

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Monday August 5, 2013 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (110 new fires)
New large fires:	0 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	24
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	12

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

One MAFFS C-130 aircraft from the 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte (North Carolina Air National Guard), and one from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, Cheyenne (Wyoming Air National Guard), are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Boise, ID.

**Northwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	16
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	13
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

**Douglas Complex** (three fires), Oregon DOF. IMT 2 (Sifford). Seven miles north of Glendale, OR. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures and a communication site threatened.

**Whiskey Complex** (two fires), Umpqua NF. IMT 2 (Williams). Six miles east of Tiller, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with occasional torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Big Windy Complex** (three fires), Grants Pass Unit, Oregon DOF. IMT 1 (Schulte). Twenty-five miles northwest of Grants Pass, OR. Timber and brush. Surface fire with occasional torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Colockum Tarps**, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. IMT 2 (Nickey). Six miles southeast of Malaga, WA. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Labrador**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Fillis). Thirteen miles northwest of Cave Junction, OR. Timber and brush. Creeping. Structures threatened.

**Brimstone**, Grants Pass Unit, Oregon DOF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Thorpe) back to the local unit will occur today. Seven miles northwest of Merlin, OR. Timber. Interior burning. Numerous structures threatened.

**Green Ridge**, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Minton). Fourteen miles northwest of Sisters, OR. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Residences threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Mile Marker 28**, Yakama Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Rabe). Fifteen miles northeast of Goldendale, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Interior burning with isolated torching. Numerous structures and power lines threatened.

**Riverside Block Complex**, Northeast Region, Washington DNR. Five miles southwest of Riverside, WA. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. 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
Douglas Complex	OR	DOF	35,633	1,174	16	UNK	2,652	255	75	89	17	4	15.1M	ST
Whiskey Complex	OR	UPF	6,245	678	25	UNK	982	29	29	37	9	0	6.5M	FS
Big Windy Complex	OR	DOF	7,499	1,348	0	9/1	932	-142	22	31	6	0	3.8M	ST
Colockum Tarps	WA	SES	80,400	0	60	UNK	749	17	20	59	3	5	5.8M	ST
Labrador	OR	RSF	2,020	0	N/A	N/A	372	-88	7	8	5	0	4.2M	FS
Brimstone	OR	DOF	2,372	74	80	8/7	531	-129	20	18	2	0	7M	ST
Green Ridge	OR	DEF	245	95	30	8/7	382	51	10	18	4	0	678K	FS
Mile Marker 28	WA	YAA	27,104	2	91	8/6	615	-182	12	44	1	0	10.4M	BIA
Riverside Block Complex	WA	NES	1,024	-576	90	UNK	172	-25	5	12	1	0	430K	ST

### **Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 16  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Salmon River Complex** (two fires), Klamath NF. IMT 1 (McGowan). Four miles west of Sawyers Bar, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and group tree torching. Structures threatened.

**Butler**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Ten miles east of Somes Bar, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road 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
Salmon River Complex	CA	KNF	3,547	1,543	5	UNK	668	52	22	27	7	0	1.8M	FS
Butler	CA	SRF	1,500	555	3	UNK	636	201	13	35	8	0	1.7M	FS

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

New fires: 22  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 3  
NIMOs committed: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Lodgepole**, Salmon-Challis NF. NIMO (Houseman) and IMT 2 (Whalen). Ten miles west of Challis, ID. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened.

**Packer Creek**, Bridger-Teton NF. Twenty-eight miles north of Pinedale, WY. Timber. Surface fire with short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Ridge**, Boise NF. Fourteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. 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
Lodgepole	ID	SCF	20,325	68	40	UNK	788	1	21	26	10	0	11.9M	FS
Packer Creek	WY	BTF	361	61	5	8/9	196	77	6	11	4	0	1M	FS
Ridge	ID	BOF	5,270	---	48	9/30	129	---	0	0	1	0	6.2M	FS

### **Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 16  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Aspen**, Sierra NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Seven miles northwest of Big Creek, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior. Structures and power lines 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
Aspen	CA	SNF	20,252	1,285	70	8/10	1,828	-68	36	102	12	0	21.5M	FS

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

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

**Moose Meadow**, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). Twenty miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching.

