

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, September 18, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (91 new fires)
New large fires:	4 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	36
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
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.

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	4
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	21
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

Wenatchee Complex (9 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened.

Yakima Complex, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Seventeen miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Running fire with torching and short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect. Reduction in acreage and personnel due to separation of Table Mountain fire from complex.

Pole Creek, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Six miles southwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened.

Okanogan Complex (4 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Williams). Eight miles southeast of Carlton, WA. Timber. Running fire with torching and short-range spotting. Structures and communication sites threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Cascade Creek, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (LaFave). Eight miles north of Trout Lake, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

*** Table Mountain** (4 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Reed). Sixteen miles east of Cle Elum, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Running fire with torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Hunsaker, Vale District, BLM. Fifteen miles northeast of Halfway, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Interior burning.

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	34,992	675	22	UNK	1,821	121	47	155	12	1	10.4M	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	2,198	-1,552	15	UNK	693	-235	15	51	9	0	4.7M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	16,500	500	15	UNK	1,230	129	33	42	8	0	6.6M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	4,711	480	18	UNK	499	0	14	21	4	0	2.5M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	6,853	386	10	UNK	603	29	16	13	5	2	4M	FS
* Table Mountain	WA	OWF	6,033	---	4	UNK	477	---	12	44	3	0	350K	FS
Hunsaker	OR	VAD	693	0	60	9/19	66	21	2	4	1	0	250K	BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires: 11
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 7
Type 1 IMTs committed: 3

McGuire Complex, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Joseph). IMT also managing the Porcupine Complex. One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Moderate fire activity with torching and spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Sheep, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Turman). One mile east of Lucille, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Running fire with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

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

Dugan, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Two miles south of Ekalaka, MT. Timber. Smoldering. 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. Forty-five miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Timber. Torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Porcupine Complex (2 fires), Nez Perce NF. Previously reported incident. Twenty-five miles east of Elk City, ID. Timber. No further information received.

Welder, Fort Belknap Agency, BIA. Fifteen miles southeast of Harlem, MT. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

* **Bearcomesout**, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. Eight miles southeast of Busby, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior.

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McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	33,017	757	2	10/31	611	65	10	51	7	0	9.9M	FS

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Sheep	ID	NPF	34,858	2,281	24	UNK	659	2	16	36	7	1	6.6M	FS
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	4,869	0	35	UNK	414	-8	11	9	6	0	5.5M	FS
Dugan	MT	MCD	10,675	0	60	9/20	186	-26	4	21	2	13	440K	BLM
Millie	MT	GNF	10,347	47	75	11/1	110	14	1	4	3	0	8.4M	FS
Powell SBW Complex	ID	CWF	48,225	1,153	N/A	N/A	41	-35	0	5	1	0	349K	FS
Porcupine Complex	ID	NPF	26,124	---	N/A	N/A	33	---	0	0	0	0	51K	FS
Welder	MT	FBA	33,318	0	95	9/18	45	-24	0	11	0	0	185K	BIA
* Bearcomesout	MT	NCA	1,000	---	0	9/20	54	---	2	6	0	0	100K	BIA

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)

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

* **Karney**, Southwest Area Office, IDL. Eight miles northeast of Boise, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with running, torching and long-range spotting. Residences and power lines threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Butte**, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. Nineteen miles southwest of Dugway, UT. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

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. Numerous structures threatened.

Wesley, Payette NF. IMT 1 (Lund). Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching. Residences threatened.

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.

Chall Creek, Bridger-Teton NF. Thirty miles west of Pinedale, WY. Heavy logging slash. Active fire behavior with crowning. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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.

Trinity Ridge, Boise NF. Seven miles northwest of Featherville, ID. Timber. Isolated torching. Structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

West Lake, Northwest Area, Utah DOF. Eight miles north of Genola, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Minimal fire activity with interior 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
* Karney	ID	SWS	100	---	0	9/19	81	---	3	5	2	0	10K	ST
* Butte	UT	SLD	1,000	---	0	9/18	20	---	0	5	0	0	UNK	BLM
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	327,017	3,124	N/A	N/A	823	10	11	58	5	7	29.5M	FS
Wesley	ID	PAF	9,734	153	8	UNK	553	-5	14	17	4	0	4M	FS
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,373	0	58	9/22	574	-76	15	21	9	0	6.6M	CNTY
Chall Creek	WY	BTF	400	260	10	UNK	91	58	0	29	3	0	100K	FS
Halstead	ID	SCF	168,106	740	N/A	N/A	167	-87	3	6	2	0	24.8M	FS
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	146,832	0	70	10/1	101	18	2	4	3	13	41M	FS
West Lake	UT	NWS	615	215	95	UNK	23	-12	0	1	1	0	125K	ST

