

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, September 23, 2015 - 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (93 new fires)
New large incidents:	0
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	20
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

** 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:	23
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2

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 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. Minimal fire behavior with backing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened.

River Complex, Shasta-Trinity NF. NIMO (Hahnenberg). Three miles southwest of Denny, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect.

Gasquet Complex (2 fires), Six Rivers NF. Thirteen miles northeast of Crescent City, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. 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			
Valley	CA-LNU	76,067	286	79	Ctn	10/05	3,303	-584	77	290	10	1,910	38.8M	ST
Butte	CA-AEU	70,868	0	82	Ctn	10/01	2,630	-450	67	131	3	818	62.8M	ST
River Complex	CA-SHF	77,077	0	66	Ctn	10/15	180	-41	3	8	3	0	32.1M	FS
Gasquet Complex	CA-SRF	30,361	0	50	Ctn	10/15	176	-45	2	8	1	0	41.8M	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	4
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
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. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Tassajara, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Patterson). Ten miles southeast of Carmel Valley, CA. Chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Rough	CA-SNF	143,559	1,190	73	Ctn	NR	1,334	-179	24	66	11	4	113.3M	FS
Tassajara	CA-BEU	1,086	0	75	Ctn	NR	779	123	19	61	0	20	5.3M	ST

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	11
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	12
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

North Star, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 1 (McGowan). IMT is also managing the Tunk Block, Okanogan and Chelan incidents. Twenty-four miles east of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Tunk Block, Northeast Region, DNR. Ten miles northeast of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Okanogan Complex (2 fires), Northeast Region, DNR. Eleven miles northwest of Omak, WA. Timber and brush. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Chelan Complex (2 fires), Southeast Region, DNR. Started on BLM land one mile south of Chelan, WA. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Meeks Table, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Fourteen miles northwest of Naches, WA. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Kettle Complex (3 fires), Colville NF. IMT 2 (Sheldon). Fifteen miles northeast of Republic, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Wolverine, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). Three miles northwest of Lucerne, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Canyon Creek Complex, Malheur NF. Two miles south of John Day, OR. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with single tree torching, 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. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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	218,142	44	96	Ctn	10/15	708	-96	11	21	3	1	40.9M	BIA
Tunk Block	WA-NES	165,918	---	97	Ctn	9/30	375	---	9	32	0	145	9.2M	ST
Okanogan Complex	WA-NES	133,450	---	95	Ctn	9/30	351	---	6	19	1	152	45.6M	ST
Chelan Complex	WA-SES	88,985	---	98	Ctn	10/01	99	---	1	5	0	47	19M	BLM
Meeks Table	WA-OWF	1,183	---	60	Comp	9/30	192	---	5	9	4	0	2.6M	ST
Kettle Complex	WA-COF	76,392	131	82	Ctn	10/15	542	-81	16	16	1	1	35.4M	FS
Wolverine	WA-OWF	65,512	0	80	Comp	10/15	190	-138	1	2	1	4	31.7M	FS
Canyon Creek Complex	OR-MAF	110,422	0	95	Ctn	9/30	60	-31	2	1	0	53	31.2M	FS
National Creek Complex	OR-RSF	20,945	---	90	Ctn	10/01	119	-8	---	2	1	0	20.9M	FS
Dry Gulch	OR-972S	17,823	0	90	Ctn	9/24	117	-13	4	4	0	0	2.9M	ST

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires:	5
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 isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. 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			
Tepee Springs	ID-PAF	95,709	0	95	Comp	10/15	282	-60	5	4	4	5	30.4M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires:	2
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1

Arrowhead, Stillwater County. Eight miles west of Columbus, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Arrowhead	MT-LG32	663	0	95	Ctn	9/23	4	-23	0	1	0	4	70K	CNTY

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	5	134,236	0	0	0	0
NWCC	29	1,204,016	68	151	15	3,429
ONCC	6	262,924	166	476	20	6,955
OSCC	5	144,988	46	134	11	2,211
NRCC	17	222,883	4	10	2	243
GBCC	7	114,961	8	9	6	387
SWCC	2	4,150	1	4	0	47
RMCC	3	12,309	0	17	0	48
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	5	12,302	0	2	0	4
Total	79	2,112,769	293	803	54	13,324

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	5	6	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	5	0	5
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	20	3	23
	ACRES	0	0	0	4,003	2	4,005
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	3	1	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	6	1,640	1,646
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	51	51
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	0	0	1	4	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	1
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	3	0	0	0	1	4
	ACRES	18	0	0	0	0	18
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	1
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	22	18	40
	ACRES	0	0	0	79	126	205
TOTAL FIRES:	3	0	0	0	54	36	93
TOTAL ACRES:	18	0	0	0	4,094	1,820	5,932

