

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday July 25, 2013 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (111 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	21
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	10

\*\* 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.

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	17
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

**Lodgepole**, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Adell). Ten miles west of Challis, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Structures threatened. Area closure and evacuations in effect.

**Thunder City**, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Four miles northeast of Stibnite, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with torching and short-range spotting.

**Ridge**, Boise NF. IMT 2 (Wilde). Fourteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Road closures in effect.

**210 Road**, Sawtooth NF. Four miles south of Stanley, ID. Timber and brush. Smoldering. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Goslin**, Ashley NF. Four miles northeast of Dutch John, UT. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Summit**, Idaho Department of Lands. Started on Forest Service land eight miles southwest of Lowman, ID. Timber. No new information.

**Leggit**, Sawtooth NF. Previously reported incident. Fifteen miles southwest of Smiley Creek, ID. Timber. 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
Lodgepole	ID	SCF	6,300	1,265	0	UNK	560	86	15	21	10	0	2.1M	FS
Thunder City	ID	PAF	494	78	N/A	N/A	297	30	6	0	6	0	1.7M	FS
Ridge	ID	BOF	4,810	195	16	8/19	396	6	11	0	8	0	2.9M	FS
210 Road	ID	STF	230	-40	95	7/25	295	92	8	23	3	0	500K	FS
Goslin	UT	ASF	630	330	40	UNK	88	63	3	1	2	0	145K	FS
Summit	ID	IDL	370	---	93	UNK	132	---	2	2	0	0	1.8M	FS
Leggit	ID	STF	1,050	---	N/A	N/A	75	---	3	0	2	0	275K	FS

### Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 10  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Aspen**, Sierra NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Seven miles northwest of Big Creek, CA. Timber and chaparral. Extreme fire behavior with group torching and spotting. Structures and power lines threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Mountain**, San Bernardino NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley) and Cal Fire (Patterson) back to the local unit will occur today. Started on state land 14 miles southwest of Palm Springs, CA. Timber and chaparral. Creeping and smoldering. Area closures in effect.

**Water**, Kern County. Three miles north of Lebec, CA. Oak, 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
Aspen	CA	SNF	3,500	3,200	0	7/31	438	350	12	25	3	0	1.5M	FS
Mountain	CA	BDF	27,531	199	92	7/26	379	-426	6	6	4	23	24.7M	ST
Water	CA	KRN	612	0	75	UNK	254	-17	14	11	2	0	150K	CNTY

### Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Fairfield**, Shoshone NF. IMT 2 (Del Grosso). Six miles southwest of Lander, WY. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**West Battle Creek**, Medicine Bow NF. Thirty-two miles west of Encampment, WY. Timber. Creeping with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**East Tschuddi**, White River Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (Dallas). IMT is also managing the Citadel fire. Twenty miles northwest of Meeker, CO. Timber and brush. Creeping and smoldering. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Citadel**, White River Field Office, BLM. Forty miles northwest of Meeker, CO. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Creeping and 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
Fairfield	WY	SHF	1,555	-131	47	UNK	229	91	5	12	5	0	1.3M	FS
West Battle Creek	WY	MBF	103	3	10	8/1	63	15	1	5	4	0	NR	FS
East Tschuddi	CO	WRD	627	191	70	UNK	222	54	4	1	2	0	683K	BLM
Citadel	CO	WRD	2,009	111	70	UNK	162	3	6	2	2	0	427K	BLM

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**West Mullan**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Heintz). Four miles west of Superior, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated single tree torching. Road and area closures in effect. Evacuations have been lifted.

**Emigrant**, Gallatin NF. Nine miles south of Emigrant, MT. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior with short runs and group tree torching. Residences threatened. Area and road closures in effect.

**Gold Creek**, Lolo NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Benes) back to the local unit will occur today. Sixteen miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Crescendo**, Idaho Panhandle NF. Twenty-two miles south of Avery, ID. Timber and brush. Creeping 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
West Mullan	MT	LNF	6,300	0	74	7/28	600	-221	13	33	3	0	8M	FS
Emigrant	MT	GNF	450	32	0	10/20	95	41	3	1	2	0	80K	FS
Gold Creek	MT	LNF	170	0	98	7/26	208	-45	3	1	2	0	2.2M	FS
Crescendo	ID	IPF	160	10	0	UNK	93	0	3	3	2	0	845K	FS

### Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 25  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Sunnyside Turnoff**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Watts). Five miles northeast of Warm Springs, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Residences threatened. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Stagecoach**, Prineville District, BLM. Seven miles south of LaPine, OR. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. 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
Sunnyside Turnoff	OR	WSA	45,491	23,171	40	8/1	756	191	18	34	6	0	1.4M	BIA
Stagecoach	OR	PRD	330	0	40	7/26	257	75	8	18	1	0	550K	BLM

#### Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 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 with isolated single tree torching. Area closures in effect.

