

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, September 14, 2015 - 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (68 new fires)
New large incidents:	6
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	43
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	13

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

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

Sixty-eight fireline management personnel from Australia and New Zealand are assigned to support large fires in the Northwest Area.

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	13
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	7
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Valley, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Michael). One mile south of Glenbrook, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

Butte, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Gouvea). One mile north of Mokelumne Hill, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with running, spotting and torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Gasquet Complex (2 fires), Six Rivers NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Garwood) to IMT 2 (Young) will occur tomorrow. Thirteen miles northeast of Crescent City, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

River Complex, Shasta-Trinity NF. Three miles southwest of Denny, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching and backing. Area and trail closures in effect.

Lumpkin, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Ten miles east of Oroville, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, spotting and creeping. Numerous structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Valley	CA-LNU	50,000	40,000	0	Ctn	NR	1,448	1,263	40	157	10	412	2M	ST
Butte	CA-AEU	65,300	300	25	Ctn	NR	4,541	689	79	499	18	214	15.6M	ST

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Gasquet Complex	CA-SRF	30,174	466	46	Ctn	10/15	669	71	17	17	5	0	37.1M	FS
River Complex	CA-SHF	76,614	690	50	Ctn	10/15	181	-8	5	11	5	0	30.7M	FS
Lumpkin	CA-BTU	525	175	25	Ctn	9/15	445	0	16	30	4	0	1.1M	ST

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 15
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2
NIMOs committed: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 3

Rough, Sierra NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Pechota) to IMT 1 (Opliger) will occur today. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Patterson), IMT 2 (Cooper) and NIMO (Reinarz). Five miles north of Hume, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting, flanking and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Tenaya, Yosemite NP. Two miles north of Yosemite Valley, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Rough	CA-SNF	135,317	6,521	36	Ctn	NR	3,073	112	78	175	15	4	88M	FS
Tenaya	CA-YNP	415	-87	85	Ctn	9/16	162	-62	5	3	3	0	1.7M	NPS

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 14
New large incidents: 4
Uncontained large fires: 21
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 7

* **Dry Gulch**, Baker Unit, ODF. IMT 1 (Smith). Seven miles northwest of Richland, OR. Brush and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs, running and flanking. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

North Star, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 1 (McGowan). IMT is also managing the Tunk Block fire. Twenty-four miles east of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with group torching, backing and creeping. Road and area closures in effect.

Tunk Block, Northeast Region, DNR. Ten miles northeast of Omak, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with group torching and backing. Road and area closures in effect.

* **Meeks Table**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Gales). Fourteen miles northwest of Naches, WA. Timber and medium logging slash. Active fire behavior with running, single tree torching and short-range spotting.

Okanogan Complex (2 fires), Northeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Lietch). Eleven miles northwest of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with group torching, backing and creeping. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Kettle Complex (3 fires), Colville NF. IMT 2 (Ciraulo). Fifteen miles northeast of Republic, WA. Timber and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Chelan Complex (5 fires), Southeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Allbee). Started on BLM land one mile south of Chelan, WA. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching, backing and creeping. Road and trail closures in effect.

Carpenter Rd, Spokane Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Johnson) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Five miles south of Fruitland, WA. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Wolverine, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). IMT is also managing the First Creek fire. Three miles northwest of Lucerne, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

First Creek, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Eight miles northwest of Chelan, WA. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Kaniksu Complex (3 fires), Colville NF. IMT 2 (Tom Kurth). Ten miles northeast of Usk, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

* **Stateline**, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office, DNR. Six miles south of Wallula, WA. Tall grass and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs and uphill runs. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

* **Horsethief Butte**, Southeast Region, DNR. Four miles west of Wishram, WA. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, spotting and flanking. Evacuations in effect.

Canyon Creek Complex, Malheur NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Goff) back to the local unit occurred yesterday. Two miles south of John Day, OR. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with torching and creeping. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Cougar Creek, Yakama Agency, BIA. Six miles northwest of Glenwood, WA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and creeping. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Grizzly Bear Complex (7 fires), Umatilla NF. Previously reported incident. Twenty miles southeast of Dayton, WA. Timber and light logging slash. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

