

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, July 22, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (230 new fires)
New large fires:	7 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	25
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

** 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 146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands (California Air National Guard), are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Boise, ID.

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 4)

New fires:	68
New large fires:	4
Uncontained large fires:	10
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Myrtle, Black Hills NF. IMT 1 (Hahnenberg). One mile east of Pringle, SD. Timber and hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

Long Horn Complex (2 fires), Rosebud Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Lowe). Eighteen miles southwest of Rosebud, SD. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

* **Fairfield Creek**, Nebraska DOF. IMT 2 (Pechota). Two miles south of Norden, NE. Timber and grass. Extreme fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

* **Little Duck**, White River Field Office, BLM. Fifteen miles southeast of Rangely, CO. Juniper, sagebrush and grass. Active fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area.

Powell, White River Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (Richardson). Nine miles northwest of Meeker, CO. Juniper, sagebrush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

Brush Creek, White River Field Office, BLM. Thirty miles south of Rangely, CO. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Mossagate**, Nebraska NF. Ten miles northwest of Edgemont, SD. Sagebrush and grass. Extreme fire behavior. Structures threatened.

* **Conway**, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. Fifteen miles southeast of Browns Park, CO. Juniper, sagebrush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

Sawmill Canyon, Wyoming State Forestry. Ten miles northwest of Guernsey, WY. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. 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
Myrtle	SD	BKF	9,075	1,575	20	UNK	569	320	12	64	10	2	1.1M	FS
Long Horn Complex	SD	RBA	7,736	-1,264	21	UNK	142	27	3	12	2	0	250K	BIA
* Fairfield Creek	NE	NES	90,000	---	15	7/24	150	---	0	30	1	20	100K	ST
* Little Duck	CO	WRD	450	---	15	UNK	41	---	2	4	0	0	40K	BLM
Powell	CO	WRD	950	50	48	7/26	43	10	1	3	1	0	100K	BLM
Brush Creek	CO	WRD	500	50	50	7/23	191	19	8	14	1	0	90K	BLM
* Mossagate	NE	NBF	7,000	---	5	7/23	80	---	0	22	0	0	10K	FS
* Conway	CO	LSD	150	---	0	UNK	10	---	0	3	0	0	NR	BLM
Sawmill Canyon	WY	WYS	14,185	-815	95	7/22	12	-48	2	4	0	0	2.7M	ST

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 29
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 6

Roadside, Payette NF. Three miles southwest of Midvale, ID. Grass. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Lighthouse, Southeast Area, Utah DOF. Thirty-four miles southeast of Price, UT. Pinyon pine, brush and grass. Smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Baboon, Cedar City District, BLM. Five miles southwest of Minersville, UT. Juniper and brush. No further information received.

* **Cottonwood**, Arizona Strip District, BLM. Fourteen miles southeast of Mesquite, NV. Juniper, brush and grass. Running and torching.

Wolf Den, Vernal District, BLM. Forty miles south of Vernal, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Smoldering.

Hobble Complex, Arizona Strip District, BLM. Thirty miles south of St. George, UT. Pinyon pine and juniper. 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
Roadside	ID	PAF	2,103	603	80	7/22	114	-18	3	10	2	0	313K	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
Lighthouse	UT	SES	839	-23	85	7/22	200	0	7	9	3	0	610K	ST
Baboon	UT	CCD	20,732	700	90	7/24	114	34	3	8	0	1	620K	BLM
* Cottonwood	AZ	ASD	500	---	0	UNK	28	---	0	5	1	0	5K	BLM
Wolf Den	UT	VLD	19,865	0	85	8/1	6	4	0	2	0	1	1.9M	BLM
Hobble Complex	AZ	ASD	34,200	0	95	7/22	38	0	0	9	1	2	540K	BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 38
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Chrandal Creek, Bitterroot NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Thirty-two miles south of Darby, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

541, Nez Perce NF. Twenty-eight miles east of Elk City, ID. Timber. 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
Chrandal Creek	MT	BRF	2,200	200	40	UNK	362	11	10	3	4	0	3.5M	FS
541	ID	NPF	304	0	75	UNK	68	-33	2	2	0	0	850K	FS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 4

Miller Homestead, Burns District, BLM. One mile west of Frenchglen, OR. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

241, Spokane District, BLM. Twenty-six miles east of Moxee, WA. Grass. No new information.

Crack in the Ground, Lakeview District, BLM. Seven miles north of Christmas Valley, OR. Juniper and brush. Creeping and smoldering.

Slope, Burns District, BLM. Fifteen miles east of Diamond, OR. Juniper 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
Miller Homestead	OR	BUD	160,853	0	95	8/1	358	0	3	16	3	3	6M	BLM
241	WA	SPD	4,615	---	90	UNK	45	---	2	7	2	0	30K	BLM

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Crack in the Ground	OR	LAD	858	0	90	7/22	45	7	1	5	0	0	241K	BLM
Slope	OR	BUD	763	0	95	7/22	98	0	3	2	2	0	346K	BLM
Baker Canyon	OR	PRD	8,309	---	100	---	8	0	0	2	0	0	160K	BLM

PRD – Prineville District, BLM

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 27

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 1

*** Forest**, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. One mile west of Guinda, CA. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with spotting. 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
* Forest	CA	LNU	520	---	15	7/23	409	---	16	34	4	0	54K	ST
Spanish	CA	NOD	1,169	---	100	---	88	-12	3	2	1	0	600K	BLM

