

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, September 27, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (74 new fires)
New large fires:	0 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	30
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 3)

New fires:	4
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	19
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

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

Wenatchee Complex (10 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Reinarz). Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Backing fire with single tree torching and spotting. Numerous residences threatened.

Goat, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Leitch). Three miles southwest of Pateros, WA. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering with torching. Numerous structures threatened.

Cascade Creek, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (Nickey). Eight miles north of Trout Lake, WA. Timber. Moderate fire activity.

Pole Creek, Deschutes NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Watts) back to the local unit will occur 9/29. Six miles southwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

Okanogan Complex (3 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Eight miles southeast of Carlton, WA. Timber. Backing, creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

Yakima Complex, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Seventeen miles northwest of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, brush and grass. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Rooper, Prineville District, BLM. Started on private land three miles northwest of Antelope, OR. Brush 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
Table Mountain	WA	OWF	37,677	0	20	10/5	1,261	125	28	76	6	3	8.4M	FS
Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	53,144	0	30	UNK	1,075	-262	22	40	11	1	25M	FS
Goat	WA	OWF	7,378	466	60	9/28	510	-10	13	27	3	0	2.3M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	14,919	0	40	UNK	624	-16	17	20	6	0	9.6M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	26,285	0	85	10/15	665	-64	17	24	5	0	13.7M	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA	OWF	6,169	0	80	10/2	281	-148	8	17	2	0	6.9M	FS
Yakima Complex	WA	OWF	2,300	---	90	UNK	385	---	6	30	0	0	8.7M	FS
Rooper	OR	PRD	600	---	10	9/26	21	---	0	4	1	0	5K	PRI

Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires:	6
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	8
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

McGuire Complex (2 fires), 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). Three miles northeast of Condon, MT. Timber. Backing fire with isolated group tree torching. Residences threatened.

Eagle Creek, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Heintz). Thirteen miles southwest of Lame Deer, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Sawtooth, Bitterroot NF. IMT 2 (Hall). Seven miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with single tree torching. Numerous structures threatened.

Millie, Gallatin NF. Twenty miles south of Bozeman, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

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.

Cottonwood Creek, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands. Started on private land thirty miles southwest of Watford City, ND. Juniper, brush and grass. Smoldering.

Cygnets Complex (3 fires), Yellowstone NP. Previously reported incident. Twenty-six miles southeast of Gardiner, MT. Creeping fire. 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
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	73,431	763	7	10/31	736	133	12	44	8	0	16.6M	FS
Sheep	ID	NPF	47,483	142	41	UNK	398	-48	6	16	4	2	11.7M	FS
Condon Mountain	MT	FNF	4,800	300	40	10/31	221	-16	5	8	4	0	5M	FS
Eagle Creek	MT	NCA	4,150	10	75	9/28	144	16	1	20	2	0	529K	BIA
Sawtooth	MT	BRF	5,829	0	45	UNK	42	-7	0	3	3	0	6.9M	FS
Millie	MT	GNF	10,515	0	87	11/1	76	-26	2	1	1	0	10.5M	FS
Powell SBW Complex	ID	CWF	55,080	---	N/A	N/A	46	---	0	4	1	0	4M	FS
Cottonwood Creek	ND	DPF	542	---	90	9/28	60	---	1	7	1	0	271K	PRI
Cygnets Complex	WY	YNP	4,296	---	N/A	N/A	5	---	0	1	0	0	717K	NPS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

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

Mustang Complex (6 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Whalen). Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

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

Halstead, Salmon-Challis NF. Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Group tree torching. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Horsethief Canyon, Teton County. Five miles south of Jackson, WY. Timber, brush and grass. No new information.