**Gold Pan Complex**, Bitterroot NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Hutton) back to the local unit will occur today. Thirty-five miles southwest of Conner, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with single tree torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Crescendo**, Idaho Panhandle NF. Twenty-two miles south of Avery, ID. Timber and brush. Creeping with isolated torching.

**Emigrant**, Gallatin NF. Nine miles south of Emigrant, MT. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Red Shale**, Lewis & Clark NF. Previously reported incident. Thirty-seven miles west of Choteau, MT. 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
Moose Meadow	MT	BDF	3,500	0	60	9/1	347	-115	10	6	3	0	5M	FS
Gold Pan Complex	MT	BRF	16,342	0	N/A	N/A	456	10	9	12	6	0	2.9M	FS
Crescendo	ID	IPF	910	50	0	UNK	56	-9	0	5	0	0	1.5M	FS
Emigrant	MT	GNF	625	4	5	10/20	45	0	1	4	1	0	1.4M	FS
Red Shale	MT	LCF	10,300	---	N/A	N/A	25	---	0	0	1	0	442K	FS

### **Alaska Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 11

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

**Stuart Creek #2**, Military Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Twenty-five miles east of North Pole AK. Black spruce and grass. Creeping. 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
Stuart Creek #2	AK	MID	86,514	0	71	9/1	125	0	4	5	3	5	20.1M	DOD

**Other Fires**

(As of August 2)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	33	643,622	3	2	2	101
NW	4	54,939	5	11	2	160
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	4	14,622	1	0	1	36
EB	5	12,179	7	0	5	246
WB	1	27,883	1	2	0	37
SW	2	438	1	6	0	59
RM	2	5,043	1	2	1	45
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	1	450	0	4	1	15
Total	52	759,176	19	27	12	699

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Isolated thunderstorms are possible over the high country of the Northwest and northern Rockies. Scattered thunderstorms will form across the southern and central Rockies and the central Plains. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop in the lower Mississippi and the Gulf region. Rain will move through the Upper Midwest. Temperatures will continue warm across the West and South with hot conditions over the southern Plains. Mild conditions will continue across the northeastern quarter of the U.S.

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



"This Day in History" is a brief summary of a powerful learning opportunity. You can use this summary as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, your team and your unit.

## The Mann Gulch Fire - August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1949

**Summary:** Lightning started many fires on the Helena National Forest August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1949 including one near the top of a ridge between Meriwether and Mann Gulches. At 12:55pm August 5<sup>th</sup>, the fire was observed at 6 acres. At 1:30 the call went out for smokejumpers from the Missoula jumpbase. By the time the jump plane flew over at 3pm the fire was 60 acres. The crew jumped and are scattered by a nearby thunder cell.

The crew gathers at the bottom of the gulch up-canyon of the fire. Jumper Foreman goes to scout the fire and meets up with a fire guard working alone near the head of the fire. Observing increased fire activity, the decision is made to start from the toe. While hiking to the toe, the foreman noted that there was fire below them in the gulch and that it had crossed to the other side of the canyon blocking their ability to escape to the river. They reversed direction and headed up toward the NW ridge. The fire is 500 feet behind them crowning in timber and doghair thickets.

The foreman knows that they will not outrun the fire and starts to burn off some grass for a "refuge". He gives the order for his crew to come into the black with him. The foreman stayed in his black and survived the fire passing over. It is not clear how many of the crew heard the orders over the roar of the fire or understood what the foreman was trying to do (burning out was neither taught nor common practice at this time). The crew continued running up the steep slope for the ridge. Two made it to safety in rocks at the top. 5:56pm marks the time on one firefighter's watch that stopped when the 15 Missoula Smokejumpers and one Meriwether Fire Guard were burned over. Only 5 would survive the blow-up. 2 would die from their burns the next day.

