

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, July 15, 2015 - 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (138 new fires)
New large incidents:	7
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	12
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.

Three wildland fire suppression crews and seven fireline management personnel are assigned to support large fires in Alberta, Canada. Two wildland fire suppression crews and twenty-three fireline management personnel are assigned to support large fires in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Alaska Area (PL 4)

New fires:	2
New large incidents:	4
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Tanana Area Fires (5 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. IMT 2 (Grant). Started on native corporation land seven miles northeast of Tanana, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Aggie Creek, Fairbanks Area Forestry, DOF. IMT 2 (Nieto). Thirty miles northwest of Fairbanks, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

Middle Yukon Fires (4 fires), Galena Zone, BLM. Started on native corporation land two miles north of Nulato, AK. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with flanking, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Aniak Complex (4 fires), Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. One mile east of Aniak, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Baker, Tanana Zone, BLM. IMT 2 (Greer). IMT is also managing the Hay Slough fire. Started on state land four miles southwest of Eureka, AK. Timber and hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Hay Slough, Tanana Zone, BLM. Fourteen miles southeast of Tanana, AK. Timber and hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and single tree torching. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Tetlin Hills, Tok Area Forestry, DOF. Eight miles southeast of Tok, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Long Lake, Tok Area Forestry, DOF. Started on BIA land two miles east of Northway, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Rock, Tanana Zone, BLM. Started on native corporation land nine miles southeast of Hughes, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with single tree torching and creeping. Numerous structures threatened.

Rex Complex (2 fires), Fairbanks Area Forestry, DOF. Started on private land seven miles southeast of Clear, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Why Lake, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Previously reported incident. Started on native corporation land 33 miles southeast of Stony River, AK. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Blair, Military Zone, BLM. Started on state land 39 miles southeast of Fairbanks, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Cod Lake 3, Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on native corporation land ten miles southeast of Minto, AK. Closed timber litter and short grass. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Sethkokna 2**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Thirty-four miles west of Lake Minchumina, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Beaver Creek**, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Twenty-one miles northwest of Takotna, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Oskawalik River**, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Forty-five miles east of Chuathbaluk, AK. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Gemuk River**, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Ninety-three miles east of Kwethluk, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Tanana Area Fires	AK-TAD	472,129	3,646	1	Comp	NR	312	34	8	0	2	0	8M	TRI
Aggie Creek	AK-FAS	31,885	0	42	Comp	NR	503	3	15	6	6	0	9.8M	ST
Middle Yukon Fires	AK-GAD	347,732	3,495	0	Comp	NR	71	-47	2	0	0	0	1.8M	TRI
Aniak Complex	AK-SWS	153,268	0	8	Comp	NR	190	-5	7	0	3	1	5.6M	ST
Baker	AK-TAD	26,999	29	75	Comp	NR	238	-7	8	2	1	0	2.3M	ST
Hay Slough	AK-TAD	84,567	1,514	0	Comp	NR	20	12	1	2	0	0	39K	BLM

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Tetlin Hills	AK-TAS	1,878	0	65	Ctn	7/22	126	-88	3	0	2	0	5.4M	ST
Long Lake	AK-TAS	23,430	0	20	Comp	7/25	152	42	6	1	3	0	3.6M	BIA
Rock	AK-TAD	60,019	0	0	Comp	NR	74	-11	4	0	0	0	408K	TRI
Rex Complex	AK-FAS	16,159	-230	65	Comp	NR	225	-5	8	1	1	8	11.7M	PRI
Why Lake	AK-SWS	45,235	38,335	0	Comp	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	13K	TRI
Blair	AK-MID	43,000	11,000	0	Comp	NR	9	0	1	0	0	0	238K	ST
Cod Lake 3	AK-TAD	12,219	5,220	0	Comp	NR	0	-20	0	0	0	0	76K	TRI
* Sethkokna 2	AK-TAD	7,079	---	0	Comp	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	BLM
* Beaver Creek	AK-SWS	3,142	---	0	Comp	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	4K	ST
* Oskawalik River	AK-SWS	2,049	---	0	Comp	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Gemuk River	AK-SWS	641	---	0	Comp	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST

Northwest Area (PL 3)

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

Newby Lake, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Lewis). Twelve miles northwest of Loomis, WA. Timber, light logging slash and closed timber litter. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Douglas County Complex (2 fires), Spokane District, BLM. Four miles east of Palisades, WA. Brush. Minimal fire behavior. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Mt Adams Complex, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (Gales). Fifteen miles northwest of Trout Lake, WA. Timber and closed timber litter. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect.

