

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday July 17, 2014 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (121 new fires)
New large fires:	5(*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	33
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	11

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

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

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	18
New large fires:	3
Uncontained large fires:	21
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	10

Waterman Complex, John Day Unit, Oregon DOF. IMT 2 (D. Johnson) Twenty miles northeast of Mitchell, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group torching, crown runs and long-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Area and road closures in effect.

Shaniko Butte, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Williams). Fifteen miles north of Warm Springs, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Extreme fire behavior with torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Buzzard, Burns District, BLM. IMT 2 (Watts). Thirteen miles northwest of Riverside, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. No new information.

Mills Canyon, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. IMT 1 (Lewis). IMT is also managing the Chiwaukum Creek fire. Two miles southwest of Entiat, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Chiwaukum Creek, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Nine miles northwest of Leavenworth, WA. Timber. Crowning and long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Bridge 99 Complex, Deschutes NF. IMT 2 (Fillis). Twenty miles north of Sisters, OR. Mixed conifer, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Pittsburg, Wallowa-Whitman NF. IMT 2 (B. Johnson). Twenty-one miles southwest of Grangeville, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

* **Bingham Complex**, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Nickey). Includes previously reported Bingham Ridge fire. Five miles east of Marion Forks, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

Sunflower, Umatilla NF. IMT 2 (Wilde). Ten miles north of Monument, OR. Timber. Running fire with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

Pine Creek, Prineville District, BLM. IMT 2 (Fry). Eleven miles south of Fossil, OR. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

Moccasin Hill, Klamath Unit, Oregon DOF. IMT 2 (Cline). Four miles north of Sprague River, OR. Timber and brush. Interior burning with occasional torching.

White River, The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF. IMT 2 (Buckman). Fifteen miles west of Maupin, OR. Timber. Smoldering with occasional interior torching. Structures threatened.

* **Logging Unit**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 1 (Schulte). Twenty-six miles northwest of Warm Springs, OR. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with long-range spotting.

* **R Road**, Spokane District, BLM. Ten miles east of Mansfield, WA. Brush and grass. Running and short-range spotting.

Lamb Ranch, Burns District, BLM. Fifteen miles northwest of Riverside, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. No new information.

Beaver Creek, Burns District, BLM. Twelve miles south of Crane, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. No new information.

Twin Reservoir, Burns District, BLM. Seven miles north of Princeton, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. No new information.

Saddle Draw, Vale District, BLM. Nineteen miles southeast of Crane, OR. Grass. No new information.

Gumboot, Burns District, BLM. Four miles north of Riley, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with interior torching.

290 RN Jack Knife, Prineville District, BLM. Eight miles southeast of Grass Valley, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Hurricane Creek, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Four miles southwest of Joseph, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with spotting. 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
Waterman Complex	OR	952S	4,319	1,959	28	UNK	419	119	14	15	1	0	1.2M	ST
Shaniko Butte	OR	WSA	20,000	10,000	0	UNK	229	169	6	16	0	1	500K	BIA
Buzzard	OR	BUD	15,000	---	25	7/18	226	---	8	11	1	1	800K	BLM
Mills Canyon	WA	SES	22,571	0	40	UNK	493	-480	11	37	0	3	7.8M	ST
Chiwaukum Creek	WA	OWF	449	-51	0	UNK	312	201	10	25	0	0	100K	FS
Bridge 99 Complex	OR	DEF	1,160	860	5	UNK	219	45	5	10	0	0	200K	FS
Pittsburg	OR	WWF	7,500	1,100	5	UNK	191	139	5	5	0	0	250K	FS
* Bingham Complex	OR	WIF	477	---	N/A	N/A	158	---	5	1	6	0	300K	FS
Sunflower	OR	UMF	1,200	800	15	7/20	82	60	2	12	0	0	100K	FS
Pine Creek	OR	PRD	10,000	8,000	0	UNK	76	---	13	8	3	0	150K	BLM
Moccasin Hill	OR	981S	2,535	0	55	7/19	662	86	19	33	10	35	2.4M	ST
White River	OR	954S	652	0	95	7/17	458	0	15	8	6	0	1.8M	ST
* Logging Unit	OR	WSA	600	---	0	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	14K	BIA
* R Road	WA	SPD	4,250	---	25	UNK	20	---	0	3	0	0	10K	BLM
Lamb Ranch	OR	BUD	2,500	---	60	7/17	57	2	2	5	0	0	450K	BLM
Beaver Creek	OR	BUD	8,400	---	23	7/17	145	---	5	11	0	1	600K	BLM
Twin Reservoir	OR	BUD	5,200	---	30	7/17	106	---	5	10	1	0	750K	BLM
Saddle Draw	OR	VAD	27,000	---	10	7/18	99	---	0	26	1	1	250K	BLM
Gumboot	OR	BUD	4,420	2,820	90	7/18	109	-117	3	8	0	0	600K	BLM
290 RN Jack Knife	OR	PRD	6,430	300	12	UNK	131	25	4	11	2	3	250K	BLM
Hurricane Creek	OR	WWF	120	0	0	7/23	96	15	2	0	2	0	255K	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 27
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 6
Type 1 IMTs committed 1

