

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, July 31, 2014 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (209 new fires)
New large fires:	6 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	27
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8

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

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

On July 29 a firefighter was fatally injured while assigned to the Launch fire on the Fremont-Winema National Forest in Oregon. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

Two MAFFS C-130 air tankers 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 5)**

New fires:	50
New large fires:	4
Uncontained large fires:	16
Type 1 IMTs committed	4
Type 2 IMTs committed	5

\* **Launch**, Fremont-Winema NF. IMT 2 (Fillis). Twenty-nine miles northwest of Klamath Falls, OR. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Area closure in effect.

\* **Haystack Complex**, John Day Unit, Oregon DOF. IMT 2 (Buckman). Four miles northeast of Spray, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

\* **Snipton**, Prineville District, BLM. Seven miles west of Condon, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

\* **Salt Creek**, Medford Unit, Oregon DOF. Twenty miles northwest of Medford, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with torching and spotting.

**Chiwaukum Complex**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Dueitt). Nine miles northwest of Leavenworth, WA. Timber, heavy logging slash and brush. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

**Carlton Complex**, Northeast Region, DNR. IMT 1 (Opliger), IMT 1 (Blume), and IMT 2 (Allbee). Started on private land seven miles south of Twisp, WA. Timber, light logging slash and brush. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

**Logging Unit Complex (5 fires)**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Schulte) to IMT 2 (Williams) will occur today. Twenty-five miles northwest of Warm Springs, OR. Timber, medium logging slash and brush. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Lone Mountain 1**, North Cascades NP. IMT 2 (Hutton). Three miles northeast of Stehekin, WA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with torching, short crown runs and short-range spotting. Area closure in effect.

**Kitten Complex (4 fires)**, Vale District, BLM. Twelve miles south of Ironside, OR. Minimal fire behavior.

**Ochoco Complex**, Ochoco NF. Twenty-eight miles east of Prineville, OR. Timber. Smoldering. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

**Reeves Creek**, Grants Pass Unit, Oregon DOF. Five miles north of Cave Junction, OR. Timber. Smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**China Cap**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Twenty-five miles east of La Grande, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with group torching. 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
* Launch	OR	FWF	75	---	0	UNK	111	---	4	1	4	0	300K	FS
* Haystack Complex	OR	952S	1,736	---	NR	8/3	280	---	11	13	3	0	300K	ST
* Sniption	OR	PRD	12,000	---	5	UNK	27	---	1	2	0	0	200K	BLM
* Salt Creek	OR	711S	100	---	0	UNK	81	---	3	4	0	0	140K	ST
Chiwaukum Complex	WA	OWF	13,395	275	N/A	N/A	1,171	-62	24	63	9	5	17.7M	FS
Carlton Complex	WA	NES	251,698	673	71	8/15	3,116	12	82	171	22	450	39.6M	ST
Logging Unit Complex	OR	WSA	10,447	0	80	8/1	891	-54	25	34	3	0	13.8M	BIA
Lone Mountain 1	WA	NCP	1,725	20	N/A	N/A	117	0	3	0	2	0	1.3M	NPS
Kitten Complex	OR	VAD	22,700	0	90	8/6	206	-182	2	13	2	0	4.8M	BLM
Ochoco Complex	OR	OCF	10,004	0	94	UNK	326	-61	8	7	1	0	4M	FS
Reeves Creek	OR	712	204	-26	50	8/15	325	0	12	8	7	0	903K	ST
China Cap	OR	WWF	195	-105	N/A	N/A	14	-7	0	0	1	0	150K	FS

### Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	23
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed	1
Type 2 IMTs committed	1

**El Portal**, Yosemite NP. IMT 1 (Joseph). IMT is also managing the Dark Hole fire. One mile east of El Portal, CA. Oak, chaparral and grass. Active fire behavior with spotting. Community of Foresta threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

**Dark Hole**, Yosemite NP. Four miles north of Yosemite Village, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching. Area closures in effect.

