

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, September 24, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (56 new fires)
New large fires:	5 (*)
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:	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:	9
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	18
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

Wenatchee Complex (10 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Backing fire with isolated torching and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Table Mountain, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Morcom). Sixteen miles east of Cle Elum, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Backing fire with torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

*** Goat**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Leitch). Three miles southwest of Pateros, WA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Okanogan Complex (3 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Williams). Eight miles southeast of Carlton, WA. Timber. Backing fire with occasional torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Reduction in acreage due to the exclusion of the Goat fire from this complex.

Pole Creek, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Watts). Six miles southwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Numerous residences threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Cascade Creek, Gifford Pinchot NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (LaFave) to IMT 2 (Nickey) will occur today. Eight miles north of Trout Lake, WA. Timber. Backing fire.

Yakima Complex, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Seventeen miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Creeping with occasional torching. 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
Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	52,637	10,129	30	UNK	1,690	342	41	117	10	1	21M	FS
Table Mountain	WA	OWF	35,965	5,531	10	UNK	944	-106	21	82	5	3	5.4M	FS
* Goat	WA	OWF	6,110	10	---	UNK	463	---	14	27	3	0	1.3M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	5,931	-3,800	60	UNK	518	-291	13	23	5	0	5.6M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	25,886	333	65	UNK	1,003	-10	27	42	9	0	12.1M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	13,727	641	40	UNK	611	20	16	21	6	0	7.6M	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	2,300	114	80	UNK	501	-92	9	35	3	0	8.3M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires: 15
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 9
Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

* **Eagle Creek**, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Heintz). Thirteen miles southwest of Lame Deer, MT. Grass. Running fire.

McGuire Complex (2 fires), Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Joseph). One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with single tree torching and short-range spotting. Communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Wilson, Southern Land Office, Montana DNR. Eight miles southeast of Roundup, MT. Timber and grass. Running fire with torching and crowning. 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. Group tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Condon Mountain, Flathead NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Three miles northeast of Condon, MT. Timber. Backing fire with short uphill runs. Residences threatened.

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. Backing fire. Structures threatened.

Powell SBW Complex, Clearwater NF. Previously reported incident. Forty-five miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Timber. Creeping with single and group tree torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Cottonwood Creek, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands. Started on private land thirty miles southwest of Watford City, ND. Juniper, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. 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
* Eagle Creek	MT	NCA	3,000	---	0	UNK	50	---	2	12	2	0	100K	BIA
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	70,020	1,627	5	10/31	685	-45	10	53	5	0	14.2M	FS
Wilson	MT	SOS	4,100	2,600	5	9/25	146	78	0	41	2	0	125K	ST
Sheep	ID	NPF	46,412	1,121	39	UNK	567	-51	12	26	5	2	10.2M	FS
Condon Mountain	MT	FNF	4,100	396	40	10/31	191	24	4	10	6	0	4.1M	FS
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	5,789	97	45	UNK	46	-1	0	3	4	0	6.7M	FS
Millie	MT	GNF	10,485	0	81	11/1	125	-14	2	5	3	0	10.2M	FS
Powell SBW Complex	ID	CWF	52,535	---	N/A	N/A	56	---	0	6	1	0	3.8M	FS
Cottonwood Creek	ND	DPF	665	10	30	9/28	91	41	2	12	1	0	100K	PRI
Little Swallow	ND	FBA	9,500	0	100	---	22	-44	0	7	0	0	55K	BIA

FBA – Fort Berthold Agency, BIA

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

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

Wesley, Payette NF. IMT 1 (Lund). Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with single tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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

Karney, Southwest Area Office, IDL. Started on private land eight miles northeast of Boise, ID. Timber, brush and grass. No new information.

Horsethief Canyon, Teton County. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Ourada) back to the local unit will occur today. Five miles south of Jackson, WY. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping. 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. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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	14,000	1,724	29	11/1	885	114	26	25	7	0	8.7M	FS
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	336,082	3,781	N/A	N/A	501	-143	5	31	6	7	33.4M	FS
Karney	ID	SWS	440	---	95	UNK	260	---	4	25	5	1	2.0M	PRI
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,373	0	96	9/25	92	-119	2	2	3	0	8.7M	CNTY

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Halstead	ID	SCF	179,308	253	N/A	N/A	67	-19	1	5	3	1	25.7M	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 14
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Shockey**, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Three miles southwest of Live Oak Springs, CA. Chaparral. Spotting. Numerous 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
* Shockey	CA	MVU	2,000	---	10	UNK	366	---	9	57	6	35	500K	ST

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 3

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

* **Middle Elk**, White River NF. Thirty miles north of New Castle, CO. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and spotting.