Whiskey Complex (3 fires), Boise NF. IMT 1 (Harvey). Four miles southeast of Garden Valley, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Preacher, Twin Falls District, BLM. Ten miles northeast of Richfield, ID. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Road closures in effect.

* **Cambridge**, Bannock County. Four miles northeast of Downey, ID. Juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with spotting and torching.

Blue Jay, Boise NF. Eighteen miles southwest of Stanley, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. 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
Whiskey Complex	ID	BOF	4,554	2,952	3	7/30	302	196	7	1	5	0	571K	FS
Preacher	ID	TFD	33,867	2,783	60	7/17	77	-27	0	12	1	1	500K	BLM
* Cambridge	ID	1BN	325	---	0	UNK	51	---	1	8	0	0	60K	CNTY
Blue Jay	ID	BOF	30	-70	50	UNK	67	40	3	0	0	0	27K	FS

Northern California Area (PL 2)

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

Bully, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Estes). Twenty-one miles southwest of Redding, CA. Mixed conifer, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect. Evacuations 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
Bully	CA	SHU	10,200	2,100	40	7/23	2,381	181	70	126	13	18	9.4M	ST

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed 1

Nicolls, Sequoia NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Cooper) back to the local unit will occur today. Twenty-six miles west of Ridgecrest, CA. Timber, juniper and brush. 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
Nicolls	CA	SQF	1,680	0	95	7/20	219	-293	0	0	11	0	6.5M	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Evans**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Twenty miles northwest of Reno, NV. Brush. 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
* Evans	NV	HTF	700	---	20	7/19	164	---	5	6	3	0	250K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

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

WF Unit 7 2014, McFaddin NWR, FWS. Ten miles west of Sabine Pass, TX. Brush and grass. No new information.

WF Middleton 2014, Anahuac NWR, FWS. Eighteen miles southeast of Winnie, TX. Brush and grass. No new information.

Southside MM, Florida Forest Service. Twenty-four miles west of Weston, FL. Grass. No further information received.

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
WF Unit 7 2014	TX	MCR	4,100	---	95	UNK	3	---	0	0	1	0	30K	FWS
WF Middleton 2014	TX	AHR	2,000	---	90	UNK	17	---	0	3	1	0	3K	FWS
Southside MM	FL	FLS	1,000	350	90	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Other Fires

(As of July 11)

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	2	19,188	1	1	1	35
RM	2	978	4	13	3	147
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	1	3,500	0	0	1	3
Total	5	23,666	5	14	5	185

Predictive Services Discussion: Locally breezy and dry conditions are expected in the Pacific Northwest today, especially east of the Cascade Mountains. Scattered wet thunderstorms will develop this afternoon in the southwest U.S and central Rockies, along with isolated storms in northern California, Nevada, central Idaho, and Montana. The southern Plains will also see storms that will be very wet. Dry and cooler weather will prevail over the eastern U.S. today.

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



This Day in History is a brief summary of a powerful learning opportunity and is not intended to second guess or be judgmental of decisions and actions. Put yourself in the following situation as if you do not know what the outcome will be. What are the conditions? What are you thinking? What are YOU doing?

