

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, September 17, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (70 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires: ** 30
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 6
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 8
 ** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires: 16
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 16
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

Wenatchee Complex (8 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened.

Pole Creek, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Six miles southwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting. Numerous residences threatened.

Yakima Complex (2 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Johnson and Reed). Seventeen miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, logging slash and brush. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

Okanogan Complex (3 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Williams). Eight miles southeast of Carlton, WA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Cascade Creek, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (LaFave). Eight miles north of Trout Lake, WA. Timber. Backing fire with single tree torching. Structures threatened.

Hunsaker, Vale District, BLM. Fifteen miles northeast of Halfway, OR. Brush. Smoldering with interior torching.

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
Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	34,317	1,546	17	UNK	1,700	158	43	163	10	1	8.1M	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
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	16,000	1,000	10	UNK	1,101	156	29	43	8	0	5.6M	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	3,750	250	10	UNK	928	26	25	73	5	1	4.2M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	4,231	320	15	UNK	499	33	14	21	4	0	2M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	6,467	667	4	UNK	574	-4	15	12	5	2	3.5M	FS
Hunsaker	OR	VAD	693	0	40	9/17	87	11	1	7	1	0	225K	BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 6
Type 1 IMTs committed: 3

McGuire Complex, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Joseph). One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior. Communities threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect. Light precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Sawtooth, Bitterroot NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). Seven miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

Sheep, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Turman). One mile east of Lucille, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with crowning and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Dugan, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Two miles south of Ekalaka, MT. Timber. Running fire with torching. Structures threatened.

Millie, Gallatin NF. Twenty miles south of Bozeman, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with group tree torching. Structures threatened.

Powell SBW Complex, Clearwater NF. Previously reported incident. Forty-five miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Timber. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Welder, Fort Belknap Agency, BIA. Fifteen miles southeast of Harlem, MT. 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
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	32,260	1,685	2	10/31	546	94	10	41	7	0	9.2M	FS
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	4,869	162	30	UNK	422	-68	11	13	5	0	5M	FS
Sheep	ID	NPF	32,577	3,406	24	UNK	657	5	16	36	7	1	5.9M	FS
Dugan	MT	MCD	10,675	1,675	28	UNK	212	99	4	35	3	9	239K	BLM
Millie	MT	GNF	10,300	15	75	11/1	96	-71	2	5	3	0	8.2M	FS
Powell SBW Complex	ID	CWF	47,072	---	N/A	N/A	76	---	0	7	1	0	3.4M	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
Welder	MT	FBA	33,318	0	94	9/19	69	-7	0	17	0	0	175K	BIA
Bean Canyon	MT	CES	4,325	0	100	---	80	-49	2	6	0	0	700K	ST

CES - Central Land Office, Montana DNR

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires: 10
New large fires: 2
Uncontained large fires: 5
Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

* **Chall Creek**, Bridger-Teton NF. Thirty miles west of Pinedale, WY. Heavy logging slash. Crown fire with short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **West Lake**, Northwest Area, Utah DOF. Eight miles north of Genola, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Running fire.

Mustang Complex (6 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 1 (Sciacca). Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Running fire with torching and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Horsethief Canyon, Teton County. IMT 2 (Ourada). Five miles south of Jackson, WY. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with torching. Numerous structures, communications site and Snow King Ski Resort threatened.

Wesley, Payette NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Suwyn) to IMT 1 (Lund) will occur today. Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching. Residences threatened.

Halstead, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Adell). Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect. Light precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Trinity Ridge, Boise NF. Seven miles northwest of Featherville, ID. Timber. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching. Structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

North Buffalo, Bridger-Teton NF. Previously reported incident. Fourteen miles northeast of Moran, WY. Timber. Active fire behavior. 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
* Chall Creek	WY	BTF	140	---	0	UNK	33	---	0	10	2	0	10K	FS
* West Lake	UT	NWS	400	---	25	9/17	35	---	1	7	1	0	100K	ST
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	323,893	4,856	N/A	N/A	813	-11	11	60	5	7	28.5M	FS
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,373	20	57	9/22	650	-19	16	40	9	0	5.8M	CNTY
Wesley	ID	PAF	9,581	1,774	8	UNK	558	75	14	18	4	0	3.3M	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
Halstead	ID	SCF	167,366	4,566	N/A	N/A	254	-45	4	11	2	0	24.5M	FS
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	146,832	0	70	10/1	83	0	1	4	1	13	40.6M	FS
North Buffalo	WY	BTF	24,083	---	N/A	N/A	9	---	0	0	0	0	785K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Alpine Lake, Wind River Agency, BIA. Thirty miles northwest of Ft. Washakie, WY. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with crowning and 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
Alpine Lake	WY	WRA	35,800	12,390	N/A	N/A	126	61	2	12	4	0	1.8M	BIA
Sheep Herder Hill Complex	WY	NAX	15,556	0	100	---	246	-29	5	11	2	60	2.9M	CNTY

NAX - Natrona County, WY

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

North Pass, Mendocino NF. Twenty-five miles northeast of Covelo, CA. Timber and logging slash. 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
North Pass	CA	MNF	41,983	0	97	UNK	165	-56	1	3	1	26	30.5M	FS

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 10
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Shotley, Minnesota DNR. Two miles north of Saum, MN. 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
Shotley	MN	MNS	288	---	70	UNK	156	---	3	5	0	0	300K	ST

Other Fires

(As of September 14)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	1	40,529	0	0	0	0
NW	2	105,336	4	12	2	154
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	1	4,192	3	0	5	150
NR	27	98,859	2	12	3	250
EB	6	16,687	0	4	0	26
WB	1	768	0	1	1	11
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	2	27,115	1	1	5	96
EA	1	5	0	3	0	8
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	41	293,491	10	33	16	695

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

Predictive Services Discussion: Warm and dry conditions will continue across most of the West. A cold front will push through the central Plains and the upper Midwest, bringing colder conditions and scattered showers from the Dakotas to Michigan. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will form over the lower and mid-Mississippi valley and across the Southeast.