Border, Sheridan County. Fifty miles northeast of Sheridan, WY. Timber, brush and grass. No further information received.

Cornstalk, Standing Rock Agency, BIA. Five miles south of Selfridge, ND. Grass. Smoldering. 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	43,022	520	N/A	N/A	123	-10	1	12	5	0	3M	BIA
* Middle Elk	CO	WRF	230	---	10	UNK	89	---	3	7	0	0	2M	FS
Border	WY	SHX	7,000	0	90	UNK	58	0	0	7	1	0	NR	CNTY
Cornstalk	ND	SRA	2,293	793	95	9/24	10	-6	0	3	0	0	56K	BIA

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

Carter Springs, East Fork County. Five miles southeast of Gardnerville, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Creeping and smoldering with interior torching.

* **Rose Creek**, Winnemucca District Office, BLM. Ten miles south of Winnemucca, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. 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
Carter Springs	NV	EFK	3,454	454	65	9/25	258	-6	8	6	4	0	905K	CNTY
* Rose Creek	NV	WID	450	---	40	9/24	79	---	2	40	0	0	20K	BLM

Other Fires

(As of September 21)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
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: A cold front will move through the West, bringing showers and a few thunderstorms to the Great Basin, the northern and central Rockies. Cooler weather will spread across much of the West. Surface high pressure anchored on the mid-Atlantic coast will keep mild weather over the eastern two-thirds of the nation with temperatures warming across the southern Plains. A few thunderstorms will form over southern Florida.

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



Today's discussion is from the Fireline Safety Category.

Hazard Trees

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw fire brands far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Air operations - cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use saw teams and falling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 80 and 81

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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		1	3	4	9
	ACRES		3		0	2	50	55
Northern California	FIRES	1				6		7
	ACRES	0				52		52
Southern California	FIRES					10	4	14
	ACRES					0	26	26
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	2	4	0	7	1	15
	ACRES	3,000	2	4	2	2,605	3,802	9,415
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		41				6,137	6,178
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		904					904
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						80	80
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1				1	4
	ACRES	523	0				255	778
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					11		11
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
TOTAL	FIRES	4	5	4	1	31	11	56
	ACRES	3,523	950	4	2	2,671	10,350	17,500

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	208	26	28	714	815	1,967
	ACRES	17,745	1,129,116	1,901	20	46,019	243,831	1,438,632
Northern California	FIRES	104	23	2	12	2,483	552	3,176
	ACRES	174	423,780	0	28,526	28,999	327,671	809,150
Southern California	FIRES	32	159	10	58	2,831	578	3,668
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,837	33,633	10,162	78,359
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,155	209	41	23	646	795	2,869
	ACRES	416,811	329,586	11,267	5,174	185,292	398,684	1,346,814
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	59	816	1	33	787	577	2,273
	ACRES	29,444	785,486	2	2,136	217,372	979,537	2,013,977
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	635	2	16	193	139	990
	ACRES	1	529,977	0	28	67,926	42,227	640,159
Southwest	FIRES	722	179	12	42	519	1,019	2,493
	ACRES	33,699	5,087	187	4,334	33,752	460,509	537,568
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,269	514	34	38	1,609	653	4,117
	ACRES	148,586	52,108	3,963	837	637,041	188,804	1,031,339
Eastern Area	FIRES	729		49	18	8,068	584	9,448
	ACRES	1,892		4,776	402	80,290	12,389	99,749
Southern Area	FIRES	506		78	46	14,852	594	16,076
	ACRES	45,748		32,813	16,752	258,005	80,865	434,183
TOTAL	FIRES	4,758	2,780	285	334	32,969	6,311	47,437
	ACRES	694,186	3,339,150	94,596	128,151	1,678,190	2,744,679	8,678,952

Ten Year Average Fires	60,924
Ten Year Average Acres	6,551,653

*** 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		1	2		2		5
	ACRES		1	2		2		5
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	1	2	0	2	0	5
	ACRES	0	1	2	0	2	0	5

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	9	75	3	35	192	330
	ACRES	1,822	4,609	18,436	233	1,811	20,854	47,765
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	138	885	169	10,072	1,887	13,297
	ACRES	38,215	24,631	208,497	51,085	560,376	1,008,694	1,891,498

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

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