

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, September 20, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (62 new fires)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	36
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	10

** 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:	13
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	23
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 with spotting and isolated torching. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Table Mountain Complex (5 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Reed). Sixteen miles east of Cle Elum, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Extreme fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

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

Yakima Complex, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Seventeen miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

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

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.

Hunsaker, Vale District, BLM. Fifteen miles northeast of Halfway, OR. Timber, brush and grass. No further information received.

Bear Slide, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Five miles northeast of Warm Springs, OR. Brush and grass. No new information.

Trail 2, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Eleven miles southwest of Warm Springs, OR. Timber and grass. 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
Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	39,330	3,837	22	UNK	1,945	22	56	135	13	1	14.2M	FS
Table Mountain Complex	WA	OWF	9,506	3,473	4	UNK	665	101	13	65	4	1	1.8M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	5,981	950	18	UNK	549	10	14	26	5	0	3.6M	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	2,198	0	40	UNK	674	-5	14	53	5	0	6M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	22,152	4,652	40	UNK	1,212	-21	33	41	8	0	8.6M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	9,000	2,000	50	UNK	627	0	16	23	5	2	5.4M	FS
Hunsaker	OR	VAD	693	0	90	9/20	48	18	1	3	2	0	489K	BLM
Bear Slide	OR	WSA	1,680	---	90	UNK	59	---	2	7	0	0	40K	BIA
Trail 2	OR	WSA	109	---	0	UNK	42	---	1	6	0	0	10K	BIA

Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 6
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

McGuire Complex, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Joseph). One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with short duration crown runs and long-range spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations in effect. Increase in acreage due to addition of previously reported Porcupine Complex.

Sheep, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Turman). One mile east of Lucille, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with short duration crown runs and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Condon Mountain, Flathead NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Previously reported incident. Five miles northeast of Condon, MT. Timber. Crown fire with long-range spotting.

Sawtooth, Bitterroot NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Poncin) to IMT 2 (Hall) will occur tomorrow. Seven miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous 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. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Little Swallow**, Fort Berthold Agency, BIA. Nine miles south of Mandaree, ND. Timber and grass. Running fire.

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McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	59,141	25,577	2	10/31	648	13	8	57	7	0	11.4M	FS
Sheep	ID	NPF	41,036	4,098	19	UNK	625	8	13	37	7	2	8.1M	FS
Condon Mountain	MT	FNF	2,560	---	50	10/31	76	---	1	4	2	0	3.2M	FS
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	5,021	0	40	UNK	309	-38	7	4	4	0	6.0M	FS
Millie	MT	GNF	10,425	0	75	11/1	152	-42	3	4	3	0	9.1M	FS
Powell SBW Complex	ID	CWF	49,925	200	N/A	N/A	56	6	0	6	1	0	3.6M	FS
* Little Swallow	ND	FBA	800	---	0	9/20	15	---	0	6	0	0	6K	BIA
Welder	MT	FBA	33,318	0	100	---	18	-14	0	6	0	0	225K	BIA
Dugan	MT	MCD	10,675	0	100	---	123	-56	4	18	0	13	685K	BLM

FBA – Fort Belknap Agency, BIA

MCD – Miles City Field Office, BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Wesley, Payette NF. IMT 1 (Lund). Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Backing fire with torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Karney, Southwest Area Office, IDL. IMT 2 (Wilde). Started on private land eight miles northeast of Boise, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened.

Chall Creek, Bridger-Teton NF. Thirty miles west of Pinedale, WY. Timber and heavy logging slash. Creeping and smoldering with single tree torching. Structures threatened.

Mustang Complex (6 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 1 (Sciacca). Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Numerous structures threatened.

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

Halstead, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Adell). Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

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

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
Wesley	ID	PAF	10,879	213	8	UNK	586	44	16	11	6	0	5.3M	FS
Karney	ID	SWS	350	50	20	UNK	138	57	6	18	1	1	801K	PRI
Chall Creek	WY	BTF	400	0	30	9/25	246	0	5	23	4	0	496K	FS
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	329,646	2,629	N/A	N/A	703	-75	9	47	6	7	31M	FS
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,373	0	84	9/22	417	-56	10	18	3	0	7.6M	CNTY
Halstead	ID	SCF	172,128	3,504	N/A	N/A	117	-17	8	8	2	1	25.3M	FS
Trinity Ridge	ID	BOF	146,832	0	75	10/1	106	13	2	6	2	13	41.2M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4
New large fires: 2
Uncontained large fires: 1

Alpine Lake, Wind River Agency, BIA. Thirty miles northwest of Ft. Washakie, WY. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity with interior torching. Structures threatened.