**This Day in Wildland Fire History is dedicated to all those at Mann Gulch August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1949.**

Predicted Fire Danger was "low" but readings from a nearby ranger station were RH=22%, fuel sticks = 5%, and wind=16mph indicating more severe fire danger. No weather was recorded at the fire, but steady SW winds were observed at the time of the jump. The Gulch runs SW down to the Missouri River. Also note the thunder cell that was in the area.

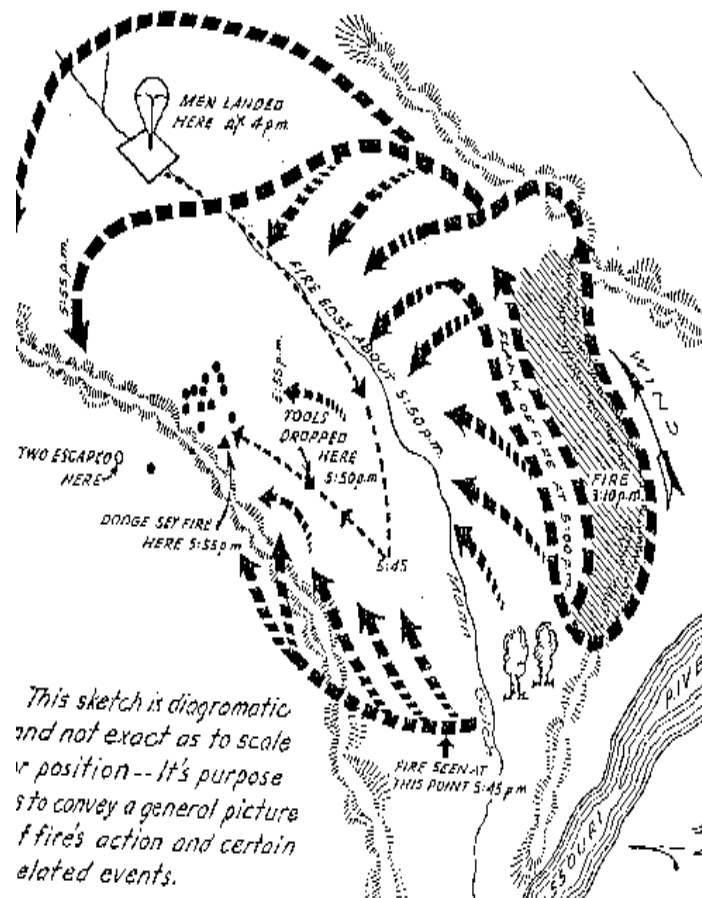
- Open your IRPG to page 1. Based on the above information coupled with the increase in fire size, use the Risk Management Process and the map (right) to discuss some of the actions you will take to ensure crew safety: as the FFT2, squad boss, crew boss, etc.

Based on initial aerial size-up, the strategy was to hold the fire on the ridge by anchoring the head of the fire and flanking down both sides to the toe. The fire was noted as "appearing relatively quiet".

- Discuss other tactics that your crew could use if presented with a similar situation. Look at the different options available at different steps of the initial attack.

Though his ability as a firefighter was well respected by his peers, the Foreman was not known by this young group of smokejumpers.

- When we find ourselves in this position (such as a Crew boss assignment) what can we do to create and encourage crew cohesion?



Resources: [Mann Gulch Fire Fatalities Report](#) [Virtual Staff Ride of Mann Gulch](#)

"This Day in History" is a collaborative project between 6 Minutes for Safety and the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	1	1	0	8		11
	ACRES	0	7,059	15	24,625	1,679		33,378
Northwest	FIRES	3				1	12	16
	ACRES	4				1	5	10
Northern California	FIRES					11	5	16
	ACRES					12	3	15
Southern California	FIRES		1			12	3	16
	ACRES		10			115	1,497	1,622
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	1,672	1,672
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			3	18	22
	ACRES		0			0	181	181
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	2	4			1	0	7
	ACRES	2	3			0	221	226
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		9			1	7	17
	ACRES		61			0	0	61
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	6	18	1	0	38	47	110
	ACRES	6	7,133	15	24,625	1,807	3,579	37,165

