

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, September 18, 2015 - 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	38
New large incidents:	1
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	21
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	9

\*\* 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 4)**

New fires:	6
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Valley**, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Michael). One mile south of Glenbrook, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. 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 backing, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Gasquet Complex (2 fires)**, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Young). Thirteen miles northeast of Crescent City, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**River Complex**, Shasta-Trinity NF. NIMO (Hahnenberg). Three miles southwest of Denny, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Valley	CA-LNU	73,700	3,500	35	Ctn	9/23	3,921	792	78	441	18	603	13.5M	ST
Butte	CA-AEU	70,760	-1,020	55	Ctn	9/24	4,312	-173	81	413	10	626	41.4M	ST

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Gasquet Complex	CA-SRF	30,341	0	47	Ctn	10/15	486	-90	12	10	2	0	41.1M	FS
River Complex	CA-SHF	77,074	0	55	Ctn	10/15	256	4	6	11	3	0	31.5M	FS
Lumpkin	CA-BTU	1,042	0	100	Ctn	---	613	-137	16	35	2	0	4.8M	ST

BTU – Butte Unit, Cal Fire

### **Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	8
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Rough**, Sierra NF. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Patterson) to IMT 1 (Opliger) and IMT 2 (Cooper) occurred yesterday. Five miles north of Hume, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. 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			
Rough	CA-SNF	141,036	276	67	Ctn	NR	1,411	-2,331	22	90	13	4	106.5M	FS

### **Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	0
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	13
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

**Dry Gulch**, Baker Unit, ODF. ODF IMT 1 (Smith). Seven miles northwest of Richland, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**North Star**, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 1 (McGowan). IMT is also managing the Tunk Block fire. Twenty-four miles east of Omak, WA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Tunk Block**, Northeast Region, DNR. Ten miles northeast of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road and area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Okanogan Complex (2 fires)**, Northeast Region, DNR. IMT 2 (Lietch). Eleven miles northwest of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Meeks Table**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Gales). Fourteen miles northwest of Naches, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with torching, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Kettle Complex (3 fires)**, Colville NF. IMT 2 (Ciraulo) and IMT 2 (Sheldon). Fifteen miles northeast of Republic, WA. Timber and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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

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

**National Creek Complex**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Eleven miles southwest of Diamond Lake, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Canyon Creek Complex**, Malheur NF. Two miles south of John Day, OR. Timber and short grass. No new information.

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	17,823	23	65	Ctn	9/24	234	-11	6	15	1	0	1.6M	ST
North Star	WA-COA	217,614	13	85	Ctn	10/15	1,543	39	44	33	17	1	34M	BIA
Tunk Block	WA-NES	165,918	-1,922	92	Ctn	9/30	375	-42	9	37	0	145	8.2M	ST
Okanogan Complex	WA-NES	133,142	0	95	Ctn	9/30	500	-30	9	32	1	152	44.5M	ST
Meeks Table	WA-OWF	1,024	0	25	Comp	9/30	327	25	9	19	4	0	1.5M	ST
Kettle Complex	WA-COF	76,549	0	72	Ctn	10/15	972	131	27	36	1	1	30.2M	FS
Chelan Complex	WA-SES	88,985	0	98	Ctn	10/01	254	0	5	12	0	47	21.4M	BLM
Wolverine	WA-OWF	65,512	0	35	Comp	10/15	407	-61	1	16	1	4	30.1M	FS
First Creek	WA-OWF	7,490	0	97	Ctn	9/20	48	-20	1	3	0	19	5M	FS
National Creek Complex	OR-RSF	20,945	0	85	Ctn	10/01	156	-14	3	2	4	0	20.2M	FS
Canyon Creek Complex	OR-MAF	110,422	0	90	Ctn	9/30	189	13	4	6	0	53	30.7M	FS
Carpenter Rd.	WA-SPA	63,972	0	100	Ctn	---	231	-3	6	6	0	42	22.5M	BIA

SPA – Spokane Agency, BIA

**Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

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

**Tepee Springs**, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Wilcox). Twenty miles south of Riggins, ID. Timber, closed timber litter and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Diamond**, Ely District, BLM. Fifteen miles northeast of Eureka, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Tepee Springs	ID-PAF	95,709	0	85	Comp	10/15	475	-74	8	14	6	5	27.7M	FS
Diamond	NV-ELD	7,112	0	79	Ctn	9/18	29	-11	1	0	1	0	400K	BLM

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

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

\* **Crater Creek**, Wichita Mountains, NWR. Three miles northeast of Cache, OK. Timber and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Crater Creek	OK-WMR	10,471	---	15	Ctn	9/30	20	---	0	6	0	0	15K	FWS