**Moon Lake**, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Twenty miles west of Tok, AK. Black spruce. 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
Stuart Creek #2	AK	MID	85,475	0	65	8/15	412	-26	13	2	6	5	18.2M	BLM
Moon Lake	AK	TAS	17,949	0	33	12/1	136	12	6	1	2	0	5.1M	ST

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

New fires: 3  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Carpenter 1**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. One mile north of Kyle Canyon, NV. Pinyon pine and juniper. Isolated 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	27,883	0	95	8/18	96	-22	1	1	1	6	19.8M	FS
Smith Ranch	NV	NNS	2,777	0	100	---	283	0	8	13	4	0	550K	ST

NNS – Northern Region, Nevada DOF

#### Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 15  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

\* **Stable**, Santa Fe NF. Four miles northwest of Jemez Springs, NM. 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
* Stable	NM	SNF	132	---	N/A	N/A	15	---	0	2	0	0	8K	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 develop from the Southwest to the Upper Midwest with heavy rain possible in some areas. Isolated thunderstorms will develop over the northern Great Basin, parts of the Northwest and northern California. A cold front will drop and stall over the Gulf States, bringing showers and thunderstorms from the Gulf Coast to the mid-Atlantic.

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



Today's discussion is from

*"This Day in History"*

"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.

## Dutch Creek Incident - July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Incident Summary:** On June 12th, 2008, Andy Palmer graduates from high school. He completes Basic Firefighter training June 24<sup>th</sup> and Wildland Fire Chain Saw training (S-212) June 28<sup>th</sup>. He is hired as a seasonal firefighter on an engine crew June 29<sup>th</sup> and completes his A Faller taskbook on July 4th. July 22, 2008, the engine receives a resource order for the Iron Complex, California. The supervision at the park is motivated to see the engine crew obtain an assignment and call the crew in on their day off. The crew suffers a series of complications enroute to the fire including mechanical problems with the engine that lead to the eventual separation of the crew and engine captain after arriving at the incident. The remaining crew members are encouraged to pursue a line assignment as a falling team. The IMT personnel assign the crew as a falling module. During that assignment the crew cuts a tree that is outside their falling qualifications. A class C ponderosa pine is cut, falling downslope into a fire-damaged sugar pine. A portion of the sugar pine breaks off and falls upslope, hitting firefighter Andy Palmer, resulting in multiple severe injuries...and the loss of a firefighters' life. It was Andy's first fire assignment.

**Zero Hour.** July 25<sup>th</sup>, a radio transmission comes into Iron Complex dispatch: ***"Man Down Man Down. We need help. Medical emergency. Dozer pad. Broken leg. Bleeding. Drop Point 72 and dozer line. Call 911, we need help."***

The local sheriff's office receives a call from incident command and begins inquiring for a helicopter. Two air medical services decline the mission due to poor visibility from smoke, California Highway Patrol's helicopter was not available and the US Coast Guard (USCG) had not yet been contacted.

Other firefighters arrive on scene. Nomex shirts are used as pressure bandages on shoulder and leg injuries. The injured firefighter is reported as having severe bleeding and being conscious. The severity of the injuries and the sense of urgency are not communicated to paramedics dispatched in an ambulance to the incident.

As the medics arrive on scene they realize the injuries are much more serious than they had been told and decide to facilitate a rapid evacuation via carryout.

**Fifty-five minutes since the accident.** The patient is prepared to move and the decision is made to go to the ambulance rather than waiting for the helicopter. The ambulance is approximately 2000 ft down the dozer line.

**One hour and 25 minutes since the accident.**

A third paramedic has arrived on scene and the decision is made to wait for the helicopter. Firefighters start clearing a zone for hoist extraction.

**One hour and 50 minutes since the accident.** Multiple delays of the USCG helicopter are caused due to poor communications of patient status, potential use of a Forest Service helicopter assigned to the fire, and method of extraction. Once the USCG is enroute, communication about the new extraction location, radio frequencies and patient status is an issue and slows the extrication efforts. While being transferred to the hoist basket, personnel on the ground report profuse bleeding. No patient care can be given while being hoisted.

