

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, August 31, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (141 new fires)
New large fires:	2 (*)
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires: **	30
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	13

** 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 Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires:	10
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	9
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

*** Rough**, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Started on private land thirty-five miles southeast of Ashland, MT. Timber and juniper. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Residences threatened.

Pine Creek, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 1 (Poncin). IMT is also managing the Rosebud incident. Nine miles south of Livingston, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Nineteen Mile, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Benes). Ten miles southeast of Butte, MT. Timber. Residences and power lines threatened. Active fire behavior with crowning and short-range spotting.

Millie, Gallatin NF. IMT 2 (Kidd). Twenty miles south of Bozeman, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

McGuire Complex (2 fires), Nez Perce NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Five miles west of Dixie, ID. Timber. Moderate fire activity with spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Rosebud, Southern Land Office, Montana DNR. Ten miles south of Roscoe, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

* **Powell SBW Complex** (2 fires), Clearwater NF. IMT 2 (Hutton). Forty-five miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Includes previously reported Powell SBW West and Powell SBW East Complexes. Timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Delphia, Southern Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Heintz). Fourteen miles northeast of Roundup, MT. Timber and grass. Smoldering. Structures threatened.

Elevation Mountain, Southwestern Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Fry). Started on BLM land ten miles southwest of Ovando, MT. Timber. Short crown runs with short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Porcupine Complex (3 fires), Nez Perce NF. Twenty-five miles east of Elk City, ID. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Square Rock, Nez Perce NF. Previously reported incident. Twenty-four miles northeast of Elk City, ID. Timber. No further information received. 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
* Rough	MT	MCD	300	---	0	UNK	60	---	0	14	1	0	6K	PRI
Pine Creek	MT	CES	12,000	7,000	0	UNK	88	52	0	25	2	5	100K	ST
Nineteen Mile	MT	CES	4,006	1,006	2	UNK	223	32	5	16	2	4	323K	ST
Millie	MT	GNF	9,500	-500	0	11/1	97	15	4	6	0	0	200K	FS
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	7,502	-5,500	0	9/30	186	146	4	11	2	0	500K	FS
Rosebud	MT	SOS	2,397	1,297	75	9/2	106	2	4	5	0	1	350K	ST
* Powell SBW Complex	ID	CWF	24,039	---	N/A	N/A	77	---	1	3	1	0	426K	FS
Delphia	MT	SOS	40,653	---	95	8/31	262	-122	2	35	1	21	2.2M	ST
Elevation Mountain	MT	SWS	885	300	35	UNK	294	-5	6	7	4	0	2.8M	BLM
Porcupine Complex	ID	NPF	8,734	3,533	N/A	N/A	8	---	0	0	0	0	22K	FS
Square Rock	ID	NPF	2,029	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
Skinner	MT	LED	3,300	0	100	---	25	-20	0	8	0	0	17K	BLM
Felan Gulch	MT	SWS	142	0	100	---	69	-4	2	5	0	0	526K	PRI

LED – Lewistown Field Office, BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires:	9
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4

Area Command Team (Loach) is assigned to the Salmon-Challis National Forest.

Trinity Ridge, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Quesinberry and Lund). Seven miles northwest of Featherville, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and long-range spotting. Numerous structures and communications site threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

Mustang Complex (4 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 1 (Joseph and Blume). Twenty-eight miles west of North Fork, ID. Timber. Moderate fire activity with torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Halstead, Salmon-Challis NF. NIMO (Houseman). Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Numerous structures and power lines 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.

Lava Tube, Craters of the Moon NM. Twenty miles south of Arco, ID. Brush. Smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Connor Creek, Twin Falls District, BLM. Two miles east of Elba, ID. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with torching.

Merino, Salmon-Challis NF. Previously reported incident. Thirty miles northwest of Challis, ID. Timber. No further information received. 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
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	141,829	2,863	18	10/1	1,223	-88	25	75	9	12	27.4M	FS
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	196,451	15,424	N/A	N/A	779	-21	11	59	2	3	13M	FS
Halstead	ID	SCF	116,850	5,012	N/A	N/A	549	-1	6	36	6	0	15.5M	FS
North Buffalo	WY	BTF	12,700	3,700	N/A	N/A	45	3	1	0	2	0	255K	FS
Lava Tube	ID	CMP	584	-316	40	UNK	44	0	1	2	1	0	75K	NPS
Connor Creek	ID	TFD	1,994	1,044	95	UNK	105	60	3	8	1	0	150K	BLM
Merino	ID	SCF	5,392	---	N/A	N/A	3	---	0	0	0	0	18K	FS
North Canyon	ID	CTF	419	-1	100	---	112	-28	3	12	0	3	350K	FS

CTF - Caribou-Targhee NF

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires:	15
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	8
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Bagley, Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (McGowan). Seven miles west of Big Bend, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Structures and high voltage power lines threatened. Road closures in effect.

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

Chips, Plumas NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Opliger) to IMT 2 (Molhoek) will occur tomorrow. Twenty miles northwest of Quincy, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire activity.