**French**, Sierra NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Eighteen miles east of Oakhurst, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect. 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
El Portal	CA	YNP	3,900	355	34	UNK	1,063	199	24	56	9	2	4.4M	NPS
Dark Hole	CA	YNP	647	0	5	UNK	57	26	3	5	0	0	195K	NPS
French	CA	SNF	5,622	1,985	0	UNK	1,074	538	17	66	9	0	2M	FS

### Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	65
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed	1

**Sand**, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Patterson) back to the local unit will occur today. Five miles north of Plymouth, CA. Timber and grass. Smoldering.

\* **3-7 Day**, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Twelve miles north of McArthur, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting. Numerous residences threatened.

**Web**, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Eighteen miles northeast of Chico, CA. Heavy logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with occasional torching and short-range spotting.

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
Sand	CA	AEU	4,240	0	95	8/2	857	-456	28	44	0	67	8.6M	ST
* 3-7 Day	CA	LMU	300	---	0	UNK	72	---	4	15	1	0	100K	ST
Web	CA	BTU	389	64	70	8/1	1,045	767	35	67	4	0	1.4M	ST

### Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires:	24
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed	1

**Levan**, Central Area, Utah DFF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Rosenthal) back to the local unit will occur today. One mile south of Levan, UT. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Area closure has 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
Levan	UT	SCS	4,343	0	95	8/1	324	-150	7	0	2	0	3.5M	ST

### Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

**Bear Trap**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Kidd) back to the local unit will occur today. Forty-five miles east of Warm Springs, NV. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Bootstrap**, Elko District, BLM. Twenty-seven miles northwest of Carlin, NV. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Sage-grouse habitat 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
Bear Trap	NV	HTF	10,616	0	N/A	N/A	268	-21	5	2	2	2	1.5M	FS
Bootstrap	NV	EKD	1,309	-100	80	8/1	190	0	5	8	2	0	245K	BLM

### Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Lodore**, Dinosaur National Monument. Forty-five miles northwest of Maybell, CO. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching.

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
Lodore	CO	DSP	450	21	75	7/31	29	-21	1	1	1	0	35K	NPS

### Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 9  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **Havelah**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land fifteen miles northwest of Cherokee, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior.

**Heron Road**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Started on private land four miles north of Rockingham, GA. Southern rough. Minimal fire behavior. 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
* Havelah	TX	TXS	561	---	20	8/1	14	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Heron Road	GA	GAS	667	0	90	8/5	17	2	0	13	0	1	160K	PRI

### Other Fires

(As of July 25)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	1	502	0	0	2	18
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	3,484	4	7	2	116
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	3,986	4	7	4	134

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Showers and thunderstorms will continue across much of the Intermountain West today. Although there may be some dry thunderstorms with gusty outflow winds in Oregon and Idaho, most storms will produce wetting rain of a tenth of an inch or more. Heavy rainfall with flooding is possible in the Rocky Mountain region, Southwest, and southern Plains. Hot temperatures will continue in the Northwest and northern Rocky Mountains. Rain and thunderstorms are expected behind a stationary front in the Gulf Coast states.

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



## UNINFORMED ON STRATEGY, TACTICS OR HAZARDS

*Operational Engagement*

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.
  - Use the Incident Response Pocket Guide standard briefing

**Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.**

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### 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	4	0	1	11	34	50
	ACRES	0	12,024	0	0	1,389	31	13,444
Northern California	FIREs	1	1	0	0	28	35	65
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	510	79	589
Southern California	FIREs	1	1	0	1	17	3	23
	ACRES	0	5	0	0	141	3,623	3,769
Northern Rockies	FIREs	0	0	0	0	10	12	22
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	80	37	117
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	0	5	0	1	7	11	24
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	192	2	194
Western Great Basin	FIREs	0	5	0	0	1	1	7
	ACRES	0	3	0	0	1	1	5
Southwest	FIREs	3	1	0	0	0	2	6
	ACRES	94	0	0	0	0	447	541
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	22	0	22
TOTAL	FIREs	6	17	0	3	85	98	209
	ACRES	95	12,032	0	0	2,335	4,220	18,682

