

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, August 5, 2016 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (122 new fires)
New large incidents:	9
Large fires contained:	8
Uncontained large fires:**	30
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

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

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

One MAFFS C-130 air tanker and support personnel each from the 153rd Airlift Wing, (Wyoming Air National Guard) and the 302nd Airlift Wing, (Colorado Springs, Air Force Reserve) have been deployed to Boise, ID in support of wildland fire operations.

One Convair 580 airtanker group from British Columbia has been deployed to Billings, MT in support of wildland fire operations.

Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires:	10
New large incidents:	3
Uncontained large fires:	7
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Pioneer, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Lund). Five miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching, spotting and running. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Broad Mouth, Bear River Area, Utah DOF. Fifteen miles northwest of Tremonton, UT. Chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with spotting and running. Structures threatened. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Cliff Creek, Bridger-Teton NF. IMT 2 (Bird). Fifteen miles east of Hoback, WY. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with group torching. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Virginia Mountains Complex (2 fires), Carson City District Office, BLM. IMT 2 (Roide). Forty miles north of Reno, NV. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with group torching, backing and smoldering. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

* **Rocky Peak**, Franklin County. Ten miles north of Preston, ID. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Poodle, Winnemucca District, BLM. Twenty miles northwest of Gerlach, NV. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

Comet, Salmon-Challis NF. Thirteen miles north of Salmon, ID. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Roaring, Salmon-Challis NF. Previously reported incident. Thirty-one miles northwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting, short crown runs and backing. Trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Porcupine**, Manti-Lasal NF. Sixteen miles northeast of Salina, UT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Outlook**, Uinta/Wasatch-Cache NF. Twenty-five miles south of Mountain View, WY. Timber, heavy logging slash and brush. Moderate fire behavior with torching and creeping. Trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Pioneer	ID-BOF	50,478	2,128	27	Ctn	9/15	1,489	7	43	52	10	5	21.1M	FS
Broad Mouth	UT-BRS	15,000	14,000	30	Ctn	8/16	129	95	3	17	0	3	10K	ST
Cliff Creek	WY-BTF	31,169	1,492	84	Comp	9/30	290	-46	5	5	5	1	12.6M	FS
Virginia Mountains Complex	NV-CCD	59,727	0	73	Ctn	8/6	607	-100	16	19	8	12	7.3M	BLM
* Rocky Peak	ID-1FN	950	---	80	Ctn	UNK	65	---	0	7	0	0	70K	CNTY
Poodle	NV-WID	6,557	0	95	Ctn	8/5	243	-142	8	6	2	0	1.6M	BLM
Comet	ID-SCF	358	0	90	Ctn	8/5	9	0	0	0	0	0	1.3M	FS
Roaring	ID-SCF	1,500	1,400	0	Comp	10/31	1	0	0	0	0	0	10K	FS
* Porcupine	UT-MLF	278	---	0	Comp	10/31	25	---	0	1	0	0	20K	FS
* Outlook	UT-UWF	187	---	0	Comp	8/31	8	---	0	1	0	0	230K	FS
Tribal	UT-SLD	1,829	0	100	Ctn	---	16	-15	0	4	0	0	70K	BLM

SLD – Salt Lake Field Office, BLM

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	17
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3

Soberanes, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum) and IMT 1 (Vontillow). Seven miles northwest of Big Sur, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with torching, uphill runs and backing. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Clark**, Inyo NF. Seven miles east of June Lake, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs and spotting. Evacuations in effect.

Goose, Fresno-Kings, Cal Fire. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Bravo) back to the local unit will occur today. Two miles southeast of Prather, CA. Hardwood litter, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road closure in effect.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Soberanes	CA-BEU	51,200	4,500	30	Ctn	8/31	5,533	-19	108	466	17	68	72.8M	ST
* Clark	CA-INF	200	---	10	Ctn	8/8	120	---	2	8	5	0	200K	FS
Goose	CA-KFU	2,241	0	85	Ctn	8/8	1,294	-363	43	46	1	9	7.6M	ST

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	12
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	8
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Kewa, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Goff). Thirty-one miles southwest of Colville, WA. Timber, closed timber litter and brush. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations, area restriction, road and area closures in effect.

Bybee Creek, Crater Lake NP. IMT 1 (Schulte). Eighteen miles northeast of Prospect, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching, short-range spotting and creeping. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

Rail, Wallowa-Whitman, NF. IMT 2 (Harrod). Five miles west of Unity, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, flanking and creeping. Structures threatened. Trail and area closures in effect.

Snake River, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. Twelve miles northeast of Pomeroy, WA. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Weigh Station, Pendleton Unit, ODF. Thirteen miles southeast of Pendleton, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Range 12, Spokane District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Johnson) back to the local unit will occur today. Twelve miles north of Sunnyside, WA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

South Ward Gap, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. One mile south of Prosser, WA. Brush and tall grass. No new information.

Antilon Lake, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Ten miles northwest of Chelan, WA. Timber, brush and short grass. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Kewa	WA-COA	1,859	19	25	Ctn	8/10	324	251	10	15	0	5	871K	BIA
Bybee Creek	OR-CLP	872	84	12	Ctn	8/12	377	37	9	12	8	0	2.5M	NPS
Rail	OR-WWF	6,549	973	5	Ctn	8/31	621	96	18	27	6	0	1.6M	FS
Snake River	WA-WFS	11,000	0	30	Ctn	8/8	343	317	4	77	0	1	800K	ST
Weigh Station	OR-973S	688	0	80	Ctn	8/8	207	-109	6	14	0	2	1.3M	ST
Range 12	WA-SPD	176,600	0	95	Ctn	8/7	71	-106	0	8	0	0	1.6M	BLM
South Ward Gap	WA-WFS	5,000	0	95	Ctn	UNK	28	-133	0	0	0	2	350K	ST
Antilon Lake	WA-SES	315	0	95	Ctn	UNK	10	-60	0	0	0	0	200K	ST
Road 10	WA-WFS	3,280	0	100	Ctn	---	70	0	0	15	0	8	177K	ST

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 10
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Roaring Lion, Bitterroot NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). Five miles southwest of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with group and single tree torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

Copper King, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Thompson). Seven miles east of Thompson Falls, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Butte, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Started on private land 14 miles southeast of Forsyth, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and backing.