Battlement Creek Fire, Colorado – July 17th, 1976

It's 1976 and western Colorado is experiencing an unusually severe fire season caused partly by unusual fuel conditions and heavy lightning activity during dry weather. A severe frost in June kills a high percentage of the leaves on Gambel oak which remain on the branches and is considered one of Colorado's most flammable fuels. 10 hour fuels are at 3-5%. A large scale high pressure weather pattern sits over western Colorado allowing for local weather to be influenced by terrain and diurnal winds averaging 10-15 mph in the afternoon with higher gusts. The weather is fair and hot with the temperatures at Grand Junction and Rifle reaching into the mid and upper 90's. A fire is reported 40 miles northeast of Grand Junction, in the Battlement Creek drainage. The fire is burning over an elevation range of 6200-8400 ft on a steep west-facing slope.

Friday July 16, 0630, two hotshot crews from the Coconino NF Arizona arrive at the Battlement Creek fire. This is the seventeenth fire of the first season for the newly formed Mormon Lake Hotshot Crew. The strategy is to prevent western and southern spread. The crews begin a major burnout of the catline (dozer line) from the rocky bluffs (Point A) at about 1615, downhill along the catline toward the Battlement Creek road at the bottom (Point C) ending about 2030. The fire makes an uphill run in oak brush burning out a large portion of the drainage (from the road east to the ridge top) in about 20 minutes. Two "impressive" fire whirls are observed between 1600-1700. The night shift continues the burn out (Point C-D and beyond along the road) but is spotty with considerable unburned fuel remaining. Other night shift crews construct line along the ridge top (Point E to G). Based on Friday's fire behavior, the E-G line is a crucial spot on the fire. Saturday July 17th, 0700, at morning briefing the Mormon Lake crew is assigned to burn out this section of line.

Saturday morning, July 17th - Due to a delay with the helicopter, the Mormon Lake crew does not get to the base of the rock bluff (Point E) until 1100. They are instructed to improve and burn out the line from the rocky bluff to the helispot (Point E-G). The burnout squad consisted of the crew boss, squad boss and 2 crewmembers. The rest of the crew is improving the handline down the ridge top.

At this same time another crew is burning out in the bottom of the draw (Point C-D). The draw burns readily, uphill toward the ridge and the Mormon Lake crew. Neither crew knew of the specific location or assignment of the other.

1400 - 1/3 the way from the rock bluff to the upper helispot, there is a noticeable increase in smoke from the draw below (where the other crew had been burning). The crew boss is instructed to speed up the line improvement squad on toward the safety zone (Point G) and to narrow down and speed up his burnout on down the ridgeline to join the remainder of the crew in the safety zone when his burnout was done. Upslope winds have increased to 25-35 mph.

1425-1440 – The line improvement squad just makes it into the safety zone when the flame front hits the ridge. 200 yards back, the burnout squad radios that they are "trapped". Their escape is blocked by heavy smoke and flames.

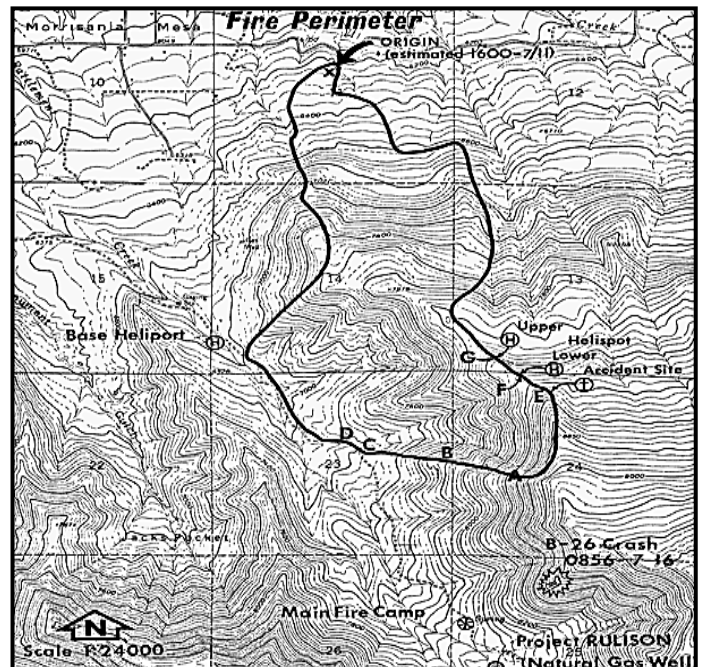
1440 – 1445 – The squad removes their canvas vests to cover their head and face, moistened the vests and their clothes with water from their canteens, and lays face down in the mineral soil of the fireline.