NOD – Northern California District, BLM

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 1

*** Palisade**, Nevada DOF. Eleven miles south of Carlin, NV. Juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. 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
* Palisade	NV	NNS	2,500	---	0	7/23	121	---	2	13	2	0	NR	ST

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 24
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2

Cooks Complex (2 fires), Tonto NF. Eight miles southeast of Black Canyon City, AZ. Brush and grass. 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
Cooks Complex	AZ	TNF	7,171	---	75	UNK	46	---	2	1	1	0	625K	FS

Other Fires

(As of July 20)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	13	91,984	0	0	0	0
NW	1	557,628	0	1	0	8
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	2	945	7	15	2	231
NR	3	582	0	0	2	26
EB	3	121,399	2	7	1	119
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	4	310,224	0	3	0	21
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	1	0	0	0	0	12
SA	4	2,941	5	12	3	78
Total	31	1,085,703	14	38	8	495

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

Predictive Services Discussion: High pressure over the central U.S. will keep very high temperatures across the Plains and Midwest while warming and drying will occur across much of the West. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will form over the Southwest, the eastern Great Basin and the Rockies. Thunderstorms will also develop across much of the Southeast with showers and a few thunderstorms moving through the Great lakes and New England.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.

BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and down slope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
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- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.

References:

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

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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	1				10	13
	ACRES	9	0				5	14
Northern California	FIRES		1		1	21	4	27
	ACRES		0		0	28	0	28
Southern California	FIRES					13	1	14
	ACRES					26	1	27
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	6			13	17	38
	ACRES	0	130			266	215	611
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		8			14	7	29
	ACRES		10			28	1,315	1,353
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12			1		13
	ACRES		14			2,500		2,514
Southwest	FIRES				1		23	24
	ACRES				0		525	525
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	11	25		1	10	21	68
	ACRES	0	333		0	138	183	654
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						28	28
Southern Area	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		6	6
TOTAL	FIRES	15	53	0	4	72	86	230
	ACRES	9	487	0	0	2,986	2,278	5,760

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	28	20	223	4	313
	ACRES	43	50,481	38,434	67,834	49,836	0	206,628
Northwest	FIRES	108	118	17	13	291	227	774
	ACRES	2,049	649,422	1,786	13	2,160	236	655,666
Northern California	FIRES	69	14	2	3	1,623	199	1,910
	ACRES	54	1,476	0	1	10,904	31,376	43,811
Southern California	FIRES	19	105	5	18	1,924	259	2,330
	ACRES	27	4,379	7	367	27,823	2,586	35,189
Northern Rockies	FIRES	650	88	13	7	265	235	1,258
	ACRES	341,300	57,171	818	649	51,990	5,563	457,491
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	29	339		11	499	197	1,075
	ACRES	3,622	468,473		133	168,040	286,618	926,886
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	224	1	13	89	35	364
	ACRES	0	84,562	0	37	7,736	12,173	104,508
Southwest	FIRES	630	157	12	28	405	649	1,881
	ACRES	30,217	4,416	187	4,325	31,071	445,811	516,027
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	862	320	21	15	820	429	2,467
	ACRES	19,932	32,468	1,246	820	157,496	239,644	451,606
Eastern Area	FIRES	674		43	15	7,319	454	8,505
	ACRES	1,630		4,754	401	70,277	8,735	85,797
Southern Area	FIRES	295		38	37	13,022	490	13,882
	ACRES	32,886		17,391	16,653	162,283	78,232	307,445
TOTAL	FIRES	3,339	1,402	180	180	26,480	3,178	34,759
	ACRES	431,760	1,352,848	64,623	91,233	739,616	1,110,974	3,791,054

Ten Year Average Fires	45,742
Ten Year Average Acres	3,697,743

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					1,268		1,268
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,268	0	1,268

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			157	240
	ACRES	3,502	7,000	1,370			31,956	43,828
Northern California	FIRES	2	13	22	21		153	211
	ACRES	107	203	22,621	151		13,082	36,164
Southern California	FIRES		6	5	5	5	159	180
	ACRES		1,521	381	946	1,735	4,120	8,703
Northern Rockies	FIRES	15	10	68	4	32	187	316
	ACRES	1,792	5,320	16,495	238	1,709	19,890	45,444
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		12	2	4	21	42	81
	ACRES		878	188	269	338	18,824	20,497
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	5,472	109		38,954	54,268
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	23	24	91	21	18	61	238
	ACRES	2,025	2,965	19,979	2,492	8,377	10,819	46,657
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		489	41	909	151	1,626
	ACRES	22,098		78,506	9,054	56,878	57,523	224,059
Southern Area	FIRES	23		133	53	8,245	827	9,281
	ACRES	4,783		56,845	37,634	465,516	806,462	1,371,240
TOTAL	FIRES	138	149	842	166	9,253	1,872	12,420
	ACRES	35,521	28,667	202,276	50,911	548,146	1,001,851	1,867,372

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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	511	2,388
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	79	62,876
ALBERTA	35	0	1,001	321,728
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	41	168	149,182
SASKATCHEWAN	2	13,941	272	175,875
MANITOBA	12	5,009	313	62,445
ONTARIO	34	3,608	975	66,802
QUEBEC	5	108	521	69,575
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	153	137,389
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	284	348
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	303	773
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	5	9
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	37	216,616
TOTALS	90	22,707	4,622	1,266,005

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