

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, September 24, 2014 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (48 new fires)  
 New large fires: 0 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 9  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

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

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

Two MAFFS C-130 air tankers and support personnel from the 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing (California Air National Guard) are deployed at Channel Islands to support wildland fire suppression operations in the western U.S.

**Northern California Area (PL 3)**

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

**King**, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. Unified command between IMT 1 (Giachino) and Cal Fire IMT 1 (Smith). Eleven miles east of Placerville, CA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting. Numerous residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Happy Camp Complex**, Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). One mile east of Happy Camp, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior. Area closure 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
King	CA	AEU	89,574	1,982	35	UNK	7,504	580	170	547	21	68	52M	ST
Happy Camp Complex	CA	KNF	131,996	0	86	10/31	530	-136	2	13	9	6	86.1M	FS

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 12  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

**36 Pit**, Mt. Hood NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). Eight miles southeast of Estacada, OR. Timber. Road and area closures in effect. No further information received.

**Onion Mountain**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Williams) back to the local unit will occur on 9/26. Fifteen miles west of Grants Pass, OR. Timber. Interior burning. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Freezeout Ridge**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. IMT 2 (Kidd). Eleven miles southwest of Riggins, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**Deception Complex**, Willamette NF. Two miles west of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Road and area closures in effect. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**South Steens Complex** (2 fires). Ten miles north of Fields, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. Smoldering. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

**790**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Thirty miles northeast of Medford, OR. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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
36 Pit	OR	MHF	5,508	84	55	UNK	1,135	0	36	40	5	0	8M	FS
Onion Mountain	OR	RSF	4,123	18	80	9/26	533	-141	14	16	5	0	8.5M	FS
Freezeout Ridge	OR	WWF	3,570	12	N/A	N/A	219	-23	3	0	6	0	1.5M	FS
Deception Complex	OR	WIF	7,801	1,768	95	10/15	187	-27	3	5	3	0	33.6M	FS
South Steens Complex	OR	BUD	20,489	0	90	9/24	147	-92	2	8	1	0	3M	BLM
790	OR	RSF	3,023	---	90	9/24	107	---	3	0	3	0	15.8M	FS
Scoggins Creek	OR	SAD	211	0	100	---	424	-43	16	8	0	0	2.2M	BLM

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### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 2

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

**Johnson Bar**, Nez Perce - Clearwater NF. Twenty miles southeast of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching. 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
Johnson Bar	ID	NCF	12,402	301	55	10/10	147	0	4	8	3	0	12.4M	FS

**Other Fires**

(As of September 19)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	2	1,999	3	6	0	106
NO	1	50042	1	3	1	67
SO	1	4772	0	0	1	41
NR	3	3782	0	1	1	9
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	1	4313	0	0	0	3
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	64,908	4	10	3	226

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A strong ridge of high pressure over the Four Corners region will provide hot and dry conditions to most of the western U.S. today with breezy winds over the Great Basin. An equally strong trough of low pressure off the Pacific Northwest coast will bring heavy rain showers and thunderstorms from northern California through eastern Washington. Flash flooding is possible over burn scars from wildfires in steep terrain of the Pacific Northwest and northern California. Storms are also expected to stretch from the northern Great Lakes through the southern Plains ahead of an upper level disturbance. Much of the eastern U.S. will remain seasonably cool and dry.

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



## THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

*Weather / Fire Behavior Category*

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

- Do not lie down.
  - The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
  - Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
  - Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
  - Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!
- "Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.
- Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.
- Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridgetops, etc., should be avoided.
- If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.
- Put down all tools.
- Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

#### References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide  
Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

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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	2	0	0	0	5	5	12
	ACRES	28	0	0	0	0	2	30
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	1	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	14	6,927	6,941
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	7	8	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
TOTAL	FIRES	2	4	0	0	22	20	48
	ACRES	28	1	0	2	27	6,931	6,989

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	55	0	0	300	24	379
	ACRES	0	31,560	0	0	201,245	7	232,812
Northwest	FIRES	327	294	54	62	1,140	1,490	3,367
	ACRES	81,745	737,820	152	2,937	278,822	183,101	1,284,577
Northern California	FIRES	97	36	8	11	2,853	754	3,759
	ACRES	314	16,102	370	31	88,615	366,285	471,717
Southern California	FIRES	39	72	13	59	2,402	577	3,162
	ACRES	235	2,988	518	226	20,973	24,065	49,005
Northern Rockies	FIRES	657	77	7	12	908	699	2,360
	ACRES	10,509	2,867	1,168	6	82,498	21,382	118,430
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	41	423	1	29	589	535	1,618
	ACRES	1,159	60,838	0	206	21,065	14,797	98,065
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	308	1	16	52	92	478
	ACRES	166	32,529	0	7	1,111	24,989	58,802
Southwest	FIRES	478	165	11	53	609	819	2,135
	ACRES	99,068	1,871	577	11,031	14,329	81,311	208,187
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	556	358	23	17	702	255	1,911
	ACRES	2,511	10,874	1,201	2,505	48,808	2,194	68,093
Eastern Area	FIRES	408	0	51	22	4,947	321	5,749
	ACRES	602	0	1,815	186	34,088	4,893	41,584
Southern Area	FIRES	407	0	147	26	14,401	505	15,486
	ACRES	111,331	0	9,786	282	248,570	35,252	405,221
TOTAL	FIRES	3,019	1,788	316	307	28,903	6,071	40,404
	ACRES	307,640	897,449	15,587	17,417	1,040,124	758,276	3,036,493

Ten Year Average Fires	59,911
Ten Year Average Acres	6,638,583

\*\*\* 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	1	0	0	5	6
	ACRES	0	0	40	0	0	137	177
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	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	7	0	0	0	90	97
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
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	40	40
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	30	0	0	0	30
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1,144	1,144
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	2	0	0	9	12
	ACRES	0	7	70	0	0	1,413	1,490

### 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	47	16	3	16	181	275
	ACRES	2,906	13,255	3,340	49	533	23,417	43,500
Northern California	FIRES	2	3	18	9	0	128	160
	ACRES	56	135	7,390	60	0	5,953	13,594
Southern California	FIRES	2	5	3	7	0	71	88
	ACRES	9	277	191	455	0	2,082	3,014
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	23	46	4	17	142	245
	ACRES	2,553	8,119	11,227	3,253	523	18,070	43,745
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	14	5	7	31	71	131
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,228	20,356	28,241
Western Great Basin	FIRES	0	3	1	4	7	3	18
	ACRES	0	716	300	795	147	216	2,174
Southwest	FIRES	10	16	7	1	1	56	91
	ACRES	2,036	18,298	1,959	17	75	21,168	43,553
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	37	93	20	86	84	350
	ACRES	3,683	4,509	19,841	5,383	2,345	13,191	48,952
Eastern Area	FIRES	53	0	392	51	1,189	186	1,871
	ACRES	58,417	0	58,066	5,551	71,963	64,253	258,250
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	187	28	8,118	878	9,299
	ACRES	17,721	0	77,638	31,863	344,255	890,845	1,362,322
TOTAL	FIRES	213	155	768	134	9,465	1,800	12,535
	ACRES	87,736	108,962	182,136	47,482	421,069	1,059,551	1,906,936

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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