

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, August 21, 2014 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (105 new fires)
New large fires:	2 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	26
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	11

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

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

One MAFFS C-130 air tanker and support personnel from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing (Wyoming Air National Guard) have been deployed to Boise, ID to support wildland fire suppression operations in the western U.S.

**Northwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	24
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	8
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

**Staley Complex**, Willamette NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Russell) to IMT 2 (Watts) will occur today. Twenty-eight miles south of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Area closure in effect.

**Somers**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Kidd) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Fifteen miles east of Imnaha, OR. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

**Little Bridge Creek**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Lund). IMT is also managing the Upper Falls fire and the Carlton Complex. Ten miles west of Winthrop, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area closure in effect.

**Upper Falls**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Seventeen miles north of Winthrop, WA. Timber, light logging slash and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Area closure in effect.

**Carlton Complex**, Northeast Region, DNR. Started on private land seven miles south of Twisp, WA. Timber, light logging slash, brush and grass. Smoldering with isolated torching.

**Hansel Creek**, Southeast Region, DNR. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Schulte) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. IMT is also managing the Duncan fire and Chiwaukum Complex. Eight miles south of Leavenworth, WA. Timber and grass. Interior creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

**Duncan**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Fifteen miles northwest of Entiat, WA. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

**Chiwaukum Complex** (2 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Nine miles north of Stevens Pass, WA. Timber, light logging slash and brush. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures, railroad and energy infrastructure threatened.

**Snag Canyon**, Southeast Region, DNR. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Turman) back to the local unit will occur 8/23. IMT is also managing the South Cle Elum Ridge fire. Started on private land 12 miles north of Ellensburg, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering. Area closure in effect.

**South Cle Elum Ridge**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Seven miles southwest of Cle Elum, WA. Timber, logging slash and brush. Smoldering. Area closure in effect.

**South Fork Complex**, Prineville District, BLM. IMT 2 (Fillis). Twenty miles southwest of John Day, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering with occasional torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Bald Sisters**, Malheur NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Day) and NIMO (Quesinberry) to IMT 2 (Fillis) will occur today. Twelve miles east of Prairie City, OR. Timber. Smoldering.

**Devil's Elbow Complex**, Colville BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Nickey) back to the local unit will occur today. Thirty miles west of Nespelem, WA. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Haven Lake**, South Puget Sound Region, DNR. Started on private land eight miles west of Skokomish, WA. Timber with heavy logging slash. Smoldering. Structures 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
Staley Complex	OR	WIF	280	5	70	8/22	423	-47	10	14	6	0	6.7M	FS
Somers	OR	WWF	35,933	16	63	UNK	299	-9	4	6	10	1	4.6M	FS
Little Bridge Creek	WA	OWF	4,958	0	N/A	N/A	312	-228	4	7	4	0	11.6M	FS
Upper Falls	WA	OWF	8,120	0	N/A	N/A	201	-3	4	13	0	0	5.6M	FS
Carlton Complex	WA	NES	256,108	0	N/A	N/A	201	-50	0	12	0	471	69.4M	PRI
Hansel Creek	WA	SES	1,073	0	N/A	N/A	51	0	2	1	0	0	3.1M	ST
Duncan	WA	OWF	12,695	0	N/A	N/A	119	-22	2	9	1	0	6.5M	FS
Chiwaukum Complex	WA	OWF	14,201	0	N/A	N/A	274	-25	2	6	2	4	28.7M	FS
Snag Canyon	WA	SES	12,667	0	89	UNK	359	-165	8	18	4	22	13.6M	PRI
South Cle Elum Ridge	WA	OWF	894	0	93	UNK	269	-58	6	16	0	0	5.6M	FS
South Fork Complex	OR	PRD	65,256	24	86	9/1	622	-57	17	22	6	2	14.9M	BLM
Bald Sisters	OR	MAF	1,138	17	0	10/15	218	-102	3	5	1	0	6.3M	FS

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Devil's Elbow Complex	WA	COA	26,428	0	95	9/2	645	-80	19	34	3	2	14.3M	BIA
Haven Lake	WA	SPS	168	0	97	UNK	69	-72	1	0	1	0	1.9M	PRI

#### Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires:	14
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	9
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

**July Complex** (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). IMT is also managing the Log fire. Four miles east of Sawyers Bar, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Log**, Klamath NF. Six miles west of Greenview, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

**Happy Camp Complex** (3 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Wakoski). One mile east of Happy Camp, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with crowning. Numerous structures threatened.

