

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday July 4, 2014 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (194 new fires)
New large fires:	9 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	18
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

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

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

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	32
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Butts, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Smith). Three miles north of Pope Valley, CA. Brush and grass. Extreme fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened.

Modoc July Complex (2 fires), Modoc NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Twenty miles southeast of Newell, CA. Mixed conifer, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting.

Coleman, Northern California District, BLM. IMT 2 (Minton). Twenty-five miles east of Fort Bidwell, CA. Juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and short-range spotting. 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
Butts	CA	LNU	4,300	500	45	7/8	1,715	915	60	124	11	9	1.1M	ST
Modoc July Complex	CA	MDF	1,854	470	20	UNK	429	58	11	18	3	0	NR	FS
Coleman	CA	NOD	7,492	5,492	15	7/9	291	126	8	15	5	0	250K	BLM

Southwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	34
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Diego, Santa Fe NF. IMT 2 (Nieto). Eight miles south of Coyote, NM. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

San Juan, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Reidy). Eighteen miles southeast of Show Low, AZ. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

* **Radio**, Tucson District, Arizona State Forestry Division. Seven miles northwest of Whetstone, AZ. Brush and grass. Running fire.

* **C Bar**, Socorro District, New Mexico State Forestry. Twenty-five miles north of Lordsburg, NM. Grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Oak, Coronado NF. Previously reported incident. Thirty four miles northwest of Wilcox, AZ. Pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Backing and flanking with short uphill runs. Residences threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Diego	NM	SNF	3,600	0	50	7/14	724	11	20	30	5	4	3.1M	FS
San Juan	AZ	FTA	6,975	0	80	7/11	557	-67	11	18	4	0	5.5M	BIA
* Radio	AZ	A3S	1,267	---	0	7/5	117	---	4	5	1	0	87K	ST
* C Bar	NM	N3S	300	---	0	UNK	38	---	2	4	0	0	15K	ST
Oak	AZ	CNF	13,765	---	N/A	N/A	197	---	4	5	6	0	2.5M	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires:	10
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3

Middle Ridge, Ely District, BLM. Includes previously reported Dots fire. Twenty-five miles southeast of Caliente, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and chaparral. Extreme fire behavior with crowning. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Lages, Ely District, BLM. Eighteen miles northeast of Cherry Creek, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Moderate fire behavior.

* **Cottonwood**, Ely District, BLM. Fifteen miles southeast of Pioche, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper and chaparral. Extreme fire behavior. Structures threatened.

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Middle Ridge	NV	ELD	9,100	7,400	5	7/9	213	69	4	3	2	0	100K	BLM
Lages	NV	ELD	3,500	1,500	50	7/6	86	7	2	7	1	0	50K	BLM
* Cottonwood	NV	ELD	1,000	---	0	7/10	47	---	1	5	0	0	20K	BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 24
 New large fires: 4
 Uncontained large fires: 4

* **Greek Peak**, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Twenty miles northwest of St. George, UT. Juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

* **Bull Mountain**, Dixie NF. Thirty miles north of St. George, UT. Juniper and brush. Active fire behavior with short runs and group torching.

* **Gulch**, Arizona Strip Field Office, BLM. Fifteen miles south of St. George, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group torching.

* **King**, Boise District, BLM. Two miles west of Glenn's Ferry, ID. Grass. Running fire.

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
* Greek Peak	UT	CCD	1,000	---	2	UNK	11	---	0	0	0	0	50K	BLM
* Bull Mountain	UT	DIF	435	---	5	7/5	56	---	0	0	2	0	200K	FS
* Gulch	AZ	ASD	340	---	15	7/6	27	---	1	2	1	0	50K	BLM
* King	ID	BOD	504	---	99	UNK	28	---	0	7	0	0	30K	BLM
Malad Tower	ID	TFD	135	-215	100	UNK	29	-30	0	4	0	0	56K	BLM

TFD – Twin Falls District

Southern California Area (PL 2)

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

Ranch, Sequoia NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Five miles southwest of Alta Sierra, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous 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
Ranch	CA	SQF	150	0	0	UNK	677	-20	18	14	9	0	820K	FS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	36
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	1