**1448 – All four firefighters are very badly burned.
Three will lose their lives**

Discussion Points

The crew all wore aluminum hardhats, canvas vests, Nomex shirts and non-fire-resistant work pants. Fire shelters were not used. Fire shelters may have prevented serious burns and death at this incident. Policy on issuing and carrying shelters had not been established yet. This incident became the catalyst for the mandatory use of fire shelters and fire resistant clothing.

● **Action Item:** Take this opportunity to inspect, repair or replace your PPE and fire shelter if needed to ensure that it protects you as well as possible.



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	2	1	1	0	3	11	18
	ACRES	6	100	0	0	2,001	835	2,942
Northern California	FIRES	4	0	0	0	16	5	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2,666	0	2,666
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	4	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	12	0	1	10	4	27
	ACRES	0	2,819	0	1	329	1	3,150
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	10	0	2	0	1	13
	ACRES	0	79	0	0	0	130	209
Southwest	FIRES	1	2	0	0	0	6	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	6	0	0	1	1	9
	ACRES	0	4	0	0	1	0	5
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
TOTAL	FIRES	8	31	2	3	37	40	121
	ACRES	6	3,002	1	1	5,007	983	9,000

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	34	0	0	266	13	313
	ACRES	0	25,842	0	0	201,226	5	227,073
Northwest	FIRES	158	94	39	13	403	386	1,093
	ACRES	3,777	38,528	40	10	33,268	3,970	79,593
Northern California	FIRES	52	7	4	3	1,770	292	2,128
	ACRES	31	15,034	23	30	25,261	4,973	45,352
Southern California	FIRES	28	45	10	12	1,711	273	2,079
	ACRES	231	1,448	511	9	18,787	8,124	29,110
Northern Rockies	FIRES	432	22	4	0	307	135	900
	ACRES	3,077	1,255	227	0	3,495	216	8,270
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	27	228	0	16	338	173	782
	ACRES	1,069	54,518	0	124	3,865	3,556	63,132
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	159	1	15	33	35	247
	ACRES	18	28,903	0	2	70	1,076	30,069
Southwest	FIRES	401	125	11	31	539	534	1,641
	ACRES	112,732	1,361	577	6,167	14,422	42,910	178,169
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	341	186	20	12	465	130	1,154
	ACRES	1,982	966	1,181	2,096	33,851	508	40,584
Eastern Area	FIRES	408	0	44	22	4,572	291	5,337
	ACRES	602	0	1,488	186	33,325	4,882	40,483
Southern Area	FIRES	374	0	65	26	13,354	465	14,284
	ACRES	110,703	0	3,402	282	240,272	34,671	389,330
TOTAL	FIRES	2,225	900	198	150	23,758	2,727	29,958
	ACRES	234,222	167,855	7,449	8,906	607,842	104,891	1,131,165

Ten Year Average Fires	42,719
Ten Year Average Acres	3,441,173

*** 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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	481	481
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	3	0	0	481	484

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	6	3	1	162	225
	ACRES	1,166	11,255	2,937	37	1	20,825	36,221
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	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	58	117
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,006	18,576	26,239
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	46	73
	ACRES	1,600	16,408	1,959	0	75	18,333	38,375
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	21	35	95	18	66	73	308
	ACRES	1,762	2,731	19,679	4,833	2,339	10,256	41,600
Eastern Area	FIRES	53	0	303	41	1,167	162	1,726
	ACRES	58,417	0	45,919	5,537	70,782	63,580	244,235
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	170	26	7,424	863	8,571
	ACRES	17,721	0	66,776	24,863	338,542	887,280	1,335,182
TOTAL	FIRES	189	149	649	114	8,707	1,679	11,487
	ACRES	81,878	103,265	156,632	39,093	413,133	1,043,218	1,837,219

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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	41	6,625	569	53,003
Yukon Territory	0	0	23	548
Alberta	13	1,214	840	14,277
Northwest Territory	19	3,158	205	855,597
Saskatchewan	7	4,749	229	119,299
Manitoba	2	0	103	1,414
Ontario	0	0	155	4,257
Quebec	1	0	167	35,752
Newfoundland	2	0	57	1,934
New Brunswick	0	0	146	100
Nova Scotia	1	0	139	429
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	0	43	95,689
Total	88	15,747	2,676	1,182,300

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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