North Buffalo, Bridger-Teton NF. Previously reported incident. Fourteen miles northeast of Moran, WY. Timber. 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
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	338,319	1,575	N/A	N/A	396	29	3	34	3	7	34.7M	FS
Wesley	ID	PAF	15,233	0	53	11/1	723	-114	20	20	5	0	11M	FS
Halstead	ID	SCF	179,308	0	N/A	N/A	62	-4	1	5	3	0	26M	FS
Horsethief Canyon	WY	TDX	3,373	---	94	UNK	51	---	2	1	0	0	8.9M	CNTY
North Buffalo	WY	BTF	28,600	---	N/A	N/A	23	---	0	0	1	0	810K	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

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

Shockey, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Chaney). Three miles southwest of Live Oak Springs, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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	2,556	-295	98	UNK	847	-555	30	45	0	24	4M	ST

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires:	3
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	0

Alpine Lake, Wind River Agency, BIA. Thirty miles northwest of Ft. Washakie, WY. 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
Alpine Lake	WY	WRA	46,184	156	N/A	N/A	66	-8	0	6	3	0	3.3M	BIA

Alaska Area (PL 1)

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

* **Industrial Park**, Military Zone, BLM. Seventeen miles west of Delta Junction, AK. Grass. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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* Industrial Park	AK	MID	2,296	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	0	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 slow-moving upper low will cross the central Rockies, producing scattered showers and thunderstorms across Wyoming, Colorado and part of New Mexico. Otherwise, the West will be warm and dry. A stalled cold front from the central Plains to the mid-Atlantic coast will produce showers and thunderstorms from western Texas and Oklahoma to Pennsylvania and Virginia. The northern Plains and Great Lakes region will be cool and dry. The Gulf coast region and the Southeast will continue to be warm and humid.

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



Today's discussion is from the Entrapment Category.

FIRE SHELTER DEPLOYMENT

Firefighters must never rely on fire shelters, but instead should depend on well-defined and pre-located escape routes and safety zones. However, if the need for shelter deployment should ever arise, it is imperative that the firefighter knows how to deploy and use the shelter.

- Don't think of your fire shelter as a tactical tool.
- Recognize when deployment is your only option. When considering escape, remember that you can hold your breath for only about 15 seconds while running through flames or superheated air.
- If time runs out while attempting to escape, get on the ground before the flame front arrives and finish deploying on the ground. Death is almost certain if the fire catches a person off the ground. (The optimal survival zone with or without a shelter is within a foot of the ground.) Once entrapped, the highest priority is to protect the lungs and airways.
- When deploying, remove packs and place them away from the deployment area.
- Even though deploying your shelter is a last resort, time is critical when entrapped. Play it safe; give yourself ample time to deploy. Failure to adequately anticipate the severity and timing of the burnover and failure to utilize the best location and proper deployment techniques contributed to the fatalities and injuries on the Thirty Mile incident. Don't let the cost of opening a shelter become a factor in your decision.
- Before passing through superheated gases, try to close the front of your shroud. You can take your shelter out of the plastic bag and use it for a heat shield to pass quickly through a hot area. If you use the shelter in this way, don't drop it or allow it to snag on brush. Remember that your lungs are still vulnerable.
- If flames contact the shelter, the glass/foil fabric heats up more rapidly. If flame contact is prolonged, spots of aluminum foil can melt or tear away, reducing protection. Even if this happens, it is still safer inside the shelter. Your flame-resistant clothing becomes your backup protection. It's even more critical to keep your nose pressed to the ground and stay in your shelter.
- Remember, direct contact with flames or hot gases is the biggest threat to your shelter. It is vital to deploy in a spot that offers the least chance of such contact. The heavier the fuels, the bigger your fuel break needs to be.
- Remember, once you commit yourself to the shelter, stay there. No matter how bad it gets inside, it is usually much worse outside. If you panic and leave the shelter, one breath of hot, toxic gases could damage your lungs. Suffocation may follow. Most firefighters were killed as a result of heat-damaged airways and lungs, not by external burns. Protect your airways and lungs at all costs by keeping your face close to the ground and staying in your shelter.