Fort Complex (4 fires), Klamath NF. Transfer of command from NIMO (Kleinman) to IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley) will occur tomorrow. Ten miles northwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber. Backing fire with spotting. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Ponderosa, Tehama-Glenn Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Kaslin). Two miles east of Manton, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal 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
Bagley	CA	SHF	36,457	5,136	24	9/15	1,655	308	58	85	10	0	12.7M	FS
North Pass	CA	MNF	34,308	189	37	9/10	2,110	202	43	159	13	11	16.7M	FS
Chips	CA	PNF	75,217	1,092	96	8/31	1,207	-191	23	71	5	9	44.2M	FS
Fort Complex	CA	KNF	18,533	926	25	10/15	667	25	16	24	12	0	15M	FS
Ponderosa	CA	TGU	27,676	0	99	8/31	1,122	-260	31	65	1	133	27.6M	ST
Rush	CA	NOD	315,577	0	100	---	335	-162	4	6	2	0	14.8M	BLM

NOD – Northern California District, BLM

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 6
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

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

Parish Cabin, Malheur NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Fifteen miles northeast of Seneca, OR. Timber. Single tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Waterfalls 2, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Williams). Twenty-two miles west of Warm Springs, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Area closures in effect.

Danner Loop 2, Vale District, BLM. Eight miles west of Jordan Valley, OR. Brush and grass. Smoldering.

Hay Creek, Prineville District, BLM. Eight miles northeast of Madras, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Butte, Umpqua NF. Fifteen miles northwest of Chemult, OR. Timber. 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
Cache Creek	OR	WWF	72,000	1,000	55	9/5	873	26	26	25	10	1	7.5M	FS
Parish Cabin	OR	MAF	5,503	503	10	9/10	699	169	18	29	4	1	940K	FS

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	12,265	73	70	9/15	775	-51	21	35	4	0	10.3M	BIA
Danner Loop 2	OR	VAD	20,461	0	60	9/1	179	26	2	26	2	0	135K	BLM
Hay Creek	OR	PRD	1,016	0	95	8/31	10	-11	0	3	0	0	10K	BLM
Butte	OR	UPF	142	0	98	9/1	30	0	1	0	1	0	3M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 20
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 3
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Region 23 Complex (2 fires), Nebraska DOF. IMT 2 (Lowe). Fifteen miles northwest of Crawford, NE. Timber and grass. Crowning and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Roach, Arapaho and Roosevelt NF. Ten miles northwest of Glendevy, CO. Timber. Moderate fire activity with 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
Region 23 Complex	NE	NES	68,689	52,189	10	9/7	214	112	3	30	0	3	550K	ST
Roach	CO	ARF	130	10	75	8/31	145	0	5	7	2	0	100K	FS

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 34
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Das Creek, Texas Forest Service. Ten miles east of Trinity, TX. 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
Das Creek	TX	TXS	400	---	50	UNK	20	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

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
Jay Creek	NV	EKD	557	0	100	---	142	-62	4	6	1	0	NR	BLM

EKD – Elko District, BLM

Other Fires

(As of August 31)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	2	62,895	0	0	0	0
NW	4	116,906	9	23	3	523
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	18	45,511	2	1	5	142
EB	7	72,932	0	2	0	19
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	3	6,302	1	0	1	12
RM	3	10,715	2	7	3	73
EA	1	700	7	3	0	110
SA	2	1,688	0	0	0	0
Total	40	317,649	21	36	12	879

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

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered showers and thunderstorms will form across the lower deserts of Arizona and California, the Great Basin and move into the northern Rockies. A cold front will stall from Wyoming to New York, bringing breezy but cooler conditions to the northern Plains and the Great Lakes region. Showers and thunderstorms associated with the remnants of Hurricane Isaac will continue over the lower and mid-Mississippi Valley and move into the Tennessee and Ohio Valleys. The East coast will remain warm and dry.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Hazard Tree Category.

HAZARD TREE FELLING – TIPS #1

Felling a hazard tree requires accurate risk assessment and complexity analysis, and demands the sawyer's full situational awareness. In all cases, remember to establish and maintain a secure felling area.

Do not bypass hazard trees without taking some action such as felling or establishing a No-Work-Zone.

Degree of hazard varies with tree size, species, and type/location of defect:

- Stem defects resulting in tree failure, i.e., collapse;
- Weakened sapwood resulting in loss of control when falling trees & limits solid wood for wedging;
- Overhead hazards, i.e., dead or hanging limbs falling on the faller.

