

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, June 27, 2013 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (84 new fires)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	10
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
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.

Four MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs (US Air Force Reserve), and the 146th Airlift Wing, Channel Islands (California Air National Guard) are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Colorado Springs, CO.

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 4)

New fires:	5
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Area Command Team (Loach) is assigned to the West Fork Complex in support of Forest Service Region 2.

West Fork Complex, (three fires), San Juan NF. NIMO (Houseman) and IMT 1 (Blume). Fifteen miles north of Pagosa Springs, CO. Timber. Isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

East Peak, Huerfano County. IMT 2 (Esperance). Ten miles southwest of Walsenburg, CO. Timber and grass. Interior burning. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

East Fork, Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison NF. IMT 2 (Kusicko). Thirty miles southeast of Montrose, CO. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Ox Cart, Rio Grande NF. IMT 2 (Dunford). Nine miles north of Villa Grove, CO. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching and spotting. Area closures in effect.

Brush Creek, Glenwood Springs Field Office, BLM. Ten miles north of Rifle, CO. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

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 Fork Complex	CO	SJF	81,175	1,175	N/A	N/A	1,406	219	27	82	12	0	8.5M	FS
East Peak	CO	HUX	13,472	0	70	7/3	628	-125	13	44	5	14	5M	CNTY
East Fork	CO	GMF	447	0	N/A	N/A	266	-69	5	9	3	0	1.3M	FS
Ox Cart	CO	RGF	1,151	0	N/A	N/A	156	24	6	3	2	0	157K	FS
Brush Creek	CO	GWD	400	0	98	7/15	14	-126	0	2	0	0	1M	BLM

Southwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	12
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Jaroso, Santa Fe NF. IMT 2 (McBratney). Eight miles south of Truchas, NM. Timber. Active fire behavior.

Silver, Gila NF. IMT 2 (Pierson). One mile west of Kingston, NM. Timber. Extreme fire behavior. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Creek, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Forty miles northwest of Safford, AZ. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior.

Doce, Prescott NF. Seven miles northwest of Prescott, AZ. Timber and brush. Interior burning.

Rock Creek, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Philbin) back to the local unit will occur today. Eight miles east of Whiteriver, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

Sycamore, Papago Agency, BIA. Seventeen miles southeast of Sells, AZ. Grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Thompson Ridge, Bernalillo District, New Mexico State Forestry. Ten miles north of Jemez Springs, NM. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Tres Lagunas, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. Fifteen miles north of Pecos, NM. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

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Jaroso	NM	SNF	9,403	1,501	0	UNK	132	42	3	6	3	0	975K	FS
Silver	NM	GNF	92,000	7,000	20	UNK	705	14	14	15	6	0	10.5M	FS
Creek	AZ	SCA	15,163	3,763	N/A	N/A	205	-9	6	8	2	0	1.1M	BIA
Doce	AZ	PNF	6,767	0	90	6/30	141	-87	2	6	3	0	6.5M	FS
Rock Creek	AZ	FTA	795	0	85	6/30	203	-88	2	4	2	0	1.9M	BIA
Sycamore	AZ	PPA	780	0	90	UNK	172	0	6	3	2	0	80K	BIA
Thompson Ridge	NM	N6S	23,965	0	95	UNK	39	-119	1	4	1	0	16.8M	ST
Tres Lagunas	NM	N4S	10,219	0	90	UNK	76	-89	1	4	0	0	12.7M	ST

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires:	21
New large fires:	3
Uncontained large fires:	1

Lime Hills, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Ten miles northwest of Lime Village, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Active fire behavior with spotting. Structures threatened.

Moore Creek, Southwest Forestry, Alaska Fire Service. Previously reported incident. Forty miles southwest of McGrath, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Beaver Log Lakes, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Fifteen miles northeast of Minchumina Lake, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Running, torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

Chisana River, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Started on FWS land seventy-six miles southeast of Tok, AK. Active fire behavior.

* **Moon Lake**, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Seven miles west of Tok, AK. Timber. Backing fire with upslope runs.

