

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, July 23, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (234 new fires)
New large fires:	11 (*)
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires: **	32
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

** 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:	63
New large fires:	4
Uncontained large fires:	15
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

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.

* **Seminole**, Rawlins Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (Heintz). Thirty miles northeast of Rawlins, WY. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Active fire behavior with spotting and crowning. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Air Park**, Southern Ute Agency, BIA. Four miles south of Durango, CO. Juniper and brush. Crown fire with spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Long Horn Complex (3 fires), Rosebud Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Lowe). Four miles northwest of St. Francis, SD. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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

Powell Complex (2 fires), White River Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (Richardson). Complex includes previously reported Little Duck fire. Nine miles northwest of Meeker, CO. Juniper, sagebrush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

Brush Creek, White River Field Office, BLM. Thirty miles south of Rangely, CO. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Mossagate, Nebraska NF. Ten miles northwest of Edgemont, SD. Sagebrush and grass. Smoldering.

*** Long Mesa**, Grand Junction Field Office, BLM. Twenty-one miles west of Grand Junction, CO. Juniper, sagebrush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting.

Conway, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. Fifteen miles southeast of Browns Park, CO. Juniper, sagebrush and grass. Interior torching.

*** Bacon Creek #2**, Campbell County. Fifteen miles northeast of Wright, WY. Juniper, sagebrush and grass. Active fire behavior.

Sawmill Canyon, Wyoming State Forestry. Ten miles northwest of Hartville, WY. 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
Myrtle	SD	BKF	10,080	1,005	40	7/25	621	52	13	56	11	3	2.1M	FS
* Seminoe	WY	RAD	3,300	---	10	7/28	12	---	0	4	0	0	250K	BLM
* Air Park	CO	SUA	500	---	0	UNK	60	---	1	8	1	0	15K	BIA
Long Horn Complex	SD	RBA	17,914	10,178	25	UNK	336	194	3	62	3	0	570K	BIA
Fairfield Creek	NE	NES	90,000	0	0	7/24	150	0	0	30	1	20	100K	ST
Powell Complex	CO	WRD	1,638	688	60	7/26	249	206	6	14	1	0	467K	BLM
Brush Creek	CO	WRD	514	14	80	7/23	191	0	8	2	1	0	200K	BLM
Mossagate	NE	NBF	7,000	0	60	7/23	60	-20	1	14	0	0	70K	FS
* Long Mesa	CO	GRD	516	---	0	UNK	30	---	1	0	4	0	16K	BLM
Conway	CO	LSD	160	10	30	UNK	72	62	3	3	1	0	206K	BLM
* Bacon Creek #2	WY	CMX	602	---	60	7/23	79	---	2	9	1	0	NR	CNTY
Sawmill Canyon	WY	WYS	14,185	0	95	UNK	12	0	0	4	0	0	3.5M	ST

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 43
 New large fires: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 7

*** Owinza**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Ten miles southeast of Shoshone, ID. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

*** 120498**, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Seven miles west of Santa Clara, UT. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

*** Rattlesnake Butte**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Fifteen miles east of Minidoka, ID. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

Cottonwood, Arizona Strip District, BLM. Fourteen miles southeast of Mesquite, NV. Juniper, brush and grass. No further information received.

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

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

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
* Owinza	ID	TFD	20,000	---	5	UNK	43	---	0	8	1	0	50K	BLM
* 120498	UT	CCD	1,700	---	25	7/23	61	---	1	5	0	0	250K	BLM
* Rattlesnake Butte	ID	TFD	1,000	---	20	UNK	45	---	0	8	1	0	50K	BLM
Cottonwood	AZ	ASD	2,018	1,518	80	UNK	31	3	0	6	1	0	25K	BLM
Wolf Den	UT	VLD	19,865	0	85	8/1	9	3	0	2	0	1	1.9M	BLM
Baboon	UT	CCD	20,732	0	90	7/24	87	-27	3	5	0	2	630K	BLM
Hobble Complex	AZ	ASD	34,200	0	99	7/23	38	0	0	9	1	2	540K	BLM
Roadside	ID	PAF	2,103	0	100	---	11	-103	0	3	0	0	342K	FS
Lighthouse	UT	SES	839	0	100	---	66	-134	3	2	0	0	762K	ST

PAF – Payette NF

SES – Southeast Area, Utah DOF

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 33

New large fires: 3

Uncontained large fires: 4

Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Chrandal Creek, Bitterroot NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Thirty-two miles south of Darby, MT. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened.

