FS
Cygnets Complex	WY	YNP	1,647	---	N/A	N/A	45	---	1	2	2	0	138K	NPS
Black Beach	MT	CES	1,450	0	100	---	28	-9	1	1	0	0	210K	ST
Sail	ND	DPF	363	0	100	---	20	1	0	4	0	0	25K	FS
Steep Corner	ID	CTS	310	0	100	---	61	-7	2	0	1	0	2.1M	ST

CES – Central Land Office, Montana DNR

DPF – Dakota Prairie National Grasslands

CTS – Clearwater Potlatch Timber Protective Association, Idaho Department of Lands

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 6
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Waterfalls 2, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Williams). Twenty-two miles west of Warm Springs, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting.

Cache Creek, Wallowa-Whitman NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Forty-two miles northeast of Enterprise, OR. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Diamond Butte, Yakama Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Johnson). Twenty-five miles west of White Swan, WA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Taylor Bridge, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Four miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber and brush. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Butte, Umpqua NF. Fifteen miles northwest of Chemult, OR. Timber. No further information received.

Barry Point, Fremont-Winema NF. NIMO (Gage). Twenty-two miles southwest of Lakeview, OR. Timber and grass. 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
Waterfalls 2	OR	WSA	11,014	1,169	30	9/15	890	-12	25	30	11	0	7.5M	BIA
Cache Creek	OR	WWF	45,000	6,000	40	9/5	800	20	24	50	7	1	3.9M	FS
Diamond Butte	WA	YAA	285	0	70	UNK	304	-47	8	6	3	0	1.5M	BIA
Taylor Bridge	WA	SES	23,500	0	91	8/29	170	-114	1	25	0	272	10.3M	ST
Butte	OR	UPF	142	0	65	8/27	74	0	3	0	2	0	2.9M	FS
Barry Point	OR	FWF	93,071	0	95	8/31	518	-114	12	34	4	0	20.6M	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 5

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Cherry**, Winnemucca District, BLM. Twenty-five miles southwest of Golconda, NV. Brush and grass. Running fire.

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
* Cherry	NV	WID	300	---	15	8/27	57	---	0	9	2	0	200K	BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 8

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 2

Crow Flats, Standing Rock Agency, BIA. Twenty miles south of Morristown, SD. Grass. Smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

McIntosh, Standing Rock Agency, BIA. One mile west of McIntosh, ND. Brush and 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
Crow Flats	SD	SRA	650	0	99	UNK	3	-47	0	2	0	0	18K	BIA
McIntosh	ND	SRA	2,575	538	99	UNK	14	-87	0	4	0	0	25K	BIA

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 4
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Lake Crest, Oklahoma DOF. Eight miles southeast of Chouteau, OK. Hardwood litter. 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
Lake Crest	OK	OKS	160	---	70	8/27	26	---	0	12	0	0	5K	ST

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 4
 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
Juneberry Road	MN	MNS	700	0	100	---	115	2	7	3	0	1	415K	ST

MNS – Minnesota DNR

Other Fires

(As of August 24)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	2	36,844	0	0	0	0
NW	5	41,994	5	23	2	262
NO	2	29,279	12	30	2	575
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	26	38,033	3	1	5	126
EB	9	73,385	0	3	0	17
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	2	622	0	1	0	10
RM	2	2,925	0	0	1	19
EA	1	3,200	0	0	0	45
SA	2	793	0	3	0	4
Total	51	227,075	20	61	10	1,058

This table does not include fires reported in the large fire section of this report. Updated weekly.

Predictive Services Discussion: Strong, gusty winds and areas of low relative humidity will create critical fire weather conditions from northern California to western Montana and northern Wyoming. Isolated, high-based thunderstorms are possible in the Wyoming and western Montana mountains. Widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms will also form across the central and southern Rockies and the higher elevations of Utah and Arizona. In the East, showers and thunderstorms will form along a weak front stretching from the Great Lakes to North Texas. Meanwhile, Hurricane Isaac will bring strong thunderstorms and heavy rain to the southern Florida as it moves through the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Today's discussion is from
"This Day in History"

"Lessons Learned" serve as brief summaries of powerful learning opportunities. You can use these summaries as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, and your unit.