Kristin Creek, Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Forty miles southeast of Lime Village, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Dead Fish Lake**, Tanana Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Nineteen miles northeast of Lake Minchumina, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Running, torching and spotting. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Stuart Creek #2**, Upper Yukon Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Twenty-five miles east of North Pole, AK. Timber and grass. Running and torching. Structures threatened. 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
Lime Hills	AK	SWS	265,377	96,328	N/A	N/A	79	-7	3	0	2	0	2.2M	ST
Moore Creek	AK	SWS	159,009	---	N/A	N/A	19	---	1	0	0	2	283K	ST
Beaver Log Lakes	AK	TAD	26,554	0	N/A	N/A	48	7	1	0	2	0	100K	BLM
Chisana River	AK	TAS	44,531	4,006	N/A	N/A	17	-4	0	0	1	0	214K	FWS
* Moon Lake	AK	TAS	3,941	---	0	7/15	9	---	0	2	1	0	100K	ST
Kristin Creek	AK	SWS	20,034	4,900	N/A	N/A	12	0	0	0	0	0	101K	ST
* Dead Fish Lake	AK	TAD	2,020	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
* Stuart Creek #2	AK	UYD	400	---	N/A	N/A	8	---	0	0	0	0	180K	BLM
Marten Creek	AK	UYD	752	0	100	---	0	-16	0	0	0	0	198K	BIA

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	18
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1

Hathaway, San Bernardino NF. Six miles north of Banning, CA. Chaparral and timber. No new information. 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
Hathaway	CA	BDF	3,825	--	95	UNK	36	---	2	0	0	1	12.5M	FS
Carstens	CA	SNF	1,708	0	100	---	112	0	2	0	0	0	9.8M	FS

SNF - Sierra NF

Other Fires

(As of June 21)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	4	31,143	5	0	0	73
NW	1	6,613	2	7	0	65
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	1	30,274	2	0	0	52
NR	0	0	0	0	0	0
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	2	158	0	5	0	2
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	68,188	9	12	0	192

Predictive Services Discussion: Strong high pressure will build over the West. A few showers and thunderstorms will develop over northern Washington and Idaho. Isolated high-based thunderstorms will also develop late in the day over the southern Rockies. Scattered thunderstorms and rain will move from the Mississippi Valley to the East Coast. Temperatures will soar to 100-115 across much of the Southwest while readings will rise into the 90s across much of the remainder of the West. East of the Rockies, temperatures will remain warm over the Plains to mild in the Northeast. In Alaska, hot and dry conditions will continue with only a few thunderstorms across the south.

<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.

LCES – June 1991

"The afternoon of June 26, 1990, as I knelt beside a dead Perryville firefighter, I made a promise to the best of my ability to help end the needless fatalities, and alleviate the near misses, by focusing on training and operations pertinent to these goals." Paul Gleason from ["LCES and Other Thoughts"](#) published June 1991.

(Note: Gleason had used LCES with his crew the Zig Zag IHC for several years but it was the Dude Fire fatalities that became the catalyst for LCES to hit the mainstream.)

"LCES is just a re-focusing on the essential elements of the FIRE ORDERS. The systems view stresses the importance of the components working together. The LCES system is a result of analyzing fatalities and near misses for over 20 years of active fireline suppression duties. I believe that all firefighters should be given an interconnecting view of Lookout(s), Communications(s), Escape routes and Safety zone(s)." Paul Gleason

Gleason cites two types of hazards:

- Subjective hazards are those which one has direct control over (e.g., condition of the equipment, choices and decisions).
- Objective hazards are a natural part of the environment (e.g., lightning, fire-weakened timber, rolling rocks, entrapment). They cannot be eliminated and one must either 1) not go into the environment where they exist or 2) adhere to a procedure where safety from the hazard is assured.

Gleason suggested that LCES is the key to this safe procedure in an environment of hazards and that LCES must be established AND communicated to ALL firefighters BEFORE it is needed.

Lookouts need to be in a position where *both* the objective hazard and the firefighters can be seen. Lookouts must be trained to observe the wildland fire environment and to recognize and anticipate changes in fire behavior. The whole idea is when the objective hazard becomes a danger the Lookout relays the information to the firefighters so they can reposition to the safety zone or safer area.

- What are the objective hazards that a Lookout is looking for?
- What are the tools and skills that a good Lookout should possess?
- Discuss how your crew can utilize a roving Lookout.
- Discuss how each person on your crew/team has a role and responsibility in recognizing and communicating hazards.

Communications is the vehicle which delivers the message to the firefighters, alerting them of the approaching hazard. Communications must be prompt and clear.

- Radios are limited and it is vital to have at least one back up way to quickly Communicate information. Discuss some options that your crew/team can use in this situation.
- Using page ix in your IRPG, discuss the 5 Communication responsibilities every firefighter has. Identify how your crew/team will translate these ideas into action when working in the field.

Escape routes are the paths firefighters take from their current location, in which they are exposed to danger, to an area free from danger. Unlike the other components, there must always be more than one Escape route available to the firefighter. With their effectiveness continually changing, Escape routes are probably the most elusive component of LCES. As the firefighter works along the fire perimeter, fatigue and spatial separation increases the time required to reach the safety zone. On indirect or parallel fireline, situations become compounded. Unless Escape routes have been identified ahead, as well as behind, a firefighter's retreat may not be possible.

