

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday July 20, 2013 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (120 new fires)  
 New large fires: 5 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 3  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 17  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 6

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

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

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 19  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Mountain**, San Bernardino NF. Unified command between IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley) and Cal Fire (Patterson). Started on state land 14 miles southwest of Palm Springs, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior with torching. Communities of Idyllwild, Trails End and Pine Cove threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

\* **Rancho**, Kern County. Two miles north of Lebec, CA. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures and power lines threatened. Evacuations and 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
Mountain	CA	BDF	27,179	4,379	15	UNK	3,478	162	68	260	20	23	10.9M	ST
* Rancho	CA	KRN	720	---	56	7/22	502	---	15	37	5	0	150K	CNTY

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

New fires: 13  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

**Pine Creek**, Idaho Department of Lands. IMT 2 (Kidd). Started on Forest Service land seven miles southwest of Idaho City, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Summit**, Idaho Department of Lands. IMT 2 (Dunford). Started on Forest Service land eight miles southwest of Lowman, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and spotting.

**Ridge**, Boise NF. IMT 2 (Wilde). Fourteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting.

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
Pine Creek	ID	IDL	2,469	525	40	UNK	464	36	11	16	5	0	1.6M	FS
Summit	ID	IDL	255	4	20	UNK	254	103	9	5	2	0	400K	FS
Ridge	ID	BOF	1,500	677	0	8/19	313	95	10	0	6	0	616K	FS
Horse Butte 2	ID	TFD	5,681	781	100	---	37	-22	0	7	0	0	60K	BLM
Sinbad	UT	MLF	438	0	100	---	0	-2	0	0	0	0	800K	FS

MLF – Manti-Lasal NF      TFD – Twin Falls District, BLM

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

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

**West Mullan**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Heintz). Four miles west of Superior, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching. Community of Superior and power lines threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Gold Creek**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Benes). Sixteen miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Timber. Interior burning with single tree torching.

**Rough Creek**, Nez Perce NF. Six miles east of Riggins, ID. Timber and grass. Interior burning.

\* **California Point**, Nez Perce NF. Thirty-two miles west of Lowell, ID. Timber. No further information received. 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
West Mullan	MT	LNF	4,550	400	23	UNK	787	215	22	45	7	0	4M	FS
Gold Creek	MT	LNF	170	0	30	UNK	268	25	5	1	4	0	927K	FS
Rough Creek	ID	NPF	2,600	0	95	7/21	166	-28	2	4	2	0	2.1M	FS
* California Point	ID	NPF	150	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	8K	FS

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

New fires: 4  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 5

**Carpenter 1**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. One mile north of Kyle Canyon, NV. Pinyon pine and juniper. Isolated interior torching. Numerous structures threatened.

**Cattle Guard**, Sho-Pai Tribes. Four miles south of Owyhee, NV. Brush and grass. Creeping with interior torching. Road closures in effect.

\* **Smith Ranch**, Northern Region, Nevada DOF. Ten miles northeast of Jiggs, NV. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Wieland**, Elko District, BLM. Eight miles south of Tuscarora, NV. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior.

\* **Salmon**, Elko District, BLM. Thirty miles southeast of Jackpot, NV. Brush and grass. Interior torching.

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
Carpenter 1	NV	HTF	27,881	0	90	8/18	126	-318	3	8	3	6	18.6M	FS
Cattle Guard	NV	DVT	3,860	860	60	7/20	250	173	8	4	2	0	300K	BIA
* Smith Ranch	NV	NNS	3,000	---	5	7/21	187	---	5	13	2	0	75K	ST
Wieland	NV	EKD	2,905	0	80	7/20	167	-48	5	6	0	0	450K	BLM
* Salmon	NV	EKD	361	---	50	7/20	59	---	2	1	1	0	75K	BLM

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

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

**Stuart Creek #2**, Military Zone, Alaska Fire Service. IMT 2 (Kurth). Twenty-five miles east of North Pole, AK. Black spruce and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Moon Lake**, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Twenty miles west of Tok, AK. Black spruce. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

**Tetlin Jct. Ridge**, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Eighteen miles east of Tok, AK. Timber. No further information received. 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
Stuart Creek #2	AK	MID	85,475	0	57	UNK	647	106	44	9	9	5	15.9M	BLM
Moon Lake	AK	TAS	17,949	4	12	8/1	160	-11	7	1	3	0	4.7	ST
Tetlin Jct. Ridge	AK	TAS	6,760	0	30	8/1	6	-19	0	0	0	0	2.2M	ST

### **Northwest Area (PL 2)**

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

**Cuba**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Thirty miles east of Joseph, OR. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching.

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
Cuba	OR	WWF	530	200	50	7/23	72	18	2	0	4	0	500K	FS
Box Springs	OR	ODF	470	0	100	---	138	-188	5	16	0	0	1.7M	ST

ODF – Oregon ODF

### **Southwest Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 14

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 0

\* **Golondrino**, Santa Fe NF. Forty-six miles northwest of Santa Cruz, NM. Timber. Creeping with isolated torching. 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
* Golondrino	NM	SNF	170	---	N/A	N/A	12	---	0	3	0	0	2K	FS

### **Other Fires**

(As of July 19)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	33	491,765	0	0	0	0
NW	4	2,428	2	1	5	84
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	2	21	0	0	0	1
EB	2	5,449	1	0	1	41
WB	2	925	4	5	1	126
SW	1	138,475	0	0	1	15
RM	7	1,680	1	4	3	62
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	2	307	0	1	0	3
Total	53	641,051	8	11	11	332

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue over much of the Four Corners region, with some storms spreading into southern California and southern Nevada. Hot and dry weather will persist over the northern half of the West. Scattered thunderstorms will move through the Plains, the Midwest and New England along a cold front dropping out of Canada. Scattered afternoon thunderstorms will also form in the Southeast.