Visit <https://www.iat.gov/Training/pages/online.asp> to see the DOI accident review

SEAT Accident, Meeker Colorado, August 27th 2008

Incident Summary: A Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) is directed by Air Attack to drop on the right flank of the Flat Bush Fire. During the first retardant drop the SEAT's flight pattern takes the aircraft in close proximity to staged firefighters and vehicles. During the drop sequence the pilot's side cockpit door comes open and forces him to abbreviate the drop. The pilot relays to Air Attack that he has a problem with his "door", and having just seen the abbreviated drop, Air Attack assumes the problem door is the retardant gate. He asks several times about the status of the pilot and aircraft. At no time did Air Attack understand that the problem was actually with the cockpit door and the pilot never fully conveys the true nature of his problem. The pilot requests to jettison the remaining retardant. Air Attack assumes the problem is corrected and asks the pilot to reinforce the previous drop. The pilot agrees with this request instead of asking to land to fix the problem. On approach for the second drop, the pilot uses an aggressive turn at low altitude to align the aircraft for the drop. The approach is directly over the top of the firefighters again. As a result of the aggressive maneuver, the aircraft stalls and crashes. Debris from the accident damages two wildland fire engines and narrowly misses the six firefighters. The aircraft's engine lands just 6 feet from an occupied vehicle. The crew is unharmed, the vehicles receive minor shrapnel damage, and although the aircraft is destroyed, the pilot only receives minor injuries.

Lessons Learned Discussion Points

Apply the concept of LCES to this incident; not from a fire perspective but an aviation point of view.

(L) Lookouts look for hazards (situations and actions) and communicate them. Aircraft flying directly overhead are a hazard. Helicopters accidentally release longlines, buckets and sling loads multiple times each season. Water and retardant drops often miss intended targets, creating the potential for injury by the drops themselves or debris from vegetation.

- What other ways can "lookouts" be utilized in aviation?

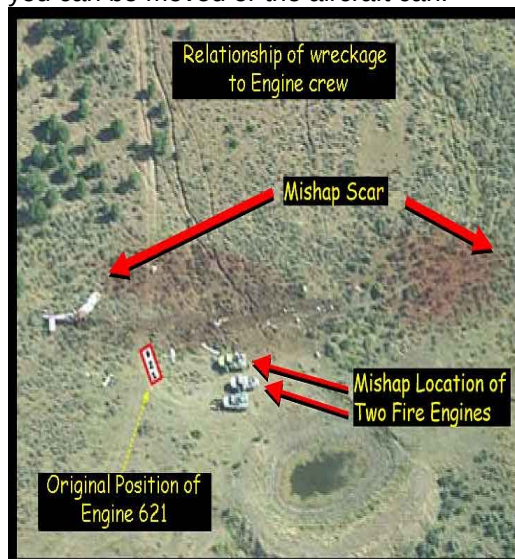
(C) If you see something wrong...say something! Communication is about being understood.

- Discuss what might have been communicated about this pilot's first drop that may have prevented the crash on the second.

Most of us have seen something that may have been unsafe but didn't say anything.

- Have your group discuss reasons why that happens. Have your group come up with one good way to avoid that dilemma and plan to practice it today.

(E & S) Just as for wildland fire, escape routes and safety zones are needed for aviation operations as well. The ground personnel on this incident may have been in a safe location in regards to the fire but not in a safe location in relation to the aircraft. Keep in mind that if something goes wrong with an aircraft, ground crews may not have time to move to a safer location. If you are in the flight path of an aircraft, communicate it. Either you can be moved or the aircraft can.