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	297	42	74	1,748	1,333	3,758
	ACRES	234,893	242,604	15,056	26,138	100,056	515,755	1,134,502
Northern California Area	FIREs	134	30	5	29	2,850	956	4,004
	ACRES	243	10,786	354	2	285,324	240,610	537,319
Southern California Area	FIREs	23	59	12	90	2,820	518	3,522
	ACRES	107	2,024	12	8,903	25,787	207,456	244,289
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	929	91	6	28	1,271	1,124	3,449
	ACRES	26,290	13,803	686	26,114	187,438	429,604	683,935
Great Basin Area	FIREs	39	730	5	37	606	493	1,910
	ACRES	695	344,692	3	82	13,316	133,001	491,789
Southwest Area	FIREs	429	193	6	32	506	834	2,000
	ACRES	58,058	5,357	62	3,799	17,465	118,903	203,644
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	489	301	16	24	953	243	2,026
	ACRES	16,362	5,971	189	7,409	97,054	1,451	128,436
Eastern Area	FIREs	540	0	31	16	5,872	367	6,826
	ACRES	2,185	0	2,102	549	45,505	5,536	55,877
Southern Area	FIREs	315	0	37	14	18,302	323	18,991
	ACRES	37,321	0	3,074	248	294,411	15,535	350,589
TOTAL FIRES:		3,162	1,964	160	344	35,402	6,214	47,246
TOTAL ACRES:		376,154	4,659,314	21,538	73,244	2,142,425	1,668,647	8,941,322

Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)	57,717
Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)	6,169,312

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
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,200	1,200
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	5	0	5
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	616	0	616
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	701	701
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	1	1	0	0	0	3
	ACRES	18	50	0	0	150	1,237
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	24	24
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	40	40
TOTAL FIRES:	1	1	0	4	2	3	11
TOTAL ACRES:	18	50	0	621	214	2,920	3,823

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	148 188
	ACRES	2,457	17,778	51	49	0	25,238 45,573
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	6	7	139 221
	ACRES	3,651	10,580	12,835	1,595	695	17,742 47,098
Great Basin Area	FIREs	1	24	1	8	32	53 119
	ACRES	24	1,447	1,060	702	1,779	17,473 22,485
Southwest Area	FIREs	32	29	8	7	0	138 214
	ACRES	606	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	74,663 101,199
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	26	39	60	11	62	83 281
	ACRES	2,348	7,043	16,147	1,153	3,437	25,175 55,303
Eastern Area	FIREs	30	0	264	24	1,402	158 1,878
	ACRES	39,398	0	33,249	6,654	66,402	49,780 195,483
Southern Area	FIREs	88	0	155	11	8,896	710 9,860
	ACRES	16,583	0	116,758	14,261	532,738	621,953 1,302,293
TOTAL FIRES:	194	159	535	84	10,401	1,642	13,015
TOTAL ACRES:	65,067	59,922	188,204	29,478	606,039	841,618	1,790,328

*** 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: A weakening upper wave will move across the central Rockies and into the Plains. Showers and thunderstorms will stretch from New Mexico to Minnesota as the system moves northeast. Warm and dry conditions will continue over the West. High pressure in the East will keep mostly mild to warm weather in place with scattered showers and thunderstorms over Florida.

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



ESCAPE ROUTES 3 (LCES)

Operational Engagement Category

A primary objective of every operational fire plan is to keep firefighters out of entrapment situations. However, firefighters must always be prepared to escape quickly to a safety zone or deployment area. Consider the following during discussion of escape from possible entrapment.

- Have a plan that includes trigger points!
 - **Trigger Point:** An observable event that triggers a pre-determined action.
Example: Temperature reaches 98 Degrees and RH goes into single digits the crew will follow the established escape route to the safety zone.
- Reassess escape routes throughout the operational period.
 - Has access to escape routes become more difficult as the day progresses?
 - Do you have more than one escape route?
 - Are all escape routes clearly marked?
 - Are all firefighters familiar with the escape routes?
- During an escape time will be short. Describe considerations you might make in this situation such as:
 - Maintain control of all critical equipment such as PPE and radio... jettison gear that will not aid in your escape!
 - Maintain contact with all other crewmembers!
- Describe your vision of a good safety zone. How is that different from a deployment area?
- You should always know the location of your escape routes leading to and safety zones and deployment areas.

References:

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