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	41	35	28	446	7	559
	ACRES	0	222,048	167,772	126,097	613,247	2	1,129,166
Northwest	FIRES	113	108	31	8	655	455	1,370
	ACRES	52,911	94,664	463	16	6,508	2,643	157,205
Northern California	FIRES	124	22		9	2,202	380	2,737
	ACRES	115	622		4	15,838	8,702	25,281
Southern California	FIRES	23	89	20	31	2,474	334	2,971
	ACRES	87	2,645	487	230	36,208	88,797	128,454
Northern Rockies	FIRES	450	39	4	6	474	280	1,253
	ACRES	7,161	320	1,008	2	3,791	50,998	63,280
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	45	454	1	27	367	284	1,178
	ACRES	305	101,607	0	65	17,771	42,606	162,354
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	236	3	8	59	65	376
	ACRES	24,470	86,104	1	2	7,094	27,888	145,559
Southwest	FIRES	484	162	25	69	495	877	2,112
	ACRES	45,794	6,737	3,313	1,807	57,961	172,146	287,758
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	529	302	13	27	568	348	1,787
	ACRES	712	8,344	501	1,072	37,071	159,945	207,645
Eastern Area	FIRES	322		39	27	4,574	250	5,212
	ACRES	7,193		996	87	33,089	1,096	42,461
Southern Area	FIRES	150		63	17	10,457	330	11,017
	ACRES	11,138		4,296	1,445	88,053	11,070	116,002
TOTAL	FIRES	2,247	1,453	234	257	22,771	3,610	30,572
	ACRES	149,886	523,091	178,837	130,827	916,631	565,893	2,465,165

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>48,136</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,403,329</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		1					1
	ACRES		8					8
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						2	2
	ACRES						3	3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					800		800
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	2	4
	ACRES	0	8	0	0	800	3	811

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	2	13		16
	ACRES			5	22	5,150		5,177
Northwest	FIRES	7	38	9	3		119	176
	ACRES	2,066	9,051	449	67		28,883	40,516
Northern California	FIRES	2	12	16	21		125	176
	ACRES	35	780	15,998	254		5,472	22,539
Southern California	FIRES		5	5	4	5	141	160
	ACRES		38	603	298	165	4,875	5,979
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	13	24	2	94	118	262
	ACRES	1,583	2,904	6,747	156	1,085	6,385	18,860
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	18	1	5	21	50	99
	ACRES	696	1,354	1	693	1,357	14,110	18,211
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	1		12	7	22
	ACRES		24	35		103	300	462
Southwest	FIRES	17	22	5	1		76	121
	ACRES	19,319	11,492	1,372	10		16,410	48,603
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	37	33	10	32	94	218
	ACRES	1,691	3,317	3,956	616	5,090	24,916	39,586
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		243	48	770	153	1,234
	ACRES	23,148		30,818	4,784	31,407	15,158	105,315
Southern Area	FIRES	50		100	11	10,575	887	11,623
	ACRES	14,298		48,028	5,872	568,116	850,596	1,486,910
TOTAL	FIRES	123	147	438	107	11,522	1,770	14,107
	ACRES	62,836	28,960	108,012	12,772	612,473	967,105	1,792,158

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

### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	0	0	724	5,936
Yukon Territory	4	5,454	144	201,475
Alberta	8	1	883	19,891
Northwest Territory	1	0	225	354,941
Saskatchewan	1	100,740	267	234,197
Manitoba	6	3,087	326	580,915
Ontario	2	0	443	41,066
Quebec	1	0	449	1,674,451
Newfoundland	0	0	88	30,366
New Brunswick	0	0	345	868
Nova Scotia	0	0	152	302
Prince Edward Island	0	0	9	55
National Parks	0	0	54	67,224
Total	23	109,283	4,109	3,211,687

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.

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***