

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

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (43 new fires)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	38
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	9

\*\* 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:	0
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	23
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
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 with short duration crown runs and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Table Mountain** (5 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Reed) to IMT 1 (Morcum) will occur today. Sixteen miles east of Cle Elum, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Backing fire with torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations 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 structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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

**Cascade Creek**, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (LaFave). Eight miles north of Trout Lake, WA. Timber. Backing fire with smoldering.

**Yakima Complex**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Seventeen miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with single tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Intermittent road closure in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Bear Slide**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Five miles northeast of Warm Springs, OR. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Trail 2**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Eleven miles southwest of Warm Springs, OR. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. 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
Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	42,508	347	30	UNK	2,032	-64	54	144	10	1	19.6M	FS
Table Mountain	WA	OWF	30,434	0	10	UNK	1,050	193	28	84	7	2	4.4M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	9,731	1,600	18	UNK	809	18	21	42	8	0	6.2M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	25,553	0	55	UNK	1,013	-11	28	38	8	0	11M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	13,086	2,386	50	UNK	591	-15	15	22	6	0	7.2M	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	2,186	-12	75	UNK	593	-18	12	38	3	0	7.9M	FS
Bear Slide	OR	WSA	1,680	---	99	UNK	---	21	1	2	0	0	40K	BIA
Trail 2	OR	WSA	139	0	75	UNK	68	-26	2	8	0	0	120K	BIA

#### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 6  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 9  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

\* **Wilson**, Southern Land Office, Montana DNR. Eight miles southeast of Roundup, MT. Timber and grass. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect. No further information received.

**McGuire Complex**, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Joseph). One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Sheep**, Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Turman). One mile east of Lucille, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Group tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

**Condon Mountain**, Flathead NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Five miles northeast of Condon, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with short duration crown runs. Residences threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Sawtooth**, Bitterroot NF. IMT 2 (Hall). 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. No new information.

**Cottonwood Creek**, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands. Thirty miles southwest of Watford City, ND. Juniper and grass. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened. Area closure in effect.

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

**Avalanche**, Glacier NP. Twelve miles northeast of West Glacier, MT. Timber. 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
* Wilson	MT	SOS	1,500	---	0	9/25	68	---	0	25	2	0	50K	ST
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	68,393	833	4	10/31	730	-16	11	55	6	0	13.8M	FS
Sheep	ID	NPF	45,291	710	37	UNK	618	-2	13	30	5	2	9.7M	FS
Condon Mountain	MT	FNF	3,704	204	40	10/31	167	-7	4	7	5	0	3.8M	FS
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	5,692	213	45	UNK	47	-84	0	3	3	0	6.6M	FS
Millie	MT	GNF	10,485	---	75	11/1	139	---	3	4	3	0	9.9M	FS
Cottonwood Creek	ND	DPF	655	50	20	9/28	50	25	0	13	1	0	50K	FS
Little Swallow	ND	FBA	9,500	0	95	9/23	66	4	1	18	0	0	50K	BIA
Avalanche	MT	GNP	122	---	30	UNK	5	---	0	0	0	0	NR	NPS
* Rough Creek	MT	NCA	328	---	100	---	4	---	0	1	0	0	75K	BIA

NCA – Northern Cheyenne Agency

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

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

**Wesley**, Payette NF. IMT 1 (Lund). Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

**Mustang Complex** (6 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 1 (Sciaccia). Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. No new information.

**Karney**, Southwest Area Office, IDL. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Wilde) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Started on private land eight miles northeast of Boise, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering.

**Horsethief Canyon**, Teton County. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Ourada) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Five miles south of Jackson, WY. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Numerous structures threatened.

**Halstead**, Salmon-Challis NF. Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching. Structures threatened. Area 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	12,276	846	29	11/1	771	56	23	12	7	0	7.7M	FS
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	332,301	---	N/A	N/A	665	---	9	39	6	7	31.5M	FS
Karney	ID	SWS	440	0	95	9/25	260	-90	4	25	5	1	2.0M	PRI
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,373	0	96	9/25	211	-34	4	4	2	0	8.4M	CNTY

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	179,055	20	N/A	N/A	86	-11	2	6	2	1	25.6M	FS
Chall Creek	WY	BTF	687	-1	100	---	189	-56	5	13	2	0	1.7M	FS

BTF – Bridger-Teton NF

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)**

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

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

\* **Border**, Sheridan County. Fifty miles northeast of Sheridan, WY. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with interior torching. Structures threatened.