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 6
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 0

Alpine Lake, Wind River Agency, BIA. Thirty miles northwest of Ft. Washakie, WY. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with single tree 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
Alpine Lake	WY	WRA	40,192	4,392	N/A	N/A	134	8	2	12	3	0	2.1M	BIA

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 32
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Shotley, Minnesota DNR. Two miles north of Saum, MN. 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
Shotley	MN	MNS	288	0	85	UNK	136	-20	3	3	0	0	456K	ST

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 3
 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
North Pass	CA	MNF	41,983	0	100	---	165	0	1	3	1	26	30.5M	FS

MNF - Mendocino NF

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, while mild conditions settle over the Plains. Gusty winds will develop across the northern High Plains. A cold front will push through the East, bringing scattered showers and thunderstorms from Georgia to New England.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Wildland / Urban Interface Category.

WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE -- STRUCTURE PROTECTION

The primary consideration of any operation is to assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structure.

● Factors that may make an attempt to save a structure hopeless or too dangerous include:

- The fire is making a sustained run and there is little or no clearance between the structure and the fuel.
- The fire behavior is extreme; spot fires are numerous and the spread is outpacing containment.
- Water supply will not last as long as the threat of the fire.
- The fire intensity dictates that you leave the fire area immediately.
- The structure is constructed of wood and has a wood, shake roof.
- The roof of the structure is more than one-quarter involved.
- There is fire inside of the structure or windows are broken and there is no way to quickly repair them.
- You can safely remain at the structure because your escape route could become unusable.

● When implementing a plan to protect structures, consider the following:

- Don't enter a burning structure unless you are trained, equipped, and authorized. Firefighter safety and survival is the number one priority.
- Always stay mobile and wear all of your PPE.
- Back in equipment to allow for a quick escape.
- Coil a short, charged line with fog nozzle on your engine for safety and quick knock down capability.
- Don't make long hose lays. Keep at least 100 gallons of water reserve in your tank.
- Check the road system before the fire approaches. Know bridge limits, alternate access routes, and turnarounds for your vehicle and other support vehicles.
- Determine if residents are home. Leave on the inside and outside lights, regardless of the time of day. Close the garage door.
- Place the owners' ladder at a corner of the home on the side with the least fire threat.
- Coil and charge garden hoses.
- Check and mark hazmat; e.g., LPG, pesticides, and paint storage.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pages 12-14 (2010 version)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		0			1	3	4
	ACRES		1			2	0	3
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES					18	3	21
	ACRES					49	2	51
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4				3	4	11
	ACRES	902				50	3,578	4,530
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			1	2	6
	ACRES		1,011			240	4,568	5,819
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	1			3	2	6
	ACRES	4,392	9			40	178	4,619
Eastern Area	FIRES	12				20		32
	ACRES	12				17		29
Southern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					11		11
TOTAL	FIRES	16	4	0	0	54	17	91
	ACRES	5,306	1,021	0	0	409	8,326	15,062

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	664	743	1,838
	ACRES	17,745	1,106,185	1,901	20	40,678	162,216	1,328,745
Northern California	FIRES	101	23	2	11	2,441	545	3,123
	ACRES	174	423,780	0	28,526	28,829	327,445	808,754
Southern California	FIRES	31	157	10	58	2,771	567	3,594
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,748	33,533	10,133	78,141
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,120	125	37	22	628	784	2,716
	ACRES	398,009	112,301	11,263	2,371	181,460	359,321	1,064,725
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	808	1	31	777	573	2,249
	ACRES	29,444	783,641	2	2,121	212,483	957,611	1,985,302
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	519	1,001	2,492
	ACRES	33,698	5,201	187	4,334	33,752	460,481	537,653
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,227	510	35	38	1,596	641	4,047
	ACRES	142,189	52,015	3,872	837	631,507	188,046	1,018,466
Eastern Area	FIRES	724		49	18	8,048	583	9,422
	ACRES	1,890		4,776	402	80,222	12,388	99,678
Southern Area	FIRES	495		77	46	14,623	586	15,827
	ACRES	45,700		32,812	16,752	255,245	80,782	431,291
TOTAL	FIRES	4,660	2,691	281	329	32,525	6,167	46,653
	ACRES	670,135	3,257,838	94,500	125,244	1,646,923	2,585,358	8,379,998

Ten Year Average Fires	59,875
Ten Year Average Acres	6,475,860

*** 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					1		1
	ACRES					153		153
Southern Area	FIRES					25		25
	ACRES					372		372
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	26	0	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	525	0	525

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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