National Creek Complex, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Eleven miles southwest of Diamond Lake, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and group torching. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
* Dry Gulch	OR-972S	12,000	---	0	Ctn	NR	160	---	3	21	1	0	750K	ST
North Star	WA-COA	214,975	2,327	45	Ctn	10/15	1,265	-159	31	51	13	1	28.9M	BIA
Tunk Block	WA-NES	167,840	5,000	79	Ctn	9/30	521	97	18	31	0	0	6.1M	ST
* Meeks Table	WA-OWF	700	---	0	Ctn	NR	79	---	0	9	4	0	250K	FS
Okanogan Complex	WA-NES	133,118	181	85	Ctn	9/30	631	20	14	34	5	152	40.8M	ST
Kettle Complex	WA-COF	76,585	-36	64	Ctn	10/15	1,080	68	31	40	3	1	26.5M	FS
Chelan Complex	WA-SES	88,985	0	80	Ctn	10/01	219	-135	2	21	0	47	20.6M	BLM
Carpenter Rd.	WA-SPA	63,972	0	95	Ctn	9/15	350	-92	7	20	1	42	21.1M	BIA
Wolverine	WA-OWF	65,512	0	35	Comp	10/15	554	-12	5	11	5	4	27.6M	FS
First Creek	WA-OWF	7,490	0	97	Ctn	9/15	94	-2	3	6	0	19	4.7M	FS
Kaniksu Complex	WA-COF	26,093	-55	90	Comp	10/01	642	-43	17	14	2	0	21.3M	FS
* Stateline	WA-WFS	9,759	---	50	Ctn	9/14	114	---	0	31	0	0	75K	ST
* Horsethief Butte	WA-SES	3,200	---	15	Ctn	NR	35	---	0	4	4	0	250K	ST
Canyon Creek Complex	OR-MAF	110,422	0	90	Ctn	9/20	262	-100	7	9	3	53	30.3M	FS
Cougar Creek	WA-YAA	53,534	0	97	Ctn	9/21	367	29	12	14	1	0	20.4M	BIA
Grizzly Bear Complex	OR-UMF	76,475	1,011	44	Comp	10/21	332	-3	5	16	2	35	20.9M	FS
National Creek Complex	OR-RSF	16,744	0	70	Ctn	10/01	257	21	7	9	6	0	18.6M	FS
Oven	OR-PRD	1,100	0	100	Ctn	---	7	0	0	2	0	0	164K	BLM

PRD – Prineville District, BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:	2
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	11
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Motorway Complex (11 fires), Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. IMT 1 (Ruggiero). IMT is also managing the Jay Pt/Boulder fire. Ten miles east of Kooskia, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Jay Pt/Boulder (2 fires), Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Five miles south of Powell Junction, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Selway/Elk City/Red River Complex (6 fires), Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Dueitt) back to the local unit will occur today. Forty-one miles west of Darby, MT. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Avery Complex (3 fires), Idaho Panhandle NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Rosenthal) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Timber, medium logging slash and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Goat Rock Complex (4 fires), Kootenai NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Russell) back to the local unit will occur today. IMT is also managing the Sawtooth, Napoleon 1 and Government fires. Eight miles southwest of Libby, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Sawtooth, Kootenai NF. Twenty miles south of Troy, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Napoleon 1, Kootenai NF. Five miles north of Noxon, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Government, Kootenai NF. Five miles north of Noxon, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Motorway Complex	ID-NCF	23,870	0	45	Ctn	NR	542	-36	11	16	2	0	14.8M	FS
Jay Pt/Boulder	ID-NCF	9,744	0	35	Comp	NR	11	-3	0	2	0	1	1.8M	FS
Selway/Elk City/Red River Complex	ID-NCF	94,364	-287	13	Comp	NR	253	-63	6	4	2	6	11.6M	FS
Avery Complex	ID-IPF	4,695	0	70	Comp	NR	328	-25	6	10	0	0	7.3M	FS
Goat Rock Complex	MT-KNF	10,150	0	0	Comp	NR	76	-26	1	3	1	0	1K	FS
Sawtooth	MT-KNF	2,445	-76	0	Comp	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
Napoleon 1	MT-KNF	8,967	0	25	Comp	NR	55	0	1	6	0	0	1K	FS
Government	MT-KNF	400	0	2	Comp	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1K	FS

