

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Friday, July 24, 2015 - 0530 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (125 new fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	11
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

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

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

Eight wildland fire suppression crews and eight fireline management personnel are assigned to support large fires in Alberta, Canada. Two wildland fire suppression crews and twenty-four fireline management personnel are assigned to support large fires in Saskatchewan, Canada. Additionally, several states are supporting Canada through interstate forest fire compacts.

**Alaska Area (PL 3)**

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

**Tanana Area Fires (5 fires)**, Tanana Zone, BLM. IMT 2 (Grant). Started on native corporation land seven miles northeast of Tanana, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with group torching, running and creeping. Numerous structures threatened.

**Aggie Creek**, Fairbanks Area Forestry, DOF. Thirty miles northwest of Fairbanks, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

**Aniak Complex (4 fires)**, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. One mile east of Aniak, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

**Tetlin Hills**, Tok Area Forestry, DOF. Eight miles southeast of Tok, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering.

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	489,174	314	4	Comp	NR	348	-9	11	0	2	0	11.8M	TRI
Aggie Creek	AK-FAS	31,705	0	55	Comp	NR	163	-1	5	3	1	0	12.3M	ST
Aniak Complex	AK-SWS	155,072	0	82	Comp	NR	191	-15	6	0	3	0	7.4M	ST

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Tetlin Hills	AK-TAS	1,878	0	90	Ctn	UNK	66	-33	2	0	1	0	6.6M	ST

## **Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 13

New large incidents: 0

Uncontained large fires: 4

Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Blue Creek**, Southeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Ciraulo). Started on private land 10 miles east of Walla Walla, WA. Timber, hardwood slash and dormant brush. Active fire behavior with torching, spotting and uphill runs. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**PC Complex**, Pacific Cascade Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Leitch). Eight miles northeast of Woodland, WA. Timber and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

**Marion**, Willamette NF. Five miles southeast of Marion Forks, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect.

**Corner Creek**, Ochoco NF. Eleven miles south of Dayville, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Blue Creek	WA-SES	6,140	560	10	Ctn	NR	847	212	21	82	9	8	2.3M	PRI
PC Complex	WA-PCS	129	0	80	Ctn	7/24	358	-29	10	18	4	0	1.4M	ST
Marion	OR-WIF	121	0	95	Ctn	7/25	98	-40	3	0	2	0	531K	FS
Corner Creek	OR-OCF	29,660	0	95	Ctn	NR	36	-124	1	2	0	1	12.8M	FS
I-90	WA-WFS	1,450	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-125	0	0	0	0	290K	ST

WFS – Washington State Fire Marshal's Office

## **Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 22

New large incidents: 1

Uncontained large fires: 3

Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Reynolds**, Glacier NP. IMT 1 (Poncin). Twelve miles southwest of Babb, MT. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with short crown runs, group torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Cabin Gulch**, Helena NF. IMT 2 (Thompson). Sixteen miles east of Townsend, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

\* **Dean S**, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Started on private land six miles east of Miles City, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning, running and creeping. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Reynolds	MT-GNP	4,000	2,000	10	Ctn	NR	306	258	8	15	6	0	550K	NPS
Cabin Gulch	MT-HNF	2,500	1,500	25	Ctn	NR	354	40	9	13	4	0	1.2M	FS
* Dean S	MT-MCD	866	---	40	Ctn	NR	77	---	1	16	2	0	300K	PRI

### Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 37  
 New large incidents: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Wragg**, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT1 (Estes). Four miles west of Winters, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs and isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

\* **Kyburz**, Eldorado NF. Three miles east of White Horse, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, uphill runs and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
* Wragg	CA-LNU	6,900	---	15	Ctn	NR	1,372	---	41	118	13	1	2.2M	ST
* Kyburz	CA-ENF	100	---	5	Ctn	7/30	415	---	8	32	4	0	150K	FS

### Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 15  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**TUU Lightning Complex**, Tulare Unit, Cal Fire. One mile south of Springville, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
TUU Lightning Complex	CA-TUU	446	0	75	Ctn	7/25	558	78	21	22	0	0	1.2M	ST

## Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Ft. Sage	NV-CCD	293	-80	100	Ctn	---	10	0	0	2	0	0	110K	BLM

CCD – Carson City District, BLM

## Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Pool	FL-MIR	2,500	0	100	Ctn	---	10	-8	0	3	0	0	20K	FWS