* **Tire Swing**, Pine Ridge Agency, BIA. One mile west of Sharps Corner, SD. Brush and grass. Running fire with spotting. Residences 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
Alpine Lake	WY	WRA	40,701	340	N/A	N/A	140	10	2	12	4	0	2.2M	BIA
* Tire Swing	SD	PRA	532	---	0	UNK	46	---	0	13	0	0	80K	BIA
* Hwy 20	SD	SDS	500	---	100	---	100	---	0	29	0	0	10K	ST

SDS – South Dakota DOF

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 7
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Shotley, Minnesota DNR. Two miles north of Saum, MN. 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
Shotley	MN	MNS	288	0	85	9/20	154	35	4	3	0	0	925K	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 the West. A cold front will drop through the Great Lakes and the Plains, bringing cooler weather from Minnesota to Oklahoma. Texas will remain warm while mild conditions linger over the East. A few showers will develop in the Great Lakes region and across Florida.

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



Today's discussion is from the Fireline Safety Category

FIGHT FIRE AGGRESSIVELY, BUT PROVIDE FOR SAFETY FIRST

Standard Fire Order #10 must be taken into account at all times when fighting fire. In order to fight fire safely and aggressively, every firefighter must be able to answer the following questions:

- Is the suppression method adequate? Ask yourselves, are we making progress? Are we beating our heads against a wall? Is there a better way to get this done? Give examples when you have had to change your suppression method.
- Are there adequate resources and time for effective suppression? Ask yourselves, do we need to retreat and reevaluate? Talk about times when you have realized you weren't getting anywhere and needed to retreat and start managing firefighters and placing orders.
- Are lookouts posted? Discuss when you post lookouts, who you would choose to be a lookout, and where they should be located.
- Are communications prompt with crews and other resources? Review the importance of good communications on the fireline.
- Have escape routes and safety zones been established? Talk about your crew's procedure for establishing escape routes and safety zones. Review what constitutes an escape route and a safety zone.
- Do you feel comfortable with your assignment? Discuss the situation check. Remind firefighters that every individual has the right to question an assignment.
- To reduce the risks:
 - Post lookouts.
 - Retreat if the situation is too complex. Emphasize that safety is everyone's responsibility; we all want to be good firefighters and being safe is part of that.
 - Do you have established trigger points?

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					7	6	13
	ACRES					3	11	14
Northern California	FIRES	1			1	8		10
	ACRES	0			0	0		0
Southern California	FIRES					13	4	17
	ACRES					14	3	17
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				3	2	6
	ACRES	800				3	8,537	9,340
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			0	1	3
	ACRES		106			48	1,145	1,299
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2				2	0	4
	ACRES	872				511	22	1,405
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					3		3
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	4	2	0	1	40	15	62
	ACRES	1,672	106	0	0	582	9,719	12,079

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	207	26	27	672	751	1,859
	ACRES	17,745	1,129,113	1,901	20	43,086	166,877	1,358,742
Northern California	FIRES	103	23	2	12	2,449	547	3,136
	ACRES	174	423,780	0	28,526	28,829	327,505	808,814
Southern California	FIRES	31	157	10	58	2,791	571	3,618
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,748	33,609	10,136	78,220
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,144	207	37	22	632	788	2,830
	ACRES	399,010	329,523	11,263	2,371	181,463	373,079	1,296,709
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	772	1	31	778	577	2,218
	ACRES	29,444	757,712	2	2,121	212,833	959,308	1,961,420
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	632	2	16	191	139	985
	ACRES	1	527,535	0	28	66,425	42,227	636,216
Southwest	FIRES	721	199	12	42	519	1,005	2,498
	ACRES	33,698	5,321	187	4,334	33,752	460,482	537,774
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,266	510	34	38	1,600	644	4,092
	ACRES	145,208	52,015	3,963	837	632,518	188,425	1,022,966
Eastern Area	FIRES	726		49	18	8,058	583	9,434
	ACRES	1,891		4,776	402	80,231	12,388	99,688
Southern Area	FIRES	506		77	46	14,800	594	16,023
	ACRES	45,748		32,812	16,752	257,037	80,865	433,214
TOTAL	FIRES	4,738	2,744	280	330	32,757	6,204	47,053
	ACRES	673,005	3,309,009	94,591	125,244	1,659,644	2,621,292	8,482,785

Ten Year Average Fires	60,723
Ten Year Average Acres	6,376,024

*** 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			1	1			2
	ACRES			2	7			9
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		250			1,400		1,650
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	1	1	1	1	0	4
	ACRES	0	250	2	7	1,400	0	1,659

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	24	22		148	210
	ACRES	108	203	22,628	158		10,874	33,971
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		2	4		13	4	23
	ACRES		62	419		279	221	981
Southwest	FIRES	31	18	12	17		131	209
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	318		38,954	54,517
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	13	98	21	13	51	224
	ACRES	4,670	1,543	20,827	2,492	1,283	8,662	39,477
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	8,934	841	9,997
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	480,614	814,128	1,396,998
TOTAL	FIRES	146	137	879	168	9,997	1,878	13,205
	ACRES	38,215	24,547	208,478	51,083	557,092	1,006,247	1,885,662

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

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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