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 14
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Tepee Springs, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Wilcox). Twenty miles south of Riggins, ID. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with flanking, torching and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Oak Grove, Dixie NF. Fifteen miles northeast St. George, UT. Timber, chaparral and brush. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, backing and creeping. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Partridge**, Caribou-Targhee NF. Ten miles east of Island Park, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Wheeler, Northeast Area, DOF. Ten miles southwest of Heber City, UT. Chaparral, brush and short grass. No new information.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Tepee Springs	ID-PAF	95,413	113	80	Comp	10/15	689	-26	14	25	5	5	24.8M	FS
Oak Grove	UT-DIF	943	0	48	Ctn	9/30	174	21	6	1	4	0	1.6M	FS
* Partridge	ID-CTF	363	---	0	Comp	NR	94	---	2	7	0	0	115K	FS
Wheeler	UT-NES	640	---	90	Ctn	UNK	150	---	5	2	1	1	1M	ST

Southern Area (PL 2)

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

* **Abernathy**, Texas A & M Forest Service. Started on private land five miles north of Quanah, TX. Brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
* Abernathy	TX-TXS	500	---	75	Ctn	NR	9	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	1	4,862	1	0	1	24
NWCC	29	1,259,605	176	367	55	7,440
ONCC	8	260,088	163	742	45	7,792
OSCC	6	135,898	93	195	22	3,543
NRCC	32	473,609	39	81	10	2,148
GBCC	11	118,125	31	37	13	1,227
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	1	1,012	0	0	0	0
SACC	9	967	0	5	0	33
Total	97	2,254,166	503	1,427	146	22,207

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

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	12	2	14
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6,776	400	7,176
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	10	3	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	40,205	1,324	41,529
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	10	5	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	227	9	26,238	26,474
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	-245	0	0	0	30	0	-215
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	4	0	0	7	3	14
	ACRES	0	6	0	0	8	3	17
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	2	3	7
	ACRES	30	2	0	0	630	0	662
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	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
TOTAL FIRES:		0	6	0	0	44	18	68
TOTAL ACRES:		-215	8	0	227	47,662	27,966	75,648

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	263	0	0	474	23	760
	ACRES	0	4,034,077	0	0	1,076,069	796	5,110,942
Northwest Area	FIRES	265	294	40	74	1,449	1,318	3,440
	ACRES	234,893	242,247	15,056	11,514	49,373	510,293	1,063,376
Northern California Area	FIRES	132	30	5	28	2,749	938	3,882
	ACRES	243	10,786	354	2	244,737	240,458	496,580
Southern California Area	FIRES	23	57	12	90	2,744	510	3,436
	ACRES	107	2,023	12	8,330	24,436	205,028	239,936
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	926	90	5	21	1,228	1,108	3,378
	ACRES	14,770	13,788	685	23,517	192,676	440,896	686,332
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	711	5	36	587	479	1,856
	ACRES	695	337,697	3	82	12,452	131,771	482,700
Southwest Area	FIRES	427	188	6	32	500	827	1,980
	ACRES	56,159	5,352	62	3,799	17,290	118,261	200,923
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	475	294	16	24	938	226	1,973
	ACRES	15,611	5,989	189	7,409	81,941	1,401	112,540
Eastern Area	FIRES	540	0	30	16	5,805	366	6,757
	ACRES	2,185	0	2,102	549	45,464	5,532	55,832
Southern Area	FIRES	315	0	37	14	17,361	302	18,029
	ACRES	37,321	0	3,074	248	249,149	15,406	305,198
TOTAL FIRES:		3,141	1,927	156	335	33,835	6,097	45,491
TOTAL ACRES:		361,984	4,651,959	21,537	55,450	1,993,587	1,669,842	8,754,359

Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)	58,005
Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)	6,353,870

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	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	6	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	22	0	22
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	6	0	6
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	22	0	22

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	4	0	100	111
	ACRES	0	78	495	268	0	1,860	2,701
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	31	28	4	5	139	217
	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,590	695	17,735	47,086
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	24	1	6	31	50	113
	ACRES	24	1,447	1,060	86	1,713	17,361	21,691
Southwest Area	FIRES	32	29	8	7	0	142	218
	ACRES	606	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	73,656	100,192
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	23	37	60	11	61	81	273
	ACRES	2,170	6,863	16,147	1,153	3,287	22,561	52,181
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	264	22	1,401	158	1,875
	ACRES	39,398	0	33,267	6,637	66,052	49,780	195,134
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	154	11	8,762	707	9,722
	ACRES	16,583	0	116,723	14,261	530,392	621,899	1,299,858
TOTAL FIRES:		191	157	534	78	10,262	1,637	12,859
TOTAL ACRES:		64,889	59,742	188,187	28,840	603,127	836,120	1,780,905

*** 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/>

Predictive Services Discussion: An upper level low pressure system will move into the Northwest U.S. today with the preceding cold front bringing breezy to windy conditions across portions of the west. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms will also develop from northern California through the northern Great Basin as this system makes its way inland. Much cooler conditions will result today, with onshore winds along the Pacific coastline, but breezy ridge top winds. Moist southwest flow will provide showers and thunderstorms to the central Rockies today as well. East of the Rockies, a warming trend will begin, with windy conditions anticipated for the central Plains ahead of a strong cold front. Rainfall will be limited to New England and the Gulf coastal region.

