

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, September 3, 2013 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (90 new fires)
New large fires:	4 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	24
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

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

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

Two MAFFS C-130 aircraft from the 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing (North Carolina Air National Guard) and one from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, (Wyoming Air National Guard) are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of McClellan Air Park, CA. Two MAFFS from the 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing (California Air National Guard) are supporting wildland fire suppression operations out of Channel Islands Air National Guard Station, CA.

**Southern California Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	22
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2

**Rim**, Stanislaus NF. Unified command between IMT 1 (Wilkins and McGowan) and Cal Fire. Two miles northeast of Buck Meadows, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with running surface fire, crowning and spotting. Community of Pinecrest, power lines and Hetch Hetchy watershed threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Fish**, Sequoia NF. Twenty-five miles northeast of Springville, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

**Windy**, Tule River Agency, BIA. Twelve miles east of Springville, CA. Timber and brush. No further information received.

**Windy Peak**, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP. Fourteen miles north of Cedar Grove, CA. Timber and brush. 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
Rim	CA	STF	235,841	11,064	70	9/20	4,330	-276	110	255	14	111	72.3M	FS
Fish	CA	SQF	2,060	0	90	UNK	134	-116	4	0	1	0	4.3M	FS
Windy	CA	TIA	250	0	70	UNK	268	-29	11	8	2	0	150K	BIA
Windy Peak	CA	KNP	681	---	50	10/20	22	---	0	0	2	0	70K	NPS

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

New fires: 14  
New large fires: 4  
Uncontained large fires: 8  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

**Miner Paradise Complex** (three fires), Gallatin NF. IMT 2 (McBratney). Nineteen miles southwest of Livingston, MT. Timber and grass. Backing fire with single tree torching. Residences threatened. Road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Lolo Creek Complex** (two fires), Southwestern Land Office, Montana DNR. Eight miles west of Lolo, MT. Timber and grass. Interior creeping and smoldering. Power lines threatened.

**Rock Creek**, Custer NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Pearson) back to the local unit will occur today. Five miles southwest of Red Lodge, MT. Timber and brush. Smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Gold Pan Complex** (two fires), Bitterroot NF. Thirty-five miles southwest of Conner, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

\* **Beaver Creek**, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. IMT 2 (Hutton). Eighteen miles northwest of Wisdom, MT. Timber. Interior burning with torching with short runs and long-range spotting.

\* **Harry's Flat**, Lolo NF. Fifteen miles east of Stevensville, MT. Timber. Backing fire with occasional torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Mount Two Top**, Gallatin NF. Eight miles southwest of West Yellowstone, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Structures and power lines threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

\* **Mission Falls**, Flathead Agency, BIA. Six miles east of St. Ignatius, MT. Timber. Smoldering with single tree 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
Miner Paradise Complex	MT	GNF	11,897	0	60	10/15	192	23	4	1	4	0	7.9M	FS
Lolo Creek Complex	MT	SWS	10,902	0	95	9/3	247	-216	4	8	3	9	11.8M	ST
Rock Creek	MT	CNF	950	0	90	9/14	99	-36	1	0	1	0	3.6M	FS
Gold Pan Complex	MT	BRF	42,578	259	N/A	N/A	78	1	0	7	2	0	11M	FS
* Beaver Creek	MT	BDF	75	---	0	9/6	45	---	1	0	2	0	175K	FS

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
* Harry's Flat	MT	LNF	210	---	N/A	N/A	76	---	3	1	1	0	85K	FS
* Mount Two Top	MT	GNF	137	---	40	9/15	100	---	4	0	5	0	665K	FS
* Mission Falls	MT	FHA	103	---	N/A	N/A	4	---	0	0	0	0	10K	BIA

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

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

**Kelley**, Sawtooth NF. IMT 2 (Dunford). Seven miles southeast of Featherville, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with group tree torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

**Weiser Complex**, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Whalen). Started on BLM land 20 miles northwest of Midvale, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with occasional torching. Structures and power lines threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Little Queens**, Sawtooth NF. Six miles north of Atlanta, ID. 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
Kelley	ID	STF	15,672	3,782	10	UNK	689	151	21	21	9	0	4.2M	FS
Weiser Complex	ID	PAF	25,439	240	60	9/10	623	61	18	17	7	3	3.5M	BLM
Little Queens	ID	STF	26,500	1,162	N/A	N/A	69	0	1	4	1	1	4.9M	FS

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

New fires: 12  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 7  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Manastash Ridge**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Nickey) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Fourteen miles west of Cle Elum, WA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching.