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	29	1,269,382	137	286	40	6,046
ONCC	6	260,426	194	914	36	9,641
OSCC	6	141,754	30	105	17	1,691
NRCC	26	291,285	17	29	8	971
GBCC	8	125,378	19	19	10	766
SWCC	1	3,500	1	3	0	40
RMCC	4	2,878	0	16	0	46
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	11	16,811	0	12	0	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2,111,414</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>1,384</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>19,297</b>

**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	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	5	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3,192	0	3,192
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	7	1	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	16	1	2	19
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	1	2	1	4
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	20	0	20
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
	ACRES	336	0	0	0	46	50	432
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	15	0	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	158	0	158
TOTAL FIRES:		1	0	0	1	33	3	38
TOTAL ACRES:		336	1	0	16	3,417	52	3,822

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

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	<b>FIRES</b>	0	263	0	0	474	23	<b>760</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	0	4,034,077	0	0	1,076,069	796	<b>5,110,942</b>
Northwest Area	<b>FIRES</b>	264	295	40	74	1,715	1,315	<b>3,703</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	234,893	242,603	15,056	11,514	63,676	507,091	<b>1,074,833</b>
Northern California Area	<b>FIRES</b>	134	30	5	28	2,783	944	<b>3,924</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	243	10,786	354	2	279,091	240,914	<b>531,390</b>
Southern California Area	<b>FIRES</b>	23	59	12	90	2,772	513	<b>3,469</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	107	2,024	12	8,518	24,441	205,815	<b>240,917</b>
Northern Rockies Area	<b>FIRES</b>	927	91	5	21	1,246	1,118	<b>3,408</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	26,280	13,803	685	23,517	186,507	421,619	<b>672,411</b>
Great Basin Area	<b>FIRES</b>	38	726	5	37	595	486	<b>1,887</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	695	344,814	3	82	12,459	132,853	<b>490,906</b>
Southwest Area	<b>FIRES</b>	430	190	6	32	506	829	<b>1,993</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	56,663	5,352	62	3,799	17,447	118,318	<b>201,641</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	<b>FIRES</b>	486	300	16	24	948	230	<b>2,004</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	16,344	5,987	189	7,409	84,888	1,451	<b>116,268</b>
Eastern Area	<b>FIRES</b>	540	0	31	16	5,836	367	<b>6,790</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	2,185	0	2,102	549	45,475	5,536	<b>55,847</b>
Southern Area	<b>FIRES</b>	315	0	37	14	17,867	303	<b>18,536</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	37,321	0	3,074	248	269,836	15,406	<b>325,885</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,157</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>34,742</b>	<b>6,128</b>	<b>46,474</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>374,731</b>	<b>4,659,446</b>	<b>21,537</b>	<b>55,638</b>	<b>2,059,889</b>	<b>1,649,799</b>	<b>8,821,040</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>57,120</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>6,095,046</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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	12	12
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	13	0	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	239	0	239
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	13	1	14
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	239	12	251



**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	7	139	219
	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,590	695	17,742	47,093
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	143	219
	ACRES	606	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	73,668	100,204
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	23	37	60	11	61	81	273
	ACRES	2,190	6,863	16,147	1,153	3,287	22,561	52,201
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	263	24	1,401	158	1,876
	ACRES	39,398	0	33,167	6,654	66,378	49,780	195,377
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	154	11	8,831	708	9,792
	ACRES	16,583	0	116,723	14,261	531,630	621,911	1,301,108
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>191</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>10,333</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>12,933</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>64,909</b>	<b>59,742</b>	<b>188,087</b>	<b>28,857</b>	<b>604,691</b>	<b>836,151</b>	<b>1,782,437</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/>

**Predictive Services Discussion**: In the wake of a significant wetting precipitation event across the western U.S., temperatures will attempt to climb back toward seasonal normals today as a drying trend develops over the southwest quarter of the Nation, including California and the Great Basin. An upper level trough of low pressure moving through the Mississippi Valley will be accompanied by a strong cold front that could produce severe weather over the central Plains region. Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms will extend along this frontal boundary through the southern Plains and southern Rockies as well. A subtropical wave over the Florida peninsula will continue to produce heavy rainfall as it moves east toward the Atlantic coast.

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



## Safety Zones 2 (LCES)

*Operational Engagement Category*

Safety Zone(s) are locations where the threatened firefighter may find refuge from the danger. Unfortunately shelter deployment sites have been incorrectly called safety zones. Safety zones should be conceptualized and planned as a location where no shelter is needed. This does not intend for the firefighter to hesitate to deploy their shelter if needed, just if a shelter is deployed the location is not a tree safety zone. Fireline intensity and safety zone topographic location determine safety zone effectiveness.

- How have you determined the distinction between a safety zone and a deployment zone?
- Is refuge in a vehicle, house an acceptable tactic?
- Consider access to the incident. You are often confronted with considerable distances of unburned fuel to cross. How do you manage LCES?

### References:

[“LCES and Other Thoughts” by Paul Gleason](#)