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	0	33	0	0	279	17	<b>329</b>
	ACRES	0	26,022	0	0	201,230	5	<b>227,257</b>
Northwest	FIREs	179	180	41	17	589	636	<b>1,642</b>
	ACRES	4,296	192,048	140	1,718	248,842	37,635	<b>484,679</b>
Northern California	FIREs	77	30	4	4	2,020	490	<b>2,625</b>
	ACRES	70	16,098	23	30	34,529	3,380	<b>54,130</b>
Southern California	FIREs	33	54	11	47	1,883	346	<b>2,374</b>
	ACRES	234	1,567	512	188	19,418	13,999	<b>35,918</b>
Northern Rockies	FIREs	467	35	4	5	515	230	<b>1,256</b>
	ACRES	4,235	1,175	986	3	7,724	360	<b>14,483</b>
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	35	307	1	22	1,043	292	<b>1,700</b>
	ACRES	1,159	56,979	0	204	13,715	12,060	<b>84,117</b>
Western Great Basin	FIREs	9	227	1	16	44	69	<b>366</b>
	ACRES	168	32,843	0	7	77	24,223	<b>57,318</b>
Southwest	FIREs	430	144	11	35	553	669	<b>1,842</b>
	ACRES	98,630	1,481	577	6,584	14,288	65,841	<b>187,401</b>
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	398	280	21	15	532	180	<b>1,426</b>
	ACRES	2,221	10,086	1,188	2,503	47,753	2,109	<b>65,860</b>
Eastern Area	FIREs	408	0	45	22	4,713	294	<b>5,482</b>
	ACRES	602	0	1,492	186	33,965	4,883	<b>41,128</b>
Southern Area	FIREs	378	0	79	26	13,446	466	<b>14,395</b>
	ACRES	110,704	0	4,155	282	240,890	34,672	<b>390,703</b>
TOTAL	FIREs	<b>2,414</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>25,617</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>33,437</b>
	ACRES	<b>222,319</b>	<b>338,299</b>	<b>9,073</b>	<b>11,705</b>	<b>862,431</b>	<b>199,167</b>	<b>1,642,994</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>47,191</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,250,181</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	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	16	0	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	346	0	346
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	346	0	346

### 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	163	226
	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	13	20	43	4	11	114	205
	ACRES	2,553	8,090	9,365	3,253	241	16,120	39,622
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	3	14	5	7	30	62	121
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,006	19,278	26,941
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	50	77
	ACRES	1,600	16,408	1,959	0	75	19,648	39,690
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	21	35	92	18	67	73	306
	ACRES	1,802	2,731	19,531	4,833	2,344	10,256	41,497
Eastern Area	FIREs	53	0	306	50	1,173	167	1,749
	ACRES	58,417	0	46,104	5,550	71,188	63,922	245,181
Southern Area	FIREs	88	0	180	28	7,533	863	8,692
	ACRES	17,721	0	66,834	31,863	339,361	887,280	1,343,059
TOTAL	FIREs	192	149	659	125	8,823	1,693	11,641
	ACRES	83,679	103,265	156,727	46,106	414,363	1,045,577	1,849,717

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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	13	2,231	738	185,620
Yukon Territory	0	0	28	760
Alberta	17	14	947	16,485
Northwest Territory	2	21	286	1,065,431
Saskatchewan	21	78	263	165,455
Manitoba	0	941	111	2,372
Ontario	1	0	204	4,424
Quebec	0	0	206	38,325
Newfoundland	0	0	72	3,557
New Brunswick	0	0	154	103
Nova Scotia	0	0	144	505
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	6,000	50	122,000
Total	56	9,285	3,203	1,605,037

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