References

- [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)
- [Interagency Aviation Lessons Learned IALL 09-01](#)
- [BLM Operations Alert 08-01](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1					6	7
	ACRES	25					1	26
Northern California	FIRES					11	2	13
	ACRES					641	11,987	12,628
Southern California	FIRES					11	9	20
	ACRES					25	3	28
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	1			9	6	20
	ACRES	0	2			18,164	0	18,166
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	6			3	3	14
	ACRES	10	125			900	9,953	10,988
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4				1	5
	ACRES		300				0	300
Southwest	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		0				0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7	0		0	0	1	8
	ACRES	3,941	4		1	2	2	3,950
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					1	1	2
Southern Area	FIRES	2				1	1	4
	ACRES	3				0	1	4
TOTAL	FIRES	16	12	0	0	38	32	98
	ACRES	3,979	431	0	1	19,733	21,948	46,092

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	30	20	252	5	345
	ACRES	43	51,334	39,679	68,106	91,256	0	250,418
Northwest	FIRES	153	184	24	21	510	543	1,435
	ACRES	15,922	1,083,327	1,819	12	29,424	140,177	1,270,681
Northern California	FIRES	94	22	2	10	2,191	471	2,790
	ACRES	168	413,780	0	28,526	27,444	147,554	617,472
Southern California	FIRES	29	145	10	48	2,458	507	3,197
	ACRES	36	28,742	8	1,259	32,791	6,016	68,852
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,032	198	28	20	529	659	2,466
	ACRES	351,043	274,331	11,081	1,297	145,024	87,392	870,168
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	53	721		28	696	454	1,952
	ACRES	28,683	762,454		1,537	195,814	663,879	1,652,367
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	512	2	15	172	120	826
	ACRES	1,200	661,548	0	37	73,958	26,927	763,670
Southwest	FIRES	696	195	12	41	508	951	2,403
	ACRES	31,583	5,198	187	4,332	33,499	460,456	535,255
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,125	467	33	36	1,533	601	3,795
	ACRES	79,070	57,093	4,207	837	472,234	181,695	795,136
Eastern Area	FIRES	683		49	17	7,757	533	9,039
	ACRES	1,647		4,776	402	76,138	10,431	93,394
Southern Area	FIRES	490		77	46	14,352	574	15,539
	ACRES	45,688		32,812	16,752	253,129	80,633	429,014
TOTAL	FIRES	4,361	2,481	267	302	30,958	5,418	43,787
	ACRES	555,083	3,337,807	94,569	123,097	1,430,711	1,805,160	7,346,427

Ten Year Average Fires	55,466
Ten Year Average Acres	5,737,608

*** 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
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	75						75
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					26		26
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	11	0	12
	ACRES	75	0	0	0	26	0	101

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	10		12
	ACRES				18	13,314		13,332
Northwest	FIRES	8	59	16		1	157	241
	ACRES	3,502	7,000	1,330		0	31,956	43,788
Northern California	FIRES	3	13	22	21		153	212
	ACRES	108	203	22,621	151		13,082	36,165
Southern California	FIRES		6	5	5	6	159	181
	ACRES		1,521	381	946	1,831	4,120	8,799
Northern Rockies	FIRES	16	8	71	3	33	192	323
	ACRES	1,822	4,608	17,951	233	1,809	20,854	47,277
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	2	4	20	42	79
	ACRES		898	188	230	324	18,824	20,464
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	4		13	4	29
	ACRES		2,261	419		279	221	3,180
Southwest	FIRES	31	17	12	15		131	206
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	109		38,954	54,308
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	23	19	109	21	13	55	240
	ACRES	2,100	2,945	21,564	2,492	1,283	9,707	40,091
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		497	41	965	152	1,692
	ACRES	22,116		78,904	9,054	57,609	57,595	225,278
Southern Area	FIRES	23		143	53	8,608	840	9,667
	ACRES	4,783		59,541	37,634	478,356	814,126	1,394,440
TOTAL	FIRES	141	141	881	165	9,669	1,885	12,882
	ACRES	35,645	27,955	208,411	50,867	554,805	1,009,439	1,887,122

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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	0	0	1,214	41,685
Yukon Territory	0	0	125	92,116
Alberta	3	7,311	1,316	373,680
Northwest Territory	0	0	268	280,314
Saskatchewan	1	0	387	231,759
Manitoba	0	0	445	201,136
Ontario	10	9	1,362	146,005
Quebec	4	0	728	70,070
Newfoundland	0	0	190	137,469
New Brunswick	2	0	317	360
Nova Scotia	2	0	334	811
Prince Edward Island	0	0	5	9
National Parks	1	0	72	275,310
Total	23	7,320	6,763	1,850,722

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

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