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



Today's discussion is from the Hazardous Materials Category.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ENCOUNTERS

Employees who may encounter hazardous materials in the field should be trained as mandated by OSHA 1910.120 (q), First Responder Awareness Level. However, employees should always recognize that hazmat encounters require special precautions.

- Hazardous materials in the field include, but are not limited to:
 - Clandestine drug waste – waste as a result of “meth” labs, etc., which may look like common household trash at first glance. Drug lab waste can be identified by the presence of gallon plastic jugs, large plastic bags, 5-gallon buckets, and laboratory equipment (tubes and beakers).
 - Midnight dumping – may be recognized by the presence of barrels or other containers, discoloration of land, plants, or water, and/or dead vegetation and animals.
 - Transportation accidents – truck, rail, or pipeline accidents may result in the spillage or release of hazardous materials that may result in danger to life, property, or resources.
- In all instances, self-protection is your primary responsibility.
- Respond to all encounters by implementing the Three Rs:
 - Recognize: Attempt to identify the substance using the North American Emergency Response Guide, occupancy/location, placards/labels, container shapes/colors, and/or MSDS shipping papers.
 - Retreat: Move upwind, upgrade, or upstream; isolate the material; and deny entry to the site. Guidelines for isolation distances include: 150 feet for a minor incident (1 drum, 1 bag, etc.); 500 feet for a major incident (more than 1 drum, etc.); 300 feet for a residential and light commercial incident; 1,000 feet for an open area; 2,500 feet for an incident with BLEVE potential; 2,500 feet for the staging area (must be upwind with vehicles in a headed-out position)
 - Report: Notify your supervisor and agency dispatcher. Request hazmat assistance via a safe route.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Safety and Health for Field Operations Manual, BLM--1112-2](#)

[Hazmat-First Responder Awareness Training Guide, Local Fire Department](#)

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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	15	16
	ACRES					1	1,050	1,051
Northern California	FIRES	1					4	5
	ACRES	0					0	0
Southern California	FIRES					12	3	15
	ACRES					14	2	16
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	0			2	2	5
	ACRES	200	1,675			0	5,181	7,056
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			5	2	10
	ACRES		146			429	9,363	9,938
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	0					0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0					5	5
	ACRES	12,390					351	12,741
Eastern Area	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					2		2
TOTAL	FIRES	3	3	0	0	31	33	70
	ACRES	12,590	1,821	0	0	446	15,947	30,804

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	30	20	267	5	360
	ACRES	43	51,334	39,679	68,105	89,861	0	249,022
Northwest	FIRES	176	202	26	27	659	735	1,825
	ACRES	17,745	1,106,184	1,901	20	40,676	162,215	1,328,741
Northern California	FIRES	101	23	2	11	2,441	542	3,120
	ACRES	174	423,780	0	28,526	28,829	327,445	808,754
Southern California	FIRES	31	157	10	58	2,753	565	3,574
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,748	33,484	10,132	78,091
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,116	207	37	22	625	780	2,787
	ACRES	397,024	309,523	11,263	2,371	181,410	352,291	1,253,882
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	806	1	31	777	569	2,243
	ACRES	29,445	782,629	2	2,121	215,446	953,042	1,982,685
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	632	2	16	191	139	985
	ACRES	1,200	690,705	0	28	59,353	26,935	778,221
Southwest	FIRES	721	197	12	42	520	1,001	2,493
	ACRES	33,698	5,201	187	4,334	33,752	460,481	537,653
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,224	509	35	38	1,593	637	4,036
	ACRES	137,797	52,006	3,872	837	631,467	187,868	1,013,847
Eastern Area	FIRES	712		49	18	8,037	583	9,399
	ACRES	1,878		4,776	402	80,213	12,388	99,657
Southern Area	FIRES	495		77	46	14,610	586	15,814
	ACRES	45,700		32,812	16,752	255,204	80,782	431,250
TOTAL	FIRES	4,641	2,770	281	329	32,473	6,142	46,636
	ACRES	664,747	3,454,038	94,500	125,244	1,649,695	2,573,579	8,561,803

Ten Year Average Fires	59,967
Ten Year Average Acres	6,481,817

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	66	17			158	249
	ACRES	3,502	7,193	1,335			32,015	44,045
Northern California	FIRES	3	13	22	21		148	207
	ACRES	108	203	22,621	151		10,874	33,957
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	17		131	208
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	318		38,954	54,517
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	23	13	109	21	13	51	230
	ACRES	2,100	1,543	21,564	2,492	1,283	8,662	37,644
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		146	53	8,857	840	9,919
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	479,969	814,126	1,396,351
TOTAL	FIRES	141	137	888	167	9,920	1,877	13,130
	ACRES	35,645	25,747	209,208	51,076	556,447	1,006,245	1,884,368

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires	Hectares	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	51	1,499	1,385	53,836
Yukon Territory	1	0	126	92,116
Alberta	17	13,924	1,425	392,982
Northwest Territory	4	9,849	273	294,035
Saskatchewan	3	43	395	231,807
Manitoba	0	0	449	228,951
Ontario	63	899	1,507	146,653
Quebec	7	0	773	70,077
Newfoundland	1	0	192	137,469
New Brunswick	10	0	338	360
Nova Scotia	0	0	344	817
Prince Edward Island	0	84	5	93
National Parks	0	0	76	272,177
Total	157	26,297	7,288	1,921,371

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