Paradise, Olympic NP. Thirteen miles north of Quinault, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping. Area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Wolverine, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Three miles northwest of Lucerne, WA. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Corner Creek, Ochoco NF. Eleven miles south of Dayville, OR. Timber, light logging slash and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

153 West Fork, Malheur NF. Ten miles southeast of Dayville, OR. Timber. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Newby Lake	WA-OWF	5,065	0	15	Comp	NR	530	-7	12	17	9	0	4.2M	FS
Douglas County Complex	WA-SPD	22,337	125	90	Ctn	7/16	198	-78	7	14	1	0	1.7M	BLM
Mt Adams Complex	WA-GPF	405	2	70	Comp	11/01	214	-17	5	1	4	0	4M	FS
Paradise	WA-OLP	1,598	8	21	Comp	9/30	116	-14	1	0	2	0	2.1M	NPS
Wolverine	WA-OWF	314	0	0	Comp	NR	71	0	2	0	1	0	887K	FS
Corner Creek	OR-OCF	29,407	0	85	Ctn	NR	120	-103	0	9	2	1	12.4M	FS
153 West Fork	OR-MAF	770	---	15	Comp	NR	25	---	1	0	0	0	1.3M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 17
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Bales, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Started on private land 40 miles southwest of Ashland, MT. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, backing and creeping. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Cape Horn, Pend Oreille Field Office, IDL. IMT 2 (Fry). Three miles northeast of Bayview, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing and creeping. Structures threatened.

Granite, Idaho Panhandle NF. Five miles northwest of Nordman, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Bales	MT-MCD	6,250	-450	30	Ctn	7/17	83	20	1	15	1	2	150K	PRI
Cape Horn	ID-POS	1,326	0	70	Ctn	7/17	480	-30	13	14	3	12	4.7M	ST
Granite	ID-IPF	207	0	90	Ctn	NR	100	20	4	2	1	0	1M	FS
Big Sarpy	MT-LG22	90	-310	100	Ctn	---	0	-8	0	0	0	0	50K	C&L

LG22 – Big Horn County

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 12
 New large incidents: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 4

Last Dance, Arthur R. Marshall/Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Eight miles west of Wellington, FL. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

13 Mile, Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS. Twenty-four miles east of Naples, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Hunting Camp**, Florida Forest Service, DOF. One mile south of Yeehaw Junction, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire behavior.

* **Bumpy-6255**, Florida Forest Service, DOF. Six miles west of Doral, FL. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

* **Browns Farms**, Florida Forest Service, DOF. Eighteen miles west of Mission Bay, FL. Short grass. Moderate fire behavior.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Last Dance	FL-LXR	10,300	0	85	Ctn	NR	7	-2	0	1	0	0	70K	FWS
13 Mile	FL-BCP	5,380	2,365	20	Comp	NR	17	0	0	3	2	0	40K	NPS
* Hunting Camp	FL-FLS	600	---	95	Ctn	NR	6	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Bumpy-6255	FL-FLS	422	---	40	Ctn	NR	2	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Browns Farms	FL-FLS	300	---	10	Ctn	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Otter Creek	FL-SMR	1,010	---	100	Ctn	---	2	---	0	1	0	0	15K	FWS

SMR – St Marks National Wildlife Refuge, FWS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 16
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Lake, San Bernardino NF. Two miles south of Seven Oaks, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Lake	CA-BDF	31,359	0	98	Ctn	NR	180	0	5	5	3	4	42.2M	FS

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	57	1,901,669	71	13	24	2,156
NWCC	23	84,829	64	105	29	2,638
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	4	31,675	15	19	5	461
NRCC	14	19,672	25	56	11	917
GBCC	12	23,671	1	10	2	90
SWCC	2	1,915	0	2	0	15
RMCC	5	0.6	0	0	0	2
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	16	30,105	0	7	4	64
Total	133	2,093,538	176	212	75	6,343

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	30	0	0	1	0	31
Northwest Area	FIRES	1	2	0	0	3	17	23
	ACRES	1	3	0	0	2	3	9
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	16	1	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	184	0	184
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	50	0	50
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	3	13	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	6	0	0	3	6	15
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	2	2	5
Southwest Area	FIRES	2	7	0	1	4	18	32
	ACRES	0	11	0	0	41	217	269
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	2	0	4
	ACRES	0	4	0	0	5	0	9
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	2	10	0	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	5	15	0	20
TOTAL FIRES:		3	19	0	3	58	55	138
TOTAL ACRES:		1	49	0	5	300	223	578

