

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, September 20, 2015 - 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (38 new fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	23
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

** 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:	12
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. 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. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

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.

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.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Valley	CA-LNU	74,500	800	50	Ctn	9/23	4,275	48	87	472	23	1,480	23.6M	ST
Butte	CA-AEU	70,760	0	67	Ctn	10/01	3,861	-303	81	343	7	848	51.1M	ST
Gasquet Complex	CA-SRF	30,361	0	47	Ctn	10/15	272	-74	4	5	1	0	41.7M	FS

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
River Complex	CA-SHF	77,077	0	55	Ctn	10/15	244	-11	6	7	3	0	31.4M	FS

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 0
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 13
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

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.

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.

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

Chelan Complex (2 fires), Southeast Region, DNR. 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.

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 (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. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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.

Canyon Creek Complex, Malheur NF. Two miles south of John Day, OR. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

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.

Dry Gulch, Baker Unit, ODF. Seven miles northwest of Richland, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
North Star	WA-COA	217,619	0	85	Ctn	10/15	1,347	-200	37	29	14	1	36.7M	BIA
Tunk Block	WA-NES	165,918	0	97	Ctn	9/30	375	3	9	32	0	145	9.2M	ST
Okanogan Complex	WA-NES	133,450	308	95	Ctn	9/30	416	-26	7	24	1	152	44.5M	ST
Chelan Complex	WA-SES	88,985	0	98	Ctn	10/01	98	-85	1	5	0	47	19M	BLM
Meeks Table	WA-OWF	1,189	165	30	Comp	9/30	241	-60	6	11	3	0	2.3M	FS
Kettle Complex	WA-COF	76,293	-145	77	Ctn	10/15	715	-177	19	24	1	1	32.2M	FS
Wolverine	WA-OWF	65,512	0	80	Comp	10/15	394	-1	1	14	1	4	34.1M	FS
First Creek	WA-OWF	7,490	0	97	Ctn	9/20	37	-7	1	1	0	19	5.1M	FS
Canyon Creek Complex	OR-MAF	110,422	0	95	Ctn	9/30	156	-2	4	5	0	53	31M	FS
National Creek Complex	OR-RSF	20,945	0	90	Ctn	10/01	161	-6	2	3	3	0	20.3M	FS
Dry Gulch	OR-972S	17,823	0	85	Ctn	9/24	124	-110	2	10	0	0	2.1M	ST

Southern California Area (PL 3)

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

Rough, Sierra NF. IMT 1 (Opliger) and IMT 2 (Cooper). Five miles north of Hume, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Tassajarra**, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Ten miles southeast of Carmel Valley, CA. Chaparral and brush. Active fire behavior. 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			
Rough	CA-SNF	141,599	108	68	Ctn	NR	1,381	-112	22	85	13	4	109.3M	FS
* Tassajarra	CA-BEU	300	---	5	Ctn	NR	336	---	19	15	3	0	500K	ST

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 0
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0
 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 with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Tepee Springs	ID-PAF	95,709	0	87	Comp	10/15	399	15	7	8	5	5	28.9M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

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

* **Arrowhead**, Stillwater County. Eight miles west of Columbus, MT. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, uphill runs and backing. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
* Arrowhead	MT-LG32	400	---	20	Ctn	9/20	41	---	0	16	2	4	50K	CNTY

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

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

Guttersen Ranch, Weld County. Six miles southeast of Kersey, CO. Short grass. No new information.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Guttersen Ranch	CO-WEX	5,000	---	20	Ctn	UNK	51	---	0	17	0	0	1K	CNTY

Southern Area (PL 1)

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

Crater Creek, Wichita Mountains, NWR. Three miles northeast of Cache, OK. Timber and tall grass. No new information.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Crater Creek	OK-WMR	10,471	---	20	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	32	1,268,956	105	224	32	4,950
ONCC	6	261,249	195	866	37	9,318
OSCC	5	142,562	44	104	17	1,818
NRCC	24	295,923	13	43	9	859
GBCC	7	124,738	13	11	7	540
SWCC	2	3,610	1	4	0	47
RMCC	4	7,398	0	25	0	74
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	10	16,796	0	12	0	94
Total	90	2,121,232	371	1,289	102	17,700

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	1	0	0	4	0	5
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	11	1	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	802	3	805
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	10	1	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	385	3	0	388
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	400	0	400
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	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7,001	0	7,001
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	4	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
TOTAL FIRES:		0	1	0	0	31	6	38
TOTAL ACRES:		0	1	0	385	8,215	3	8,604

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	264	296	40	74	1,723	1,323	3,720
	ACRES	234,893	242,604	15,056	11,514	63,672	507,112	1,074,851
Northern California Area	FIRES	134	30	5	29	2,805	945	3,948
	ACRES	243	10,786	354	2	279,918	240,595	531,898
Southern California Area	FIRES	23	59	12	90	2,791	515	3,490
	ACRES	107	2,024	12	8,903	24,448	205,815	241,309
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	927	91	5	28	1,248	1,118	3,417
	ACRES	26,280	13,803	685	26,114	187,307	429,621	683,810
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	726	5	37	599	486	1,891
	ACRES	695	344,013	3	82	13,314	132,999	491,106
Southwest Area	FIRES	429	192	6	32	506	833	1,998
	ACRES	56,961	5,355	62	3,799	17,465	118,341	201,983
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	486	301	16	24	952	233	2,012
	ACRES	16,344	5,973	189	7,409	97,054	1,451	128,420
Eastern Area	FIRES	540	0	31	16	5,836	367	6,790
	ACRES	2,185	0	2,102	549	45,475	5,536	55,847
Southern Area	FIRES	315	0	37	14	17,903	303	18,572
	ACRES	37,321	0	3,074	248	270,042	15,406	326,091
TOTAL FIRES:		3,156	1,958	157	344	34,837	6,146	46,598
TOTAL ACRES:		375,029	4,658,635	21,537	58,620	2,074,764	1,657,672	8,846,257

Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)	57,118
Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)	6,118,643

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	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	65	0	0	0	0	200	265
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	8	0	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
TOTAL FIRES:		1	0	0	0	8	1	10
TOTAL ACRES:		65	0	0	0	17	200	282

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	135	211
	ACRES	606	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	73,663	100,199
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	24	37	60	11	61	82	275
	ACRES	2,255	6,863	16,147	1,153	3,287	22,761	52,466
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	264	24	1,401	158	1,877
	ACRES	39,398	0	33,249	6,654	66,378	49,780	195,459
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	155	11	8,858	710	9,822
	ACRES	16,583	0	116,758	14,261	531,829	621,953	1,301,384
TOTAL FIRES:		192	157	535	80	10,360	1,634	12,958
TOTAL ACRES:		64,974	59,742	188,204	28,857	604,890	836,388	1,783,055

*** 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: Breezy southwest winds are expected today over portions of the northern Rockies and adjacent Plains in advance of a cold front developing along the Canadian border. Otherwise it will generally be dry over the western U.S. with seasonably warm temperatures. Western Washington will again see showers in conjunction with a cold front. Elsewhere, showers and thunderstorms west of the Rockies will be limited to the southwest U.S. where subtropical moisture will stream northward into southern California. Storms are also expected from the central Plains through the southern Plains along a warm front.

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



FIRE NOT SCOUTED AND SIZED UP

Operational Engagement Category

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and **every time** resources arrive at a fire.

● Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)
- Are there aerial resources that can act as lookouts?

● Continued...

- Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
- Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
- Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)

● To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

References:

Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

Incident Response Pocket Guide