Indicators of potential felling hazards:



- **Dead Limbs:** limbs of all sizes and species with decay evident cracking, or loose hung-up limbs. Avoid working under overhead hazards.
- **Witches Broom:** caused by mistletoe infection, limbs can grow very large and heavy (200+ lbs).
- **Split Trunk:** cracked trunk from frost, lightning or wind. Visible evidence of advanced decay indicates serious weakness where the tree could fail.
- **Stem Damage:** caused by windfall scarring, fire, machine, and animal damage, as well as heart rot diseases.
- **Thick Sloughing Bark or Sloughing Sapwood:** usually found on dead trees. Loose bark on Douglas fir or loose sapwood on wind snapped cedars can dislodge during falling.
- **Butt and Stem Cankers:** usually found on deciduous trees but can occur on Douglas fir and pine. The infected areas weaken the stem.
- **Fungal Fruiting Bodies or Conks:** found on stems may indicate massive interior rot 1 – 2 yards above and below conk. Excessive resinosis (resin flow) also indicates heart or root diseases.
- **Heavy Tree Lean:** may be caused by damaged roots or lifting root mats, shallow or wet soils. In some cases, the tree may have corrected itself which can be determined by looking for corrected top growth.
- **Root Condition:** look for any ground cracks around the base of the tree, signs of decay or fungal conks on the roots.
- **Cat Face:** look for enough solid wood to construct an effective undercut and back cut.

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					1		1
	ACRES					581		581
Northwest	FIRES					4	4	8
	ACRES					3	503	506
Northern California	FIRES					13	2	15
	ACRES					104	897	1,001
Southern California	FIRES				4	13	7	24
	ACRES				183	1	0	184
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1			5	3	10
	ACRES	0	300			1,059	2,389	3,748
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			2	2	9
	ACRES		1,094			1	83,848	84,943
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6			1	1	8
	ACRES		1			1	0	2
Southwest	FIRES	0				1	1	2
	ACRES	430				1	3	434
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	7			7	2	20
	ACRES	20	36			23	428	507
Eastern Area	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					10	0	10
Southern Area	FIRES	1				32	1	34
	ACRES	0				553	23	576
TOTAL	FIRES	6	19	0	4	88	24	141
	ACRES	450	1,431	0	183	2,337	88,091	92,492

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	30	20	255	5	348
	ACRES	43	51,334	39,679	68,106	89,859	0	249,021
Northwest	FIRES	153	186	25	21	534	582	1,501
	ACRES	15,922	1,103,788	1,819	12	37,824	170,256	1,329,621
Northern California	FIRES	95	22	2	10	2,248	484	2,861
	ACRES	168	413,780	0	28,526	27,572	171,056	641,102
Southern California	FIRES	31	145	10	52	2,508	522	3,268
	ACRES	43	28,742	8	1,442	32,853	6,020	69,108
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,053	180	33	22	561	684	2,533
	ACRES	351,804	277,348	11,214	2,296	177,405	126,068	946,135
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	54	733		28	707	498	2,020
	ACRES	28,702	765,768		1,537	196,022	779,987	1,772,016
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	324	2	15	175	127	648
	ACRES	1,200	644,668	0	37	74,111	26,931	746,947
Southwest	FIRES	705	195	12	41	511	964	2,428
	ACRES	32,013	5,198	187	4,332	33,500	460,462	535,692
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,155	482	35	38	1,549	560	3,819
	ACRES	79,573	57,145	3,872	837	541,254	126,726	809,407
Eastern Area	FIRES	683		49	17	7,847	540	9,136
	ACRES	1,647		4,776	402	75,853	10,435	93,113
Southern Area	FIRES	493		77	46	14,427	577	15,620
	ACRES	45,692		32,812	16,752	253,929	80,639	429,824
TOTAL	FIRES	4,428	2,304	275	310	31,322	5,543	44,182
	ACRES	556,807	3,347,771	94,367	124,279	1,540,182	1,958,580	7,621,986

Ten Year Average Fires	56,101
Ten Year Average Acres	5,908,224

*** 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			1				1
	ACRES			100				100
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							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	100	0	0	0	100

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	73	3	33	192	325
	ACRES	1,822	4,608	18,434	233	1,809	20,854	47,760
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	2	4	20	42	79
	ACRES		898	188	230	324	18,824	20,464
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	4		13	4	24
	ACRES		1,262	419		279	221	2,181
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	42	227
	ACRES	2,100	2,945	21,564	2,492	1,283	8,280	38,664
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		498	41	968	152	1,696
	ACRES	22,116		78,915	9,054	57,638	57,595	225,318
Southern Area	FIRES	23		143	53	8,661	840	9,720
	ACRES	4,783		59,541	37,634	478,588	814,126	1,394,672
TOTAL	FIRES	141	136	884	165	9,725	1,872	12,923
	ACRES	35,645	26,956	208,905	50,867	555,066	1,008,012	1,885,451

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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	5	0	1,288	52,257
Yukon Territory	0	0	125	92,116
Alberta	0	0	1,342	378,862
Northwest Territory	0	0	269	280,317
Saskatchewan	1	0	391	231,763
Manitoba	0	0	445	201,782
Ontario	15	14	1,391	146,024
Quebec	6	0	740	70,065
Newfoundland	0	0	190	137,469
New Brunswick	1	0	328	364
Nova Scotia	0	0	337	811
Prince Edward Island	0	0	5	9
National Parks	4	0	76	271,986
Total	32	15	6,927	1,863,826

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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