MIR - Merritt Island, FWS

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	42	2,234,005	55	7	16	1,594
NWCC	16	56,111	57	156	27	2,261
ONCC	2	7,000	49	150	17	1,787
OSCC	5	37,588	33	29	3	1,035
NRCC	8	9,240	26	61	15	1,049
GBCC	3	18,295	0	7	2	80
SWCC	4	3,768	0	2	0	15
RMCC	6	124	2	4	0	66
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	11	21,729	0	7	2	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2,387,862</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>7,929</b>

### Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	9	2	13
	ACRES	0	140	0	0	58	1	199
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	33	4	37
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	788	0	788
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	14	1	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	15	0	15
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	1	1	0	0	12	8	22
	ACRES	5	10	0	0	1,073	21	1,109
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	4	0	0	5	4	13
	ACRES	0	4	0	0	0	1	5
Southwest Area	FIREs	3	2	1	0	0	2	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	4	0	1	1	1	7
	ACRES	0	7	0	0	3	2	12
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	6	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	58	20	78
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,995</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2,209</b>

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

Area	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	253	0	0	432	22 <b>707</b>
	ACRES	0	3,679,595	0	0	1,079,801	775 <b>4,760,171</b>
Northwest Area	FIREs	102	150	29	44	971	789 <b>2,085</b>
	ACRES	7,239	35,384	14,577	1,897	4,518	37,217 <b>100,832</b>
Northern California Area	FIREs	112	20	5	19	1,838	590 <b>2,584</b>
	ACRES	121	143	354	1	6,312	2,455 <b>9,386</b>
Southern California Area	FIREs	19	40	11	33	2,108	341 <b>2,552</b>
	ACRES	29	1,907	12	99	20,379	35,676 <b>58,102</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	758	46	2	7	715	406 <b>1,934</b>
	ACRES	5,170	8,711	564	2,005	66,985	7,820 <b>91,255</b>
Great Basin Area	FIREs	28	460	4	25	363	268 <b>1,148</b>
	ACRES	15	31,482	0	60	6,430	20,617 <b>58,604</b>
Southwest Area	FIREs	415	153	5	25	407	581 <b>1,586</b>
	ACRES	51,417	2,546	4	3,737	16,304	81,811 <b>155,819</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	386	179	11	16	595	112 <b>1,299</b>
	ACRES	13,442	542	178	7,408	62,922	808 <b>85,300</b>
Eastern Area	FIREs	527	0	29	14	5,382	337 <b>6,289</b>
	ACRES	2,181	0	2,102	547	43,925	5,489 <b>54,244</b>
Southern Area	FIREs	287	0	12	13	13,376	243 <b>13,931</b>
	ACRES	35,766	0	2,095	188	158,322	13,106 <b>209,477</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2,634</b>	<b>1,301</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>26,187</b>	<b>3,689</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>115,380</b>	<b>3,760,310</b>	<b>19,886</b>	<b>15,942</b>	<b>1,465,898</b>	<b>205,774</b>
							<b>5,583,190</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>43,894</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>3,569,966</b>

### 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	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
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	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	31	31
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	16	1	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	179	700	879
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>925</b>

### 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	1,447	1,060	85	1,713	17,314	21,643
Southwest Area	FIREs	41	29	8	7	0	143	228
	ACRES	615	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	72,837	99,382
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	18	34	57	11	48	80	248
	ACRES	2,080	6,299	15,899	1,153	2,134	22,351	49,916
Eastern Area	FIREs	30	0	260	22	1,371	157	1,840
	ACRES	39,398	0	32,930	6,637	65,420	49,517	193,902
Southern Area	FIREs	86	0	142	11	7,989	698	8,926
	ACRES	16,333	0	114,309	14,261	503,710	611,363	1,259,976
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>193</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>9,446</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>11,990</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>64,558</b>	<b>59,178</b>	<b>185,188</b>	<b>28,654</b>	<b>574,693</b>	<b>824,245</b>	<b>1,736,516</b>

\*\*\* 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	21	136	1,312	295,432
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	181	176,700
ALBERTA	0	601	1,473	490,995
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	1,766	205	599,039
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	653	1,532,614
MANITOBA	4	16	396	42,424
ONTARIO	0	129	405	37,143
QUEBEC	0	0	309	4,975
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	111	6,274
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	190	251
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	220	506
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	4	2
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	89	524,470
TOTALS	28	2,648	5,548	3,710,824

\* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Showers and thunderstorms are expected again in the northern Great Basin and northern Rockies associated with an upper level trough of low pressure. Another trough will begin to move into the Pacific Northwest with a chance of storms along the Washington Cascades. A ridge of high pressure remains firmly in place over the southern Plains for hot temperatures and a moist, monsoonal flow surging northward through the Rocky Mountains with showers and thunderstorms extending onto the high Plains. Very wet conditions are expected to develop over Florida today. It will be a little warmer in Alaska, with a chance of showers and thunderstorms.