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



## EXTREME FIRE BEHAVIOR (part 2)

*Weather / Fire Behavior Category*

[Scenario](#) 

Mild, moderate and EXTREME fire behavior has always been present in cases of shelter deployment. It is critical for firefighters to maintain situational awareness of live and dead fuel moisture conditions as well as predicted and current weather conditions. As fire behavior changes, it is critical to respond correctly to the changing situation.

- Discuss how the following factors can contribute or lead to extreme fire behavior:
  - Frost Kill: Has there been a late or unusually extensive freeze? Is the loading of frost-killed fuels high?
  - Drought Conditions: Live Fuel Moistures Index, KBDI, Soil Moisture Index, low humidity, high temperatures
  - Slope: Increases fire spread uphill, preheats fuels by convection, may channel winds
  - Sea Breeze/Foehn: Wind direction may vary throughout the day, humidity changes may occur; strong wind velocities may drive fire behavior to extremes.
- To aid situational awareness, track NFDRS live and dead fuel moisture outputs.
- Take hourly weather observations and track the hourly changes. By tracking fuel moisture and weather observations and using Fire Severity Related to Fuel Moisture Chart, firefighters can be alerted to those conditions that can lead to situations where there is a high potential for extreme fire behavior.

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	0		2		3
	ACRES		0	42		1		43
Northwest	FIRES	2				1	4	7
	ACRES	0				1	0	1
Northern California	FIRES					18	5	23
	ACRES					42	4	46
Southern California	FIRES				2	17		19
	ACRES				1	17		18
Northern Rockies	FIRES					3	5	8
	ACRES					31	560	591
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4		1	3	5	13
	ACRES		2		0	910	1,104	2,016
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		15					15
Southwest	FIRES	5	1				8	14
	ACRES	0	0				1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		6			5		11
	ACRES		2			12		14
Eastern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					30		30
Southern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					10		10
TOTAL	FIRES	7	16	0	3	67	27	120
	ACRES	0	19	42	1	1,054	1,669	2,785

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	32	30	28	382	2	475
	ACRES	0	402,288	175,329	95,087	398,157	0	1,070,861
Northwest	FIRES	88	80	26	6	543	243	986
	ACRES	1,750	50,064	426	0	5,722	390	58,352
Northern California	FIRES	108	17		8	1,912	286	2,331
	ACRES	104	210		4	14,865	5,006	20,189
Southern California	FIRES	20	76	19	15	2,276	255	2,661
	ACRES	47	2,555	486	165	35,606	41,491	80,350
Northern Rockies	FIRES	386	19	4	4	385	211	1,009
	ACRES	5,457	243	1,008	2	3,131	22,004	31,845
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	41	359	1	14	278	194	887
	ACRES	213	66,620	0	7	10,900	12,168	89,908
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	192	3	5	53	45	303
	ACRES	24,470	81,642	1	0	4,346	26,993	137,452
Southwest	FIRES	468	131	25	62	469	750	1,905
	ACRES	45,790	6,725	3,313	1,797	57,353	174,668	289,646
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	403	243	12	26	483	286	1,453
	ACRES	639	4,525	501	1,072	35,622	153,205	195,564
Eastern Area	FIRES	321		35	27	4,464	242	5,089
	ACRES	7,193		994	87	33,010	1,096	42,380
Southern Area	FIRES	150		62	17	8,354	329	8,912
	ACRES	11,138		3,846	1,445	87,612	11,030	115,071
TOTAL	FIRES	1,991	1,149	217	212	19,599	2,843	26,011
	ACRES	96,801	614,872	185,904	99,666	686,324	448,051	2,131,618

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>44,035</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,638,270</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		1					1
	ACRES		10					10
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	10	0	0	0	0	10



### 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	37	9	3		136	192
	ACRES	2,066	9,043	449	67		28,883	40,508
Northern California	FIRES	2	12	16	21		125	176
	ACRES	35	780	15,998	254		5,472	22,539
Southern California	FIRES		4	5	4	3	139	155
	ACRES		37	603	298	153	4,873	5,964
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	11	24	2	94	145	287
	ACRES	1,583	2,742	6,747	156	1,085	9,741	22,054
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	18	1	5	21	43	92
	ACRES	696	1,354	1	693	1,357	10,921	15,022
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	1		12	7	22
	ACRES		24	35		103	300	462
Southwest	FIRES	17	21	5	1		71	115
	ACRES	19,319	11,482	1,372	10		16,858	49,041
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		238	48	719	152	1,177
	ACRES	23,148		30,749	4,784	31,407	15,150	105,238
Southern Area	FIRES	50		99	19	10,413	885	11,466
	ACRES	14,298		47,988	22,022	562,979	849,946	1,497,233
TOTAL	FIRES	123	142	432	115	11,307	1,797	13,916
	ACRES	62,836	28,779	107,903	28,922	607,324	967,060	1,802,824

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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	2	2	446	5,421
Yukon Territory	0	0	128	147,605
Alberta	3	0	826	19,790
Northwest Territory	0	0	210	220,268
Saskatchewan	8	11,362	263	54,353
Manitoba	0	0	267	551,913
Ontario	7	133	408	41,816
Quebec	6	0	421	1,480,385
Newfoundland	0	0	81	30,253
New Brunswick	3	4	341	863
Nova Scotia	2	0	150	302
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	50	62,157
Total	31	11,500	3,591	2,615,125

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