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	238	0	0	407	21	666
	ACRES	0	3,505,201	0	0	1,161,515	775	4,667,491
Northwest Area	FIRES	96	100	22	43	828	648	1,737
	ACRES	7,191	21,629	161	1,704	4,366	29,424	64,475
Northern California Area	FIRES	105	14	4	19	1,652	479	2,273
	ACRES	118	142	354	1	5,379	2,288	8,282
Southern California Area	FIRES	16	36	11	32	1,934	288	2,317
	ACRES	16	1,906	12	99	13,980	35,417	51,430
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	692	35	2	2	606	323	1,660
	ACRES	4,594	8,281	564	3	64,141	5,673	83,256
Great Basin Area	FIRES	24	402	3	20	328	236	1,013
	ACRES	15	30,512	0	51	6,176	20,514	57,268
Southwest Area	FIRES	349	129	4	24	401	523	1,430
	ACRES	41,285	2,509	4	3,737	16,280	75,601	139,416
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	345	142	11	15	579	101	1,193
	ACRES	13,079	393	170	7,408	62,710	729	84,489
Eastern Area	FIRES	527	0	29	14	5,323	335	6,228
	ACRES	2,181	0	2,102	547	43,851	5,488	54,169
Southern Area	FIRES	284	0	11	13	13,128	237	13,673
	ACRES	35,503	0	2,093	188	158,090	12,497	208,371
TOTAL FIRES:		2,438	1,096	97	182	25,186	3,191	32,190
TOTAL ACRES:		103,982	3,570,573	5,460	13,738	1,536,488	188,406	5,418,647

Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)	40,984
Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)	3,047,932

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Rocky Mountain Area	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	11	0	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	109	0	109
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	11	1	12
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	109	10	119

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	5	0	0	2	0	7
	ACRES	0	3,965	0	0	988	0	4,953
Northwest Area	FIRES	7	28	3	2	0	147	187
	ACRES	2,457	17,778	51	49	0	23,534	43,869
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	12	11	0	113	136
	ACRES	0	143	5,173	190	0	7,734	13,240
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	4	2	0	100	109
	ACRES	0	78	495	83	0	1,860	2,516
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	31	28	4	5	118	196
	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,590	728	17,735	47,119
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	24	1	6	31	50	113
	ACRES	24	1,449	1,060	85	1,713	17,315	21,646
Southwest Area	FIRES	14	20	8	7	0	124	173
	ACRES	588	18,879	2,436	4,606	0	72,270	98,779
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	17	34	57	11	47	80	246
	ACRES	2,075	6,299	15,899	1,153	2,132	22,351	49,909
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	255	22	1,371	152	1,830
	ACRES	39,398	0	32,908	6,637	65,420	49,057	193,420
Southern Area	FIRES	85	0	140	11	7,798	694	8,728
	ACRES	16,313	0	111,438	14,261	486,494	608,995	1,237,501
TOTAL FIRES:		164	145	508	76	9,254	1,578	11,725
TOTAL ACRES:		64,506	59,171	182,295	28,654	557,475	820,851	1,712,952

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

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	11	0	1,083	279,083
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	179	174,000
ALBERTA	14	0	1,409	482,355
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	203	434,800
SASKATCHEWAN	2	2,911	623	1,062,599
MANITOBA	13	510	343	35,175
ONTARIO	8	289	366	35,446
QUEBEC	6	804	306	4,920
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	107	6,269
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	10	180	254
NOVA SCOTIA	4	2	212	494
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	4	2
NATIONAL PARKS	6	0	90	505,816
TOTALS	64	4,526	5,105	3,021,212

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Showers and thunderstorms will develop today along the Continental Divide from Montana through New Mexico ahead of an upper level trough of low pressure. Further west it will be drier and breezy, with isolated showers and thunderstorms over the higher terrain. Thunderstorms, possibly severe, are expected east of the Rockies on the high Plains where a frontal boundary will be the focus for moisture and instability. It will be hot and humid across much of the southern Plains and southeast U.S. with isolated to scattered thunderstorms along the Gulf coast and in New England.

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

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HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SAFETY

Aviation Category

The following points should be considered when operating around an unimproved landing site:

- Always wear your personal protective equipment (PPE) when working around an operating helicopter. (Eye, hearing, head)
- Always get the approval of a flight crewmember or the pilot before approaching an operating helicopter.
- Only approach and depart a helicopter as directed, in a slightly crouched position, and in full view of a crewmember. Keep in pilot's field of vision at all times.
- Never go near the tail of helicopters.
- When loading helicopters in uneven terrain, always approach and depart from the down slope (lower) side and do not hold equipment overhead.
- Remove or secure loose articles prior to working around an operating helicopter.
- Be aware of the dust abatement conditions of the landing area, as blowing dust, sand, or rocks caused by the helicopter's rotor wash can be hazardous.

References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide, pgs 49-51

Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide (IHOG)

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