**Big Windy Complex**, Grants Pass Unit, Oregon DOF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Wilder) back to the local unit will occur today. Twenty-five miles northwest of Grants Pass, OR. Timber and brush. Smoldering. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Vinegar**, Umatilla NF. Twenty-seven miles northeast of John Day, OR. Timber. Interior creeping and smoldering with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Community of Greenhorn threatened.

**Conrad Lake**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Thirty-five miles southwest of Naches, WA. Timber. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Grande Ronde**, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Eight miles south of Anatone, WA. Grass. Minimal fire behavior. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Government Flats Complex**, The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF. Ten miles southwest of The Dalles, OR. Timber and grass. Smoldering. Area closures in effect.

**Middle Fork**, Vale District, BLM. Thirty-seven miles south of Jordan Valley, OR. Juniper, 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
Manastash Ridge	WA	OWF	2,352	0	15	9/30	310	-93	7	0	3	0	5.1M	FS
Big Windy Complex	OR	DOF	24,253	0	87	9/7	290	-142	5	12	2	0	34M	ST
Vinegar	OR	UMF	1,350	17	45	9/30	80	-9	3	0	2	0	7.3M	FS
Conrad Lake	WA	OWF	1,096	---	30	9/30	57	---	1	2	3	0	5.9M	FS
Grande Ronde	WA	SES	1,127	-109	96	UNK	122	-47	2	3	1	0	695K	ST
Government Flats Complex	OR	DOF	11,434	0	90	9/4	292	-7	10	15	2	13	14.7M	ST
Middle Fork	OR	VAD	534	---	90	UNK	122	---	3	14	2	0	250K	BLM

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

New fires:	27
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Corral Complex**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley). Ten miles east of Hoopa, CA. Timber and brush. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

**Forks Complex**, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). One mile east of Sawyers Bar, CA. Timber and brush. Creeping and smoldering. Structures 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
Corral Complex	CA	SRF	11,924	0	49	9/15	1,194	27	21	44	8	0	23.8M	FS
Forks Complex	CA	KNF	35,892	-254	45	9/15	425	-34	11	11	6	0	52M	FS

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 4  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Burroughs**, Shoshone NF. Twelve miles north of Dubois, WY. Timber. Interior torching. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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
Burroughs	WY	SHF	1,794	594	0	UNK	173	-1	5	7	4	0	813K	FS

**Other fires**

(As of August 30)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	9	204,044	3	1	2	133
NW	14	86,473	22	41	6	1,140
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	2	22,888	4	6	0	129
NR	22	22,221	2	0	2	44
EB	10	22,606	2	2	1	42
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	3	919	0	1	0	10
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	60	359,152	33	51	11	1,498

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms will form over the Northwest, northern Rockies and the northern Great Basin. Widely scattered thunderstorms will develop mainly over the higher terrain of central Nevada, southern California, and the Four Corners states. Scattered thunderstorms will form along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts from Louisiana to Maine. Mild to warm temperatures will continue in the Northwest, northern Rockies and northern Great Basin, with very warm conditions in the southwest deserts. The Plains and the Southeast will remain warm to very warm, with mild conditions around the Great Lakes to New England.

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



## UNINFORMED ON STRATEGY, TACTICS OR HAZARDS

*Fireline Safety Category*

Firefighters who are uninformed on strategy, tactics or hazards are in conflict with Watchout Situation #5. Before going to the fireline, it is imperative that firefighters obtain information about strategies, tactics or hazards by asking themselves the following questions:

- Can communications be established to find out strategy, tactics or hazards? Discuss ways you might establish communications; for example, contacting someone who is already on the fire and asking them what tactics and strategies are working or not working, what hazards they have witnessed, etc.
- Can scouting safely identify potential hazards? Talk about different methods of scouting a fire (e.g., using a lookout from your crew or sending a line scout ahead, utilizing air attack or the spotter on a smokejumper airplane). Discuss what types of hazards you might come across and ways you would mitigate them. For example, arriving at a fire after dark and a being instructed to dig line downhill with the fire below. How could you make this a safe situation?
- Have strategies, tactics or hazards changed since last informed? Discuss situations that might alter the way you are fighting a fire (e.g., wind shifts, resources you expected don't arrive, etc.). Also, think about what new hazards can develop while you are on the fireline (e.g., roots burning out and trees coming down, winds shifting direction and speed, etc.)
- Can you get a briefing from your supervisor? Talk about the importance of constant communications and ensuring firefighters are on the same page with strategies and tactics. For example, if one crew decides to do a burnout, but doesn't let the crew at the other end of the line know what they are doing, then what can happen?
- To reduce the risks:
  - Post lookouts.
  - Determine escape routes and establish safety zones.
  - Consider retreating until you are informed.
  - Don't leave a staging area or operational briefing until you have all the pertinent information. Emphasize ways to inform firefighters about strategies, tactics and hazards. Tell a story about when you were uninformed and what you did to correct the situation so that you were safe.
  - Get the national standard Incident Response Pocket Guide standard briefing

