

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, September 27, 2014 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (26 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	9
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

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

King, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. Unified command between IMT 1 (Giachino) and Cal Fire IMT 1 (Smith). Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Smith) to IMT 1 (McGowan) will occur on 9/29. Eleven miles east of Placerville, CA. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures and energy infrastructure threatened. Area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Happy Camp Complex, Klamath NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). One mile east of Happy Camp, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Interior smoldering. Area closure 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
King	CA	AEU	97,099	1,752	74	UNK	7,214	-847	172	418	21	80	77M	ST
Happy Camp Complex	CA	KNF	132,733	0	94	10/31	242	-38	1	2	5	6	87.4M	FS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	5
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

36 Pit, Mt. Hood NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Rabe) back to the local unit occurred yesterday. Eight miles southeast of Estacada, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road and area closures in effect.

Onion Mountain, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Fifteen miles west of Grants Pass, OR. Timber. Decrease in acreage due to more accurate mapping. No further information received.

Freezeout Ridge, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Kidd) back to the local unit will occur today. Eleven miles southwest of Riggins, ID. Timber. Interior creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Deception Complex, Willamette NF. Two miles west of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Smoldering. Road and area closures in effect.

South Steens Complex (2 fires). Ten miles north of Fields, OR. Juniper, brush and grass. No new information. 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
36 Pit	OR	MHF	5,520	0	65	UNK	438	-157	11	11	2	0	10.1M	FS
Onion Mountain	OR	RSF	4,105	-29	95	9/30	66	-159	2	4	0	0	9.4M	FS
Freezeout Ridge	OR	WWF	3,624	0	N/A	N/A	115	-74	0	0	4	0	2.5M	FS
Deception Complex	OR	WIF	6,033	0	95	10/15	180	16	3	5	3	0	27.2M	FS
South Steens Complex	OR	BUD	20,489	---	90	UNK	5	---	0	0	0	0	3M	BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires:	4
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1

Johnson Bar, Nez Perce - Clearwater NF. Twenty miles southeast of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. 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
Johnson Bar	ID	NCF	12,975	0	55	10/10	142	-2	4	8	2	0	12.6M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 1)

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

* **Ola**, Gem County. Fifteen miles northwest of Horseshoe Bend, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

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
* Ola	ID	1GX	700	---	90	UNK	40	---	1	4	1	0	30K	CNTY

Other Fires

(As of September 26)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	3	66,589	1	2	1	31
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	1	4,772	0	0	1	17
NR	4	5,884	1	2	1	31
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	77,245	2	4	3	79

Predictive Services Discussion: An upper level low will slowly move across the West, bringing rain and a few thunderstorms to the Great Basin and the northern Rockies. Some flooding is possible. Rain, with snow at higher elevations, will develop over the Sierras. Much cooler conditions will spread across the West.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms will form along the Gulf coast. Most of the country east of the Rockies will have mild conditions.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.**

Hazard Trees

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw fire brands far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Air operations - cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use saw teams and falling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide pg 80 and 81

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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	2	0	0	3	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Northern California	FIREs	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	14	2,652	2,666
Southern California	FIREs	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Northern Rockies	FIREs	0	1	0	0	2	1	4
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	4	100	105
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	700	0	0	0	0	700
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	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
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	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
TOTAL	FIREs	0	4	0	0	18	4	26
	ACRES	0	701	0	0	40	2,752	3,493

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	296	54	66	1,151	1,496	3,390
	ACRES	81,745	737,833	152	2,938	256,236	183,655	1,262,559
Northern California	FIREs	97	36	8	11	2,872	757	3,781
	ACRES	314	16,102	370	31	87,333	376,086	480,236
Southern California	FIREs	39	72	13	60	2,423	581	3,188
	ACRES	235	2,988	518	227	20,978	24,090	49,036
Northern Rockies	FIREs	657	78	7	12	916	703	2,373
	ACRES	10,509	2,868	1,168	6	82,506	21,640	118,697
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	42	427	1	29	591	539	1,629
	ACRES	1,160	61,540	0	206	21,066	14,797	98,769
Western Great Basin	FIREs	9	310	1	16	53	94	483
	ACRES	166	32,503	0	7	1,111	24,989	58,776
Southwest	FIREs	480	165	11	53	611	830	2,150
	ACRES	99,068	1,871	577	11,031	14,330	81,328	208,205
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	559	358	23	17	703	256	1,916
	ACRES	2,535	10,874	1,201	2,505	48,809	2,197	68,121
Eastern Area	FIREs	408	0	51	22	4,947	322	5,750
	ACRES	602	0	1,815	186	34,088	4,894	41,585
Southern Area	FIREs	408	0	147	26	14,439	506	15,526
	ACRES	111,357	0	9,786	282	248,957	35,262	405,644
TOTAL	FIREs	3,026	1,797	316	312	29,006	6,108	40,565
	ACRES	307,691	898,139	15,587	17,419	1,016,659	768,945	3,024,440

Ten Year Average Fires	60,411
Ten Year Average Acres	6,670,698

*** 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	1	4	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	85	3,232	3,317
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	250	250
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	300	0	0	0	5	305
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	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	248	0	0	684	932
TOTAL	FIREs	0	0	1	0	1	8	10
	ACRES	0	300	248	0	85	4,171	4,804

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	183	277
	ACRES	2,906	13,255	3,340	49	533	24,385	44,468
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	18	160	264
	ACRES	2,553	8,119	11,227	3,253	608	23,357	49,117
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	3	14	5	7	31	73	133
	ACRES	355	4,062	2,184	56	1,228	20,613	28,498
Western Great Basin	FIREs	0	3	1	5	7	3	19
	ACRES	0	716	300	961	147	216	2,340
Southwest	FIREs	10	16	7	1	1	57	92
	ACRES	2,036	18,298	1,959	17	75	21,293	43,678
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	30	37	94	21	87	87	356
	ACRES	3,683	6,009	19,843	5,357	2,346	13,716	50,954
Eastern Area	FIREs	53	0	392	51	1,190	186	1,872
	ACRES	58,417	0	58,147	5,551	71,983	64,253	258,351
Southern Area	FIREs	88	0	188	28	8,144	880	9,328
	ACRES	17,721	0	77,886	31,863	344,302	891,529	1,363,301
TOTAL	FIREs	213	155	770	136	9,494	1,828	12,596
	ACRES	87,736	110,462	182,467	47,622	421,222	1,067,397	1,916,906

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

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