* **Wild Horse Ridge**, Crow Agency, BIA. Twelve miles northeast of Pryor, MT. Grass. Structures threatened. No further information received.

* **Cherry**, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Twenty-two miles southeast of Forsyth, MT. Grass. No further information received.

541, Nez Perce NF. Twenty-eight miles east of Elk City, ID. 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
Chrandal Creek	MT	BRF	2,200	0	40	UNK	418	56	12	4	4	0	4.0M	FS
* Wild Horse Ridge	MT	CRA	600	---	0	UNK	66	---	1	8	2	0	80K	BIA

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	MT	MCD	445	---	50	UNK	14	---	0	5	0	0	20K	BLM
541	ID	NPF	304	---	75	UNK	68	---	2	2	0	0	850K	FS
* Buffalo Creek	MT	SOS	1,000	---	100	---	35	---	0	7	3	0	25K	ST

SOS – Southern Land Office, Montana DNR

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 9

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 3

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

Slope, Burns District, BLM. Fifteen miles east of Diamond, OR. Juniper and brush. Minimal fire activity.

241, Spokane District, BLM. Twenty-six miles east of Moxee, WA. Grass. 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
Miller Homestead	OR	BUD	160,853	0	95	8/1	38	-320	0	8	1	3	6M	BLM
Slope	OR	BUD	763	0	95	UNK	18	-80	0	2	1	0	346K	BLM
241	WA	SPD	4,615	---	90	UNK	45	---	2	7	2	0	30K	BLM
Crack in the Ground	OR	LAD	858	0	100	---	25	-20	0	5	0	0	256K	BLM

LAD – Lakeview District, BLM

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 7

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Springs**, Carson City District, BLM. Fifteen miles east of Gardnerville, NV. Pinyon pine and juniper. Crown fire. Structures threatened.

Palisade, Nevada DOF. Eleven miles south of Carlin, NV. Juniper, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. 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
* Springs	NV	CCD	1,000	---	0	7/24	155	---	5	9	3	0	94K	BLM
Palisade	NV	NNS	1,435	-1,065	50	7/23	121	0	3	11	2	0	70K	ST

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 24
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Forest, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. One mile west of Guinda, CA. Brush and grass. 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
Forest	CA	LNU	520	0	95	7/23	208	-201	8	15	2	0	NR	ST

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: Hot weather will continue across much of the West and central U.S. as high pressure dominates. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop over the Rockies, eastern Great Basin and the Southwest. A cold front will move through the Northwest and northern Rockies, bringing slightly cooler conditions. Scattered thunderstorms will develop along the Gulf Coast, and over the Great Lakes and New England.

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



Today's discussion is from the
LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes,
and Safety Zones) Category.

ESCAPE ROUTES (part 3)

A primary objective of every operational fire plan is to keep firefighters out of entrapment situations. However, firefighters must always be prepared to escape quickly to a safety zone or deployment area. Consider the following during discussion of escape from possible entrapment.