- Using your IRPG page 6, discuss qualities of effective Escape routes.

Safety Zones are planned locations where firefighters may find refuge from danger and where no fire shelter is needed. Fireline intensity and Safety zone topography determine its effectiveness.

- **Activity:** Using your IRPG page 7, mark off a Safety zone that would be effective for the area you are currently in or often work in. Being able to see just how big a Safety zone will have to be to become effective can help us chose one quicker in the field.

(FYI: The Safety zone guidelines in the IRPG are for no-wind and no-slope conditions. Make necessary adjustments in size to reflect realistic slope and wind.)

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		2	1	3	15		21
	ACRES		66,793	5,020	15,964	6,105		93,882
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northern California	FIRES	2					3	5
	ACRES	0					0	0
Southern California	FIRES					15	3	18
	ACRES					11	1	12
Northern Rockies	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		11					11
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					6	2	8
	ACRES					4	1	5
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		3					3
Southwest	FIRES	5			3	2	2	12
	ACRES	3,765			6	2	921	4,694
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2	3	5
	ACRES					122	1,175	1,297
Eastern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					13		13
Southern Area	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					5	0	5
TOTAL	FIRES	7	4	1	6	52	14	84
	ACRES	3,765	66,807	5,020	15,970	6,262	2,098	99,922

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	1	30	14	13	267	2	327
	ACRES	0	278,221	35,818	6,280	192,561	0	512,880
Northwest	FIREs	31	43	11	2	404	105	596
	ACRES	544	29,212	341	0	2,919	125	33,141
Northern California	FIREs	79	7		6	1,405	169	1,666
	ACRES	81	78		3	12,243	4,235	16,640
Southern California	FIREs	13	63	19	11	1,796	205	2,107
	ACRES	36	795	486	164	20,545	38,824	60,850
Northern Rockies	FIREs	260	13	4	1	232	91	601
	ACRES	4,895	210	1,008	1	1,631	12,572	20,317
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	19	151		3	151	63	387
	ACRES	113	10,225		4	1,036	1,453	12,831
Western Great Basin	FIREs	4	88	3	3	31	22	151
	ACRES	26	3,936	1	0	19	48	4,030
Southwest	FIREs	356	74	24	37	377	410	1,278
	ACRES	38,520	919	3,313	212	48,661	119,183	210,808
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	245	112	13	20	295	154	839
	ACRES	563	7,757	514	1,111	14,884	80,181	105,010
Eastern Area	FIREs	308		35	26	4,362	227	4,958
	ACRES	7,190		994	87	32,750	1,070	42,091
Southern Area	FIREs	122		37	17	8,088	285	8,549
	ACRES	10,939		3,622	1,445	84,774	10,247	111,027
TOTAL	FIREs	1,438	581	160	139	17,408	1,733	21,459
	ACRES	62,907	331,353	46,097	9,307	412,023	267,938	1,129,625

Ten Year Average Fires	36,232
Ten Year Average Acres	2,054,962

***** 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				1			1
	ACRES				3			3
Southern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			550				550
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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	550	3	0	0	553

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	2	139	154
	ACRES		37	603	298	33	4,873	5,844
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	11	24	2	95	145	288
	ACRES	1,583	2,742	6,747	156	1,091	9,741	22,060
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	20	2	5	21	43	95
	ACRES	696	1,375	2	693	1,357	10,921	15,044
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	1		12	7	22
	ACRES		24	35		103	300	462
Southwest	FIRES	17	17	5	1		71	111
	ACRES	19,319	10,642	1,372	10		16,399	47,742
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	37	30	10	35	94	218
	ACRES	1,691	3,317	3,410	616	5,090	24,916	39,040
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		236	47	689	163	1,155
	ACRES	23,148		30,348	4,744	31,099	32,916	122,255
Southern Area	FIRES	48		88	19	10,142	788	11,085
	ACRES	13,997		45,764	22,022	556,320	858,096	1,496,199
TOTAL	FIRES	121	140	417	114	11,009	1,711	13,512
	ACRES	62,535	27,960	104,733	28,882	600,243	992,517	1,816,870

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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	6	4	297	4,066
Yukon Territory	9	6,070	48	20,330
Alberta	0	0	656	3,447
Northwest Territory	8	0	68	13,583
Saskatchewan	3	31	216	31,061
Manitoba	0	0	169	127,242
Ontario	4	0	253	8,022
Quebec	5	77,271	295	537,582
Newfoundland	1	0	53	7,067
New Brunswick	1	0	311	741
Nova Scotia	0	0	146	302
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	17	24,566
Total	37	83,377	2,529	778,010

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 ****