**Two hours and 47 minutes since the accident.** During the flight, cardiac arrest treatment protocol is initiated and the helicopter lands at Redding Municipal Airport with CPR in progress.

**Three hours and 26 minutes since the accident.** An ER Physician pronounced time of death, via radio. The Coroner later determined that Andy Palmer's death was caused by excessive blood loss.

### Lessons Learned Discussion Points

- *Identify and discuss a variety of options for medical evacuation (ATV, wheeled litter, etc.) anticipating that a helicopter will not be available.*
- *If the crewmember sitting beside you were to be seriously injured on the fireline, what would you and your crew do? How thorough is your unit or IMT's Incident Emergency Plan? Consider doing a mock-up medical evacuation from start to finish. Utilize the protocol on The Sticker/page 49 of your IRPG to effectively communicate emergency information. Assess the drill with an AAR.*

Resources: [Factual Report: Dutch Creek Fatality](#)

[Don't have a Sticker yet? Get one by clicking here](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					2		2
Northwest	FIRES	1	1			16	7	25
	ACRES	13	0			11	0	24
Northern California	FIRES	1			1	12	8	22
	ACRES	0			0	52	2	54
Southern California	FIRES		1			7	2	10
	ACRES		0			2	1,500	1,502
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	1				3	7
	ACRES	1	0				831	832
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			8	3	17
	ACRES		1			10	1,984	1,995
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		2				2	4
Southwest	FIRES						15	15
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1			1	1	4
	ACRES	0	384			0	100	484
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					20		20
TOTAL	FIRES	6	11	0	1	52	41	111
	ACRES	14	387	0	0	98	4,420	4,919

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	1	32	32	28	392	2	487
	ACRES	0	402,288	175,329	95,087	602,142	0	1,274,846
Northwest	FIREs	92	83	26	6	539	275	1,021
	ACRES	16,165	50,494	426	0	5,772	903	73,760
Northern California	FIREs	113	19		9	1,991	303	2,435
	ACRES	105	210		4	15,254	5,009	20,582
Southern California	FIREs	21	84	19	24	2,347	312	2,807
	ACRES	47	2,635	486	230	35,742	43,342	82,482
Northern Rockies	FIREs	396	21	4	4	409	233	1,067
	ACRES	5,476	243	1,008	2	3,616	30,933	41,278
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	44	389	1	21	302	234	991
	ACRES	267	76,513	0	61	12,841	29,296	118,978
Western Great Basin	FIREs	5	201	3	8	55	55	327
	ACRES	24,470	84,566	1	2	7,091	27,001	143,131
Southwest	FIREs	469	136	25	65	469	820	1,984
	ACRES	45,790	6,726	3,313	1,807	57,353	171,607	286,596
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	501	256	12	27	507	303	1,606
	ACRES	686	8,018	501	1,072	36,796	155,286	202,359
Eastern Area	FIREs	322		35	27	4,509	246	5,139
	ACRES	7,193		994	87	33,067	1,096	42,437
Southern Area	FIREs	150		62	17	8,385	329	8,943
	ACRES	11,138		3,846	1,445	87,808	11,030	115,267
TOTAL	FIREs	2,114	1,221	219	236	19,905	3,112	26,807
	ACRES	111,337	631,693	185,904	99,797	897,482	475,503	2,401,716

Ten Year Average Fires	45,487
Ten Year Average Acres	3,968,573

**\*\*\* 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					201		201
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	20	0	20
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	201	0	201

### 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		5	5	4	3	141	158
	ACRES		38	603	298	153	4,875	5,967
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	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		72	117
	ACRES	19,319	11,492	1,372	10		16,401	48,594
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	10,492	885	11,545
	ACRES	14,298		47,988	22,022	565,547	849,946	1,499,801
TOTAL	FIRES	123	144	432	115	11,386	1,807	14,007
	ACRES	62,836	28,790	107,903	28,922	609,892	969,794	1,808,137

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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	12	20	483	5,458
Yukon Territory	0	0	130	196,005
Alberta	2	0	844	19,788
Northwest Territory	0	4,810	215	279,523
Saskatchewan	0	0	257	61,340
Manitoba	7	0	284	564,435
Ontario	3	1	428	42,589
Quebec	1	20,357	431	1,652,614
Newfoundland	0	0	82	30,357
New Brunswick	0	1	345	868
Nova Scotia	1	0	152	302
Prince Edward Island	0	0	9	55
National Parks	0	0	51	62,157
Total	26	25,189	3,711	2,915,491

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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