**KNF Beaver**, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Minton). Started on private land 16 miles northwest of Yreka, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Interior burning. Road and area closures in effect.

**Lodge Complex**, Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire. Twelve miles northwest of Laytonville, CA. Timber and chaparral. Interior burning.

**Eiler**, Lassen NF. Four miles southeast of Burney, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road 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
July Complex	CA	KNF	31,945	983	25	8/30	1,661	278	43	113	36	2	24.6M	FS
Log	CA	KNF	3,629	0	95	UNK	171	-12	8	5	0	0	10M	FS
Happy Camp Complex	CA	KNF	9,844	2,314	10	9/8	1,515	272	37	90	8	0	6.2M	FS
KNF Beaver	CA	KNF	32,307	0	93	8/22	717	-97	12	29	2	3	23.6M	PRI
Lodge Complex	CA	MEU	12,535	0	95	8/21	366	-35	8	14	1	0	41M	ST
Eiler	CA	LNF	32,416	0	97	8/24	111	0	2	10	0	21	26.1M	FS

#### Southern California Area (PL 4)

New fires:	17
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2

**Junction**, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Estes). One mile northwest of Oakhurst, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with interior burning. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures have been lifted.

**Way**, Central California District, BLM. IMT 1 (Joseph). Three miles northwest of Wofford Heights, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures have been lifted.

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
Junction	CA	MMU	612	0	65	8/25	1,386	292	37	114	2	47	3.3M	ST
Way	CA	CND	3,858	491	48	UNK	835	-65	20	64	10	8	2.9M	BLM

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires:	21
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

**Johnson Bar**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. IMT 2 (Leach). Twenty miles southeast of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Creeping with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

**Thompson River Complex**, Lolo NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Kusicko) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Six miles northeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Blakslee**, Lewistown Field Office, BLM. Seven miles north of Grass Range, MT. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering. Residence threatened.

**Seepay**, Flathead Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Hutton) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Started on state land 15 miles northeast of Superior, MT. Timber, 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
Johnson Bar	ID	NCF	8,306	456	25	UNK	662	35	16	24	5	0	8M	FS
Thompson River Complex	MT	LNF	1,646	0	60	10/20	199	-13	4	1	3	0	8.1M	FS
Blakslee	MT	LED	1,033	333	75	8/21	49	-28	0	10	1	0	75K	BLM
Seepay	MT	FHA	1,050	---	N/A	N/A	207	---	4	8	4	0	2.1M	ST

### Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires:	12
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	4

**Wigeon**, Sabine NWR, FWS. Eight miles southwest of Hackberry, LA. Grass. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

\* **Mallard**, Sabine NWR, FWS. Fifteen miles southwest of Hackberry, LA. Grass. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

\* **Mottled Duck**, Sabine NWR, FWS. Twenty-four miles southwest of Hackberry, LA. Grass. No further information received.

**Otipoby**, Anadarko Agency, BIA. Six miles southwest of Elgin, OK. Grass. 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
Wigeon	LA	SBR	7,000	0	0	8/27	16	0	0	1	1	0	10K	FWS
* Mallard	LA	SBR	1,070	---	95	8/27	9	---	0	1	1	0	2K	FWS
* Mottled Duck	LA	SBR	760	---	95	UNK	16	---	0	1	1	0	2K	FWS
Otipoby	OK	ANA	357	-43	95	8/21	15	0	1	3	0	0	3K	BIA

### Other Fires

(As of August 15)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	5	5,632	0	0	3	83
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	1	3,593	4	0	0	76
EB	2	614	0	5	2	42
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	4	7,049	0	4	0	13
RM	1	1,529	0	0	0	2
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	1	505	0	0	1	8
Total	14	25,971	4	9	6	224

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A cold front will move into the northern Rockies with much cooler conditions and higher relative humidity for the northwest quarter of the U.S. Locally heavy rain is possible in Montana with this feature. Showers and thunderstorms are also expected along a frontal boundary from the upper Mississippi Valley through the Appalachian Mountains. For the central and southern Plains, hot conditions will continue under a ridge of high pressure aloft.