<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.

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HAZARD TREE – NO WORK ZONES (NWZ)

Felling Safety Category

Knowing when the exact time a given hazard tree (or compromised section) will fail is an extremely difficult, and is, in many cases, an unpredictable task. Given this fact, we need to manage firefighters' exposure to these hazards by creating a safe work area or NWZ. The size and extent of the NWZ must be determined by onsite conditions, such as terrain, lean, active fire in the tree and adjoining trees.

When an identified hazardous tree cannot be felled, then perform an assessment of which areas have too high a risk, and post a lookout to warn the personnel to stay clear of these areas while working in adjacent areas. If hazard still exists before leaving the area, flag the NWZ so that personnel entering the area will be able to recognize the hazard. Use the following failure zone illustrations as examples to help manage firefighter exposure to these identified hazards. Also remember to include the possibility of the "Domino Effect" to surrounding trees.

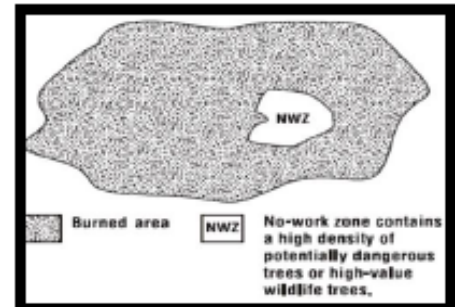
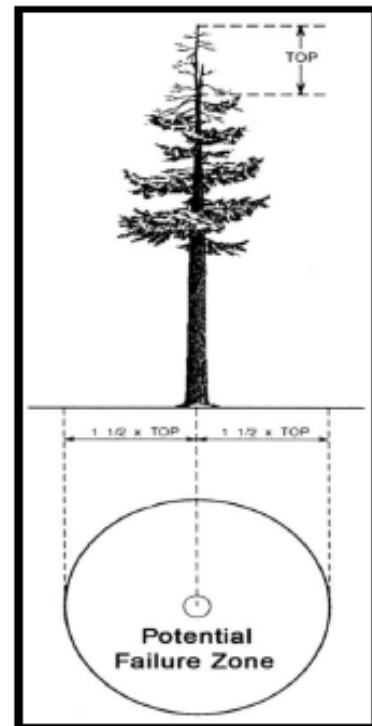
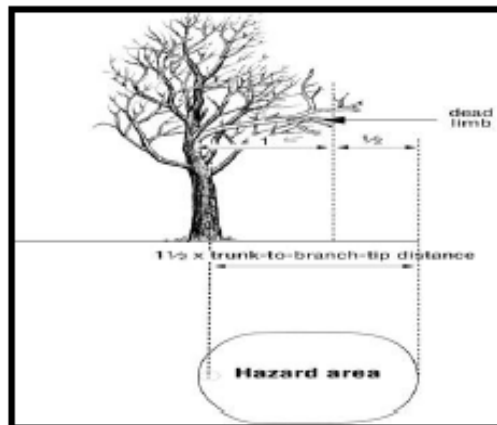
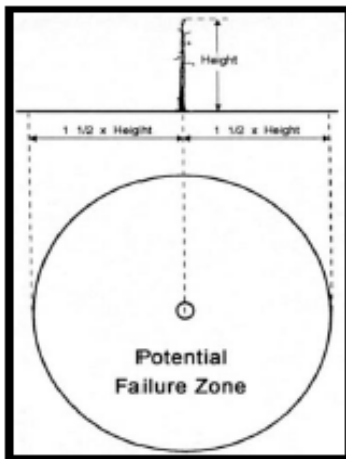


Figure 1 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ X Height of snag

Figure 2 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ X trunk-to-branch-tip distance

Figure 3 – $1\frac{1}{2}$ X length of dead top.



References: Hazard Tree Assessor's Guide @ [Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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