* **I-82 Manastash**, Southeast Region, DNR. Seven miles southeast of Ellensburg, WA. Brush and grass. Active 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
* I-82 Manastash	WA	SES	4,500	---	0	UNK	92	---	2	4	6	0	100K	ST

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires:	16
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	1

* **Bone Yard**, St. Vincent, NWR. Nine miles southwest of Apalachicola, FL. Southern rough. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. 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
* Bone Yard	FL	SVR	908	---	75	7/6	6	---	0	2	0	0	25K	FWS

Other Fires

(As of July 4)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	0	0	0	0	0	0
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	3	21,745	4	7	6	206
RM	1	528	0	2	1	26
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	22,273	4	9	7	232

Predictive Services Discussion: Expect heavy rain with coastal flooding and strong winds as Hurricane Arthur moves northward from the Mid-Atlantic to the northeast U.S. Numerous showers and thunderstorms will spread northward from the Southwest through the central Rockies, with isolated storms in the northern Plains. Temperatures will remain very warm across the southern half of the country under a broad ridge of high pressure.

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



Almost all firefighters will interact with aircraft on fires...bucket drops, blivets, sling loads of supplies, crew shuttles, reconnaissance, medevac, retardant drops from SEATs and tankers, and air attack. Due to its heavy use for fire logistics and operations, aviation remains one of the highest risk activities that a firefighter will be exposed to. Have we improved? Yes. Are aircraft still crashing? Yes. Are we still killing pilots and firefighters? Yes. Can we do something about it? YES!

Get the right training and maintain currency: Beyond the S-classes and fire aviation qualifications, there are many A-classes offered by IAT (Interagency Aviation Training) that [may or may not be required \(depends on your agency\)](#) and cover content that can be very helpful to someone trying to gain a better understanding of aviation. There are classes on Airspace, Aircraft Radio Use, Automated Flight Following, Water Ditching and much more! Some are taught in the classroom, some by webinar, and some online. [Check it out!](#)

Be as informed as possible: Did you know that a recent [Accident Prevention Bulletin on rotor strikes states](#) the USFS and DOI had over 60 rotor strikes reported in the past 10 years with 7 fatalities from 4 separate accidents? If you work with helicopters wouldn't you be interested in why this was happening and how to prevent it? This [Office of Aviation Services \(OAS\) webpage](#) has a long list of safety-related bulletins. You can also query [SAFECOM](#) to see what is being reported in your area, type of aircraft or mission or an incident that you are going to. Your IRPG's blue pages can be very helpful also.

Learn from the Past: There are many aviation lessons that have been learned from "blood and bent metal" that can help us work with aviation more safely. You can learn about DOI and USFS accidents and near misses from these [annual accident review PowerPoints](#).

Understand the capabilities and limitations of each air resource: For example...should you consider Air Attack an aerial lookout? Why do you want to clear firefighters off the line for a retardant drop? What is the best way to describe a target to an aerial resource? Find out these answers and a lot more with this [WFSTAR video from the 2009 fire refresher](#).

Limit exposure: Limit the amount of time that a helicopter has to hover and the amount of time you are in, under and around them. [This WFSTAR video from the 2010 fire refresher](#) talks in depth about how to limit your exposure and reduce the risk of working with and around aircraft on fires. Limiting exposure also means asking yourself "is this flight necessary?" and "is there a better way to do it?"

Communicate: Ground crews must assess hazards at the helispot/drop zone and communicate potential hazards to the flight crew/pilot. It is easy to trust the people that work around aviation all the time, but trust your gut feeling also. If it looks wrong or feels wrong it might very well BE wrong. Say something! "Communicate" also means that **If you don't know, ask.**

Don't settle for "well we've always done it this way." For example...Just this year, the way some SEATs (single engine air tankers) track flight time was changed. Before, pilots would call roll time which violated sterile cock pit. Now flight time is measured block to block.