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



## COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

*Weather / Fire Behavior Category*

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mop-up stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or air tankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and air tankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

### References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide page 5  
[Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIRES	0	2	0	0	18	4	24
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	41	44
Northern California	FIRES	0	1	0	0	13	0	14
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	1	2,394	2,397
Southern California	FIRES	1	3	0	2	9	2	17
	ACRES	0	53	0	6	616	40	715
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1	0	1	4	14	21
	ACRES	236	1	0	0	215	2	454
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	2	0	0	3	5	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	30	0	30
TOTAL	FIRES	4	12	0	4	60	25	105
	ACRES	236	56	0	6	867	2,477	3,642

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	0	52	0	0	292	21	365
	ACRES	0	29,804	0	0	201,234	5	231,043
Northwest	FIREs	298	268	48	50	925	1,179	2,768
	ACRES	71,148	697,117	150	2,934	274,241	113,659	1,159,249
Northern California	FIREs	89	36	6	8	2,416	698	3,253
	ACRES	85	16,102	23	30	80,789	154,911	251,940
Southern California	FIREs	36	64	12	53	2,068	423	2,656
	ACRES	234	2,851	517	218	20,345	24,432	48,597
Northern Rockies	FIREs	601	70	5	9	780	582	2,047
	ACRES	9,816	2,531	1,163	3	81,752	15,030	110,295
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	37	395	1	28	1,121	462	2,044
	ACRES	1,159	60,838	0	204	20,387	14,356	96,944
Western Great Basin	FIREs	9	278	1	16	48	81	433
	ACRES	168	32,439	0	7	1,097	24,227	57,938
Southwest	FIREs	453	156	11	42	571	754	1,987
	ACRES	98,953	1,484	577	7,349	14,290	77,607	200,260
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	444	330	21	17	608	216	1,636
	ACRES	2,322	10,018	1,181	2,505	47,372	2,147	65,545
Eastern Area	FIREs	408	0	47	22	4,751	318	5,546
	ACRES	602	0	1,600	186	33,999	4,890	41,277
Southern Area	FIREs	382	0	83	26	13,791	477	14,759
	ACRES	110,755	0	4,163	282	242,992	34,908	393,100
TOTAL	FIREs	2,757	1,649	235	271	27,371	5,211	37,494
	ACRES	295,242	853,184	9,374	13,718	1,018,498	466,172	2,656,188

Ten Year Average Fires	53,191
Ten Year Average Acres	5,484,351

\*\*\* 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	675	675
TOTAL	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	675	675

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
	ACRES	0	59,591	0	0	0	0	59,591
Northwest	FIREs	12	46	6	3	15	168	250
	ACRES	2,906	11,255	2,937	37	447	20,826	38,408
Northern California	FIREs	2	3	16	9	0	127	157
	ACRES	56	135	7,322	60	0	5,950	13,523
Southern California	FIREs	2	5	3	6	0	71	87
	ACRES	9	277	191	454	0	2,082	3,013
Northern Rockies	FIREs	13	20	43	4	11	115	206
	ACRES	2,553	8,090	9,365	3,253	241	16,145	39,647
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	3	14	5	7	29	62	120
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,003	19,278	26,938
Western Great Basin	FIREs	0	3	1	0	7	3	14
	ACRES	0	716	300	0	147	216	1,379
Southwest	FIREs	6	16	7	1	1	50	81
	ACRES	1,625	16,408	1,959	9	75	19,811	39,887
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	21	35	92	18	67	74	307
	ACRES	1,802	2,731	19,531	4,833	2,344	10,257	41,498
Eastern Area	FIREs	53	0	310	50	1,173	167	1,753
	ACRES	58,417	0	46,808	5,550	71,130	63,942	245,847
Southern Area	FIREs	88	0	180	28	7,721	866	8,883
	ACRES	17,721	0	66,834	31,863	341,084	888,699	1,346,201
TOTAL	FIREs	200	149	663	126	9,024	1,703	11,865
	ACRES	85,444	103,265	157,431	46,115	416,471	1,047,206	1,855,932

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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	23	11,668	1,226	302,055
Yukon Territory	0	0	31	1,208
Alberta	4	4	1,224	21,499
Northwest Territory	0	0	378	3,315,343
Saskatchewan	0	3,572	375	305,669
Manitoba	2	0	217	8,809
Ontario	0	65	284	4,898
Quebec	0	0	253	38,392
Newfoundland	1	0	104	12,673
New Brunswick	0	0	161	103
Nova Scotia	0	0	149	509
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	80	256,613
Total	30	15,309	4,482	4,267,771

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