**References:**

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)  
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2	1		5	4	12
	ACRES		0	0		10	0	10
Northern California	FIRES					23	4	27
	ACRES					10	0	10
Southern California	FIRES				1	15	6	22
	ACRES				5,592	1	6,092	11,685
Northern Rockies	FIRES					4	10	14
	ACRES					1	447	448
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			3	1	5
	ACRES		0			0	11,084	11,084
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3				2	5
	ACRES		16				1	17
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					0	594	594
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					2		2
TOTAL	FIRES	0	6	1	1	53	29	90
	ACRES	0	16	0	5,592	24	18,218	23,850

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	43	37	28	477	9	596
	ACRES	0	250,617	186,068	177,263	709,617	2	1,323,567
Northwest	FIRES	158	298	51	44	1,000	1,109	2,660
	ACRES	53,490	135,622	779	247	27,163	13,090	230,391
Northern California	FIRES	129	37		21	2,782	742	3,711
	ACRES	126	633		21	31,686	82,649	115,115
Southern California	FIRES	29	125	25	45	2,879	475	3,578
	ACRES	339	2,937	239	66,878	53,628	254,491	378,512
Northern Rockies	FIRES	572	51	6	16	817	938	2,400
	ACRES	7,724	306	1,038	6,301	15,938	131,277	162,584
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	65	681	1	38	593	547	1,925
	ACRES	314	306,473	0	250	40,092	423,693	770,822
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	431	6	9	75	121	651
	ACRES	24,470	106,044	1	3	10,298	46,586	187,402
Southwest	FIRES	514	192	31	85	573	1,077	2,472
	ACRES	47,390	6,824	3,335	1,808	45,317	210,884	315,558
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	603	442	14	30	690	439	2,218
	ACRES	777	8,427	601	1,072	38,683	180,626	230,186
Eastern Area	FIRES	335		39	27	4,875	177	5,453
	ACRES	7,205		996	87	33,369	1,330	42,987
Southern Area	FIRES	158		73	17	8,662	332	9,242
	ACRES	11,349		4,988	1,445	89,119	11,076	117,977
TOTAL	FIRES	2,574	2,300	283	360	23,423	5,966	34,906
	ACRES	153,184	817,883	198,045	255,375	1,094,910	1,355,704	3,875,101

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>55,667</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,139,221</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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					43		43
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	13	0	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	43	0	43

### 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	33	7	3		121	171
	ACRES	2,066	8,857	395	67		28,812	40,197
Northern California	FIRES	2	12	16	21		126	177
	ACRES	35	780	15,998	254		5,472	22,539
Southern California	FIRES		5	5	4	1	141	156
	ACRES		38	603	298	120	4,875	5,934
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	12	24	2	93	149	291
	ACRES	1,583	1,204	6,747	156	1,004	9,742	20,436
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	13	23	5	1		83	125
	ACRES	18,285	11,826	1,372	10		18,388	49,881
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	22		245	52	778	160	1,257
	ACRES	23,169		31,061	4,790	31,535	15,727	106,282
Southern Area	FIRES	52		108	11	10,953	897	12,021
	ACRES	15,130		60,962	5,872	578,696	855,049	1,515,709
TOTAL	FIRES	123	142	446	111	11,903	1,828	14,553
	ACRES	62,655	27,400	121,135	12,778	623,055	977,391	1,824,414

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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	1,655	11,435
Yukon Territory	0	0	174	238,790
Alberta	7	0	1,044	21,842
Northwest Territory	0	0	242	517,277
Saskatchewan	0	0	379	305,906
Manitoba	0	0	420	684,729
Ontario	2	0	546	42,462
Quebec	3	7	483	1,715,372
Newfoundland	0	0	98	30,489
New Brunswick	0	0	352	872
Nova Scotia	0	0	169	303
Prince Edward Island	0	0	9	55
National Parks	0	0	80	77,486
Total	12	7	5,651	3,647,019

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