1. ***If your crew becomes entrapped, identify everything you and your crew/team are going to do to survive (start your discussion using pages 28-29 in your IRPG).***
2. ***Activity: Consider having a mock fire shelter deployment exercise in realistic terrain and fuels using practice shelters (no live fire). Assess the exercise using an AAR.***

References: [Your Fire Shelter](#), Missoula Technology and Development Center

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIREs		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		660			0	0	660
Northern California	FIREs	1				7	1	9
	ACRES	20				2	0	22
Southern California	FIREs					15	1	16
	ACRES					8	1	9
Northern Rockies	FIREs	3				1	2	6
	ACRES	0				0	401	401
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs					1	0	1
	ACRES					3	1,605	1,608
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	2				1	0	3
	ACRES	2,478				2	27	2,507
Eastern Area	FIREs					4		4
	ACRES					5		5
Southern Area	FIREs					28	1	29
	ACRES					99	24	123
TOTAL	FIREs	6	1	0	0	59	8	74
	ACRES	2,498	660	0	0	119	2,058	5,335

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	1	37	31	21	292	5	387
	ACRES	43	51,228	39,682	73,415	96,047	0	260,415
Northwest	FIREs	176	213	26	28	797	816	2,056
	ACRES	17,745	1,129,468	1,901	20	46,024	239,524	1,434,682
Northern California	FIREs	106	24	2	12	2,528	556	3,228
	ACRES	196	423,780	0	28,526	33,669	327,672	813,843
Southern California	FIREs	32	159	10	58	2,876	587	3,722
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	1,837	33,794	10,178	78,536
Northern Rockies	FIREs	1,171	209	41	23	654	802	2,900
	ACRES	413,051	329,586	11,267	5,174	184,875	413,573	1,357,526
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	60	825	1	34	795	584	2,299
	ACRES	29,444	785,494	2	2,136	217,375	990,288	2,024,739
Western Great Basin	FIREs	5	637	2	16	193	139	992
	ACRES	1	530,140	0	28	67,926	42,227	640,322
Southwest	FIREs	722	199	12	42	519	1,021	2,515
	ACRES	33,699	5,325	187	4,334	33,752	460,502	537,799
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	1,306	526	35	40	1,614	656	4,177
	ACRES	153,809	52,131	4,113	837	637,298	188,831	1,037,019
Eastern Area	FIREs	732		49	18	8,179	585	9,563
	ACRES	1,893		4,776	402	80,454	12,390	99,915
Southern Area	FIREs	506		79	46	14,926	595	16,152
	ACRES	45,748		34,238	16,752	258,343	80,866	435,947
TOTAL	FIREs	4,817	2,829	288	338	33,373	6,346	47,991
	ACRES	695,672	3,339,828	96,174	133,461	1,689,557	2,766,051	8,720,743

Ten Year Average Fires	61,443
Ten Year Average Acres	6,577,366

*** 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	1						1
	ACRES	100						100
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					19	2	21
	ACRES					170	161	331
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	19	2	22
	ACRES	100	0	0	0	170	161	431

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	62	17			158	245
	ACRES	3,502	5,873	1,335			32,015	42,725
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	6	5	6	159	182
	ACRES		1,521	1,227	946	1,831	4,120	9,645
Northern Rockies	FIREs	19	9	75	3	35	192	333
	ACRES	1,967	4,609	18,436	233	1,811	20,854	47,910
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	18	12	18		133	212
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	320		39,271	54,836
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	29	13	98	21	13	51	225
	ACRES	4,770	1,543	20,827	2,492	1,283	8,662	39,577
Eastern Area	FIREs	37		501	41	881	152	1,612
	ACRES	22,116		79,226	9,054	55,096	57,595	223,087
Southern Area	FIREs	23		146	53	9,070	844	10,136
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	481,487	814,471	1,398,214
TOTAL	FIREs	150	135	887	169	10,053	1,891	13,285
	ACRES	38,460	23,791	209,643	51,085	558,240	1,009,170	1,890,389

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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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