- Have a plan that includes trigger points!
 - **Trigger Point:** An observable event that triggers a pre-determined action.
Example: Temperature reaches 98 Degrees and RH goes into single digits the crew will follow the established escape route to the safety zone.
- Reassess escape routes throughout the operational period.
 - Has access to escape routes become more difficult as the day progresses?
 - Do you have more than one escape route?
 - Are all escape routes clearly marked?
 - Are all firefighters familiar with the escape routes?
- During an escape time will be short. Describe considerations you might make in this situation such as:
 - Maintain control of all critical equipment such as PPE and radio... jettison gear that will not aid in your escape!
 - Maintain contact with all other crewmembers!
- Describe your vision of a good safety zone. How is that different from a deployment area?
- You should always know the location of your escape routes leading to and safety zones and deployment areas.

References:

["LCES and Other Thoughts" by Paul Gleason](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				72			72
Northwest	FIRES		1			2	6	9
	ACRES		0			1	1	2
Northern California	FIRES					22	2	24
	ACRES					754	0	754
Southern California	FIRES		1			17		18
	ACRES		0			633		633
Northern Rockies	FIRES		5			13	15	33
	ACRES		449			1,267	14	1,730
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		24		1	9	9	43
	ACRES		21,133		1	3	21	21,158
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	5			1		7
	ACRES	0	1,000			98		1,098
Southwest	FIRES		2		1	1	16	20
	ACRES		1		0	20	2,484	2,505
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	23		1	15	20	63
	ACRES	158	531		0	90,094	7,034	97,817
Eastern Area	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						10	10
Southern Area	FIRES				1	7	3	11
	ACRES				0	108	11	119
TOTAL	FIRES	5	61	0	4	87	77	234
	ACRES	158	23,114	0	73	92,978	9,575	125,898

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	67,906	49,836	0	206,700
Northwest	FIRES	108	119	17	13	291	228	776
	ACRES	2,049	649,422	1,786	13	2,160	236	655,666
Northern California	FIRES	69	14	2	3	1,645	202	1,935
	ACRES	54	1,476	0	1	11,658	31,376	44,565
Southern California	FIRES	19	106	5	18	1,941	259	2,348
	ACRES	27	4,379	7	367	28,456	2,586	35,822
Northern Rockies	FIRES	650	89	13	8	281	251	1,292
	ACRES	341,300	57,174	818	650	53,252	5,605	458,799
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	29	365		12	508	211	1,125
	ACRES	3,622	498,414		134	168,043	286,639	956,852
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	229	1	13	90	35	371
	ACRES	0	85,562	0	37	6,769	12,173	104,541
Southwest	FIRES	630	159	12	29	408	667	1,905
	ACRES	30,217	4,417	187	4,325	31,097	448,296	518,539
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	866	343	21	16	834	447	2,527
	ACRES	20,090	33,020	1,246	820	247,590	246,678	549,444
Eastern Area	FIRES	674		43	15	7,319	461	8,512
	ACRES	1,630		4,754	401	70,277	8,747	85,809
Southern Area	FIRES	295		38	38	13,029	493	13,893
	ACRES	32,886		17,391	16,653	162,391	78,243	307,564
TOTAL	FIRES	3,344	1,461	180	185	26,569	3,258	34,997
	ACRES	431,918	1,384,345	64,623	91,307	831,529	1,120,579	3,924,301

Ten Year Average Fires	46,055
Ten Year Average Acres	3,773,420

*** 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					1		1
	ACRES					2,500		2,500
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2,500	0	2,500

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	25	91	21	18	61	239
	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	8,246	827	9,282
	ACRES	4,783		56,845	37,634	468,016	806,462	1,373,740
TOTAL	FIRES	138	150	842	166	9,254	1,872	12,422
	ACRES	35,521	28,667	202,276	50,911	550,646	1,001,851	1,869,872

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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	0	0	1,001	321,728
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	20,494	170	169,676
SASKATCHEWAN	1	8,020	273	183,894
MANITOBA	2	20,044	315	82,489
ONTARIO	25	1,612	1,000	68,413
QUEBEC	4	3	525	69,578
NEWFOUNDLAND	2	0	155	137,389
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	284	348
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	303	773
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	5	9
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	37	216,616
TOTALS	36	50,172	4,658	1,316,178

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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