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

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.

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***



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?

## Dutch Creek Incident - July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Incident Summary:** On June 12th, 2008, Andy Palmer graduates from high school. He completes Basic Firefighter training June 24<sup>th</sup> and Wildland Fire Chain Saw training (S-212) June 28<sup>th</sup>. He is hired as a seasonal firefighter on an engine crew June 29<sup>th</sup> and completes his A Faller taskbook on July 4th. July 22, 2008, the engine receives a resource order for the Iron Complex, California. The supervision at the park are motivated to see the engine crew obtain an assignment and call the crew in on their day off. The crew suffers a series of complications enroute to the fire including mechanical problems with the engine that lead to the eventual separation of the crew and engine captain after arriving at the incident. The remaining crew members are encouraged to pursue a line assignment as a falling team. The IMT personnel assign the crew as a falling module. During that assignment the crew cuts a tree that is outside their falling qualifications. A class C ponderosa pine is cut, falling downslope into a fire-damaged sugar pine. A portion of the sugar pine breaks off and falls upslope, hitting firefighter Andy Palmer, resulting in multiple severe injuries...and the loss of a firefighter's life. It was Andy's first fire assignment.

**Zero Hour.** July 25<sup>th</sup>, a radio transmission comes into Iron Complex dispatch: ***"Man Down Man Down. We need help. Medical emergency. Dozer pad. Broken leg. Bleeding. Drop Point 72 and dozer line. Call 911, we need help."***

The local Sheriff's office receives a call from incident command and begins inquiring for a helicopter. Two air medical services decline the mission due to poor visibility from smoke, California Highway Patrol's helicopter was not available and the US Coast Guard (USCG) had not yet been contacted.

Other firefighters arrive on scene. Nomex shirts are used as pressure bandages on shoulder and leg injuries. The injured firefighter is reported as having severe bleeding and being conscious. The severity of the injuries and the sense of urgency are *not* communicated to paramedics dispatched in an ambulance to the incident.

As the medics arrive on scene they realize the injuries are much more serious than they had been told and decide to facilitate a rapid evacuation via carryout.

**Fifty-five minutes since the accident.** The patient is prepared to move and the decision is made to go to the ambulance rather than waiting for the helicopter. The ambulance is approximately 2000 ft down the dozer line.

### One hour and 25 minutes since the accident.

A third paramedic has arrived on scene and the decision is made to wait for the helicopter. Firefighters start clearing a zone for hoist extraction.

**One hour and 50 minutes since the accident.** Multiple delays of the USCG helicopter are caused due to poor communications of patient status, potential use of a Forest Service helicopter assigned to the fire, and method of extraction. Once the USCG is enroute, communication about the new extraction location, radio frequencies and patient status is an issue and slows the extrication efforts. While being transferred to the hoist basket, personnel on the ground report profuse bleeding. No patient care can be given while being hoisted.

**Two hours and 47 minutes since the accident.** During the flight, cardiac arrest treatment protocol is initiated and the helicopter lands at Redding Municipal Airport with CPR in progress.

**Three hours and 26 minutes since the accident.** An ER Physician pronounced time of death, via radio. The Coroner later determined that Andy Palmer's death was caused by excessive blood loss.

### Lessons Learned Discussion Points

- Identify and discuss a variety of options for medical evacuation (ATV, wheeled litter, etc.) anticipating that a helicopter will not be available.
- If the crewmember sitting beside you were to be seriously injured on the fireline, what would you and your crew do? How thorough is your unit or IMT's Incident Emergency Plan? Consider doing a mock-up medical evacuation from start to finish. Utilize the ***new*** Medical Incident Report on page 108-9 of your IRPG to effectively communicate emergency information. Assess the drill with an AAR.
- Read page 2 in your IRPG.