Discussion Question: What would YOU add to this list? Tell us on Facebook.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIREs	1	10	0	0	4	21	36
	ACRES	6	765	0	0	0	3	774
Northern California	FIREs	1	0	0	0	18	13	32
	ACRES	0	3,500	0	0	9	605	4,114
Southern California	FIREs	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIREs	4	0	0	0	1	5	10
	ACRES	20	0	0	0	0	1	21
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	11	0	1	9	2	24
	ACRES	0	1,078	0	0	5	161	1,244
Western Great Basin	FIREs	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
	ACRES	0	8,660	0	0	0	0	8,660
Southwest	FIREs	6	1	0	0	10	17	34
	ACRES	8	0	0	0	1,477	61	1,546
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	0	1	0	2	4	4	11
	ACRES	0	4	0	0	2	0	6
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	15	1	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	61	1	62
TOTAL	FIREs	13	35	0	3	78	65	194
	ACRES	34	14,007	0	0	1,559	832	16,432

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	18	0	0	249	12	279
	ACRES	0	23,908	0	0	200,902	5	224,815
Northwest	FIRES	52	60	28	4	253	174	571
	ACRES	3,051	3,967	27	0	20,541	562	28,148
Northern California	FIRES	40	3	3	2	1,497	224	1,769
	ACRES	21	4,534	23	30	5,413	2,177	12,198
Southern California	FIRES	23	39	10	10	1,482	231	1,795
	ACRES	229	1,355	511	8	18,206	6,659	26,968
Northern Rockies	FIRES	353	20	2	0	194	80	649
	ACRES	2,996	1,235	10	0	2,975	118	7,334
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	18	132	0	9	233	88	480
	ACRES	922	9,179	0	120	1,134	1,379	12,734
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	93	1	10	23	22	151
	ACRES	18	13,622	0	2	68	743	14,453
Southwest	FIRES	377	99	11	21	490	354	1,352
	ACRES	112,723	1,344	577	6,165	14,235	40,155	175,199
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	228	82	20	7	392	76	805
	ACRES	1,956	703	1,181	2,096	33,764	43	39,743
Eastern Area	FIRES	408	0	39	23	4,457	283	5,210
	ACRES	602	0	1,486	206	33,127	4,881	40,302
Southern Area	FIRES	372	0	64	26	12,918	454	13,834
	ACRES	110,701	0	3,397	282	196,429	33,668	344,477
TOTAL	FIRES	1,873	546	178	112	22,188	1,998	26,895
	ACRES	233,219	59,847	7,212	8,909	526,794	90,390	926,371

Ten Year Average Fires	38,895
Ten Year Average Acres	2,575,842

*** 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	45	0	0	0	0	45
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	20	0	0	0	0	0	20
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	250	0	0	0	250
TOTAL	FIREs	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	20	45	250	0	0	0	315

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	7	46	5	3	0	162	223
	ACRES	1,166	11,255	2,930	37	0	20,825	36,213
Northern California	FIREs	1	3	15	9	0	127	155
	ACRES	1	135	7,316	60	0	5,950	13,462
Southern California	FIREs	2	5	3	6	0	71	87
	ACRES	9	277	191	454	0	2,082	3,013
Northern Rockies	FIREs	10	20	43	4	11	114	202
	ACRES	792	8,090	9,365	3,253	241	16,120	37,861
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	3	14	5	7	30	62	121
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,006	19,277	26,940
Western Great Basin	FIREs	0	3	1	0	7	3	14
	ACRES	0	716	300	0	147	216	1,379
Southwest	FIREs	3	16	7	0	1	43	70
	ACRES	1,600	16,248	1,959	0	75	17,194	37,076
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	21	35	95	18	65	73	307
	ACRES	1,761	2,731	19,679	4,833	2,338	10,256	41,598
Eastern Area	FIREs	53	0	298	41	1,166	162	1,720
	ACRES	58,417	0	45,911	5,537	70,781	63,580	244,226
Southern Area	FIREs	86	0	168	26	7,354	858	8,492
	ACRES	17,638	0	64,275	24,863	338,071	885,245	1,330,092
TOTAL	FIREs	186	149	640	114	8,634	1,675	11,398
	ACRES	81,739	103,105	154,110	39,093	412,659	1,040,745	1,831,451

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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	34	55	367	5,657
Yukon Territory	1	0	20	464
Alberta	6	30	725	1,864
Northwest Territory	13	19,473	130	319,906
Saskatchewan	2	787	184	22,242
Manitoba	0	0	94	1,407
Ontario	1	0	131	3,240
Quebec	2	0	141	34,059
Newfoundland	2	0	46	533
New Brunswick	2	0	141	99
Nova Scotia	0	0	133	422
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	50	28	77,960
Total	64	20,395	2,140	467,852

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 change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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