**Cornstalk**, Standing Rock Agency, BIA. Five miles south of Selfridge, ND. Grass. Smoldering. 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
Alpine Lake	WY	WRA	42,502	1,354	N/A	N/A	133	8	1	12	5	0	2.6M	BIA
* Border	WY	SHX	7,000	---	20	9/23	58	---	0	15	1	0	NR	CNTY
Cornstalk	ND	SRA	1,500	500	90	9/23	16	-5	0	5	0	0	55K	BIA

### **Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

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

**Carter Springs**, East Fork County. Five miles southeast of Gardnerville, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and 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
Carter Springs	NV	EFK	3,000	1,500	20	9/25	264	14	10	17	5	0	750K	CNTY

## **Other Fires**

(As of September 21)

<b>GACC</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	4	93,600	4	27	0	222
NO	1	46,011	4	8	2	328
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	30	50,440	2	5	1	237
EB	9	81,931	0	1	0	9
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	1	8,068	4	4	3	153
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	45	280,050	14	45	6	949

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

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Isolated to widely scattered showers and thunderstorms will move out of the Pacific Northwest and into the northern Great Basin and northern Rockies as an upper low traverses the West. Warm and dry conditions will remain across the Southwest and the southern Rockies. Cool and dry weather will remain in place over the most of the central and eastern U.S. under a strong, Canadian air mass. A few showers will linger across the Northeast.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Fireline Safety Category.

## **FIRE NOT SCOUTED AND SIZED UP**

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and **every time** resources arrive at a fire.

● Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)
- Are there aerial resources that can act as lookouts?

● Continued...

- Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
- Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
- Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)

● To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

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						0	0
	ACRES						1,161	1,161
Northern California	FIRES					16	2	18
	ACRES					18	241	259
Southern California	FIRES				0	9	1	10
	ACRES				89	16	1	106
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2	3	6
	ACRES	0				1,000	3,203	4,203
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			3	0	5
	ACRES		268			221	2,928	3,417
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1,500					1,500
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0				1	1	2
	ACRES	1,354				3	56	1,413
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	0	32	7	43
	ACRES	1,354	1,768	0	89	1,258	7,590	12,059

### 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	707	810	1,953
	ACRES	17,745	1,129,113	1,901	20	46,015	243,781	1,438,575
Northern California	FIRES	103	23	2	12	2,483	553	3,176
	ACRES	174	423,780	0	28,526	28,999	327,671	809,150
Southern California	FIRES	32	159	10	58	2,821	575	3,655
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,837	33,633	10,137	78,334
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,154	207	37	22	641	794	2,855
	ACRES	413,811	329,523	11,263	2,418	182,667	395,582	1,335,264
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	816	1	33	787	577	2,273
	ACRES	29,444	785,445	2	2,136	217,372	973,400	2,007,799
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	634	2	16	193	139	989
	ACRES	1	529,073	0	28	67,926	42,227	639,255
Southwest	FIRES	722	179	12	42	519	1,018	2,492
	ACRES	33,699	5,087	187	4,334	33,752	460,484	537,543
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,268	511	34	38	1,609	650	4,110
	ACRES	148,010	52,107	3,963	837	637,041	188,549	1,030,507
Eastern Area	FIRES	729		49	18	8,065	584	9,445
	ACRES	1,892		4,776	402	80,279	12,389	99,738
Southern Area	FIRES	506		78	46	14,806	594	16,030
	ACRES	45,748		32,813	16,752	257,075	80,865	433,253
TOTAL	FIRES	4,755	2,773	281	332	32,898	6,299	47,338
	ACRES	690,610	3,338,138	94,592	125,395	1,674,620	2,735,085	8,658,440

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>60,785</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,538,703</b>

\*\*\* 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					20		20
	ACRES					252		252
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	20	0	20
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	252	0	252

### 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	26	22	3	156	223
	ACRES	108	203	22,634	158	15	13,137	36,255
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		15	4	26
	ACRES		625	419		3,079	221	4,344
Southwest	FIRES	31	17	12	18		131	209
	ACRES	1,214	8,039	5,512	320		38,954	54,039
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		500	41	968	152	1,698
	ACRES	22,116		78,926	9,054	57,638	57,595	225,329
Southern Area	FIRES	23		146	53	9,002	842	10,066
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	481,081	814,312	1,397,649
TOTAL	FIRES	146	137	883	169	10,070	1,887	13,292
	ACRES	38,215	24,630	208,495	51,085	560,374	1,008,694	1,891,493

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

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