Blue Lake, Central Land Office, DNRC. Started on private land 10 miles southwest of Ennis, MT. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with torching, spotting and creeping. Residences and sage grouse habitat threatened.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Roaring Lion	MT-BRF	7,753	624	15	Ctn	9/1	735	86	13	49	9	61	3.4M	FS
Copper King	MT-LNF	1,286	0	0	Ctn	10/31	383	108	10	14	6	0	1.8M	FS
Butte	MT-MCD	1,617	617	20	Ctn	8/7	85	14	0	18	2	0	350K	PRI
Blue Lake	MT-CES	629	0	44	Ctn	8/30	113	0	4	3	1	0	2.8M	PRI
North Tullock	MT-LG22	2,720	0	100	Ctn	---	105	-69	1	11	0	0	770K	CNTY
* 88	MT-LG10	485	---	100	Ctn	---	9	---	0	4	0	0	25K	CNTY

LG22 – Big Horn County, MT

LG10 – Carbon County, MT

Rocky Mountain (PL 3)

New fires: 9
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 1 IMTs Committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs Committed: 1
 NIMOs Committed: 1

Whit, Wind River/Bighorn Basin District, BLM. IMT 1 (Pechota). Twelve miles west of Cody, WY. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running and flanking. Numerous structures threatened. Trail closures in effect. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

Lava Mountain, Shoshone NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Martin) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Twenty miles northwest of Dubois, WY. Timber, heavy logging slash and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, spotting and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Beaver Creek, Routt NF. NIMO (Quesinberry). Twenty-four miles northwest of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Tokewana, Unita County. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Greer) back to the local unit will occur today. Fifteen miles south of Mountain View, WY. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road closures in effect. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Whit	WY-WBD	9,652	8,052	0	Ctn	8/24	237	106	8	13	7	8	301K	BLM
Lava Mountain	WY-SHF	14,471	57	80	Ctn	9/1	541	-101	7	36	7	0	16.7M	FS
Beaver Creek	CO-RTF	34,677	0	18	Ctn	10/21	300	61	4	27	5	17	16.6M	FS
Tokewana	WY-UIX	1,287	0	90	Ctn	8/5	240	-130	5	9	1	8	3.4M	CNTY
* Hail	SD-PRA	314	---	100	Ctn	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	20K	BIA

PRA – Pine Ridge Agency, BIA

Northern California (PL 3)

New fires: 33
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Cold, Sonoma –Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Estes). Seven miles west of Winters, CA. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, creeping and backing. Structures 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Cold	CA-LNU	4,700	100	15	Ctn	8/9	903	282	21	96	8	0	3.7M	ST

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11
 New large incidents: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Imperial, Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Fourteen miles north of Yuma, AZ. Brush, hardwood litter and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

Chuck Box, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. Previously reported incident. Thirteen miles south of Heber, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Eden #4**, Coconino NF. Forty-five miles southeast of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Imperial	AZ-IMR	100	0	50	Ctn	8/19	29	-29	1	1	0	0	330K	FWS
Chuck Box	AZ-FTA	2,219	1,669	0	Comp	UNK	13	0	1	0	0	0	150K	BIA
* Eden #4	AZ-COF	500	---	0	Comp	8/15	20	---	0	2	0	0	25K	FS
* Yellow Glow	NM-N5S	2,000	---	100	Ctn	---	22	---	0	8	0	0	4K	ST

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Elk	AZ-ASF	1,887	1,512	100	Comp	---	28	0	0	4	0	0	55K	FS
* Pine Hill	AZ-COF	516	---	100	Comp	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	20K	FS

N5S – Capitan District, New Mexica State Forestry

ASF – Apache-Sitgreaves NF

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 19
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2

Anole, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Thirty-three miles southwest of Lake Charles, LA. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Hinson Rd, Georgia Forestry Commission. Nine miles southeast of Homerville, GA. Medium logging slash and southern rough. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Anole	LA-SBR	3,566	566	90	Ctn	8/6	8	-6	0	1	1	0	60K	FWS
Hinson Rd	GA-GAS	161	---	98	Ctn	8/5	10	---	0	2	0	0	35K	ST

Alaska Area (PL 1)

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

Alatna Complex (4 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Ten miles west of Alatna, AK. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Alatna Complex	AK-TAD	113,157	15,672	98	Comp	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	1M	BLM

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	778	0	0	0	0
NWCC	16	232,233.7	60	229	20	2,643
ONCC	1	4,700	21	96	8	903
OSCC	5	95,252	161	530	26	7,189
NRCC	14	19,486.4	35	109	22	1,694
GBCC	18	124,318	69	107	29	2,692
SWCC	16	61,222	4	37	0	326
RMCC	11	100,716.1	25	91	21	1,383
EACC	1	120	0	2	0	19
SACC	9	11,169	1	10	2	79
Total	91	649,995.2	376	1,211	128	16,928

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	10	1	12
	ACRES	0	10	0	0	76	0	86
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	29	4	33
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3,198	1	3,199
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	2	1	0	11	3	17
	ACRES	0	12	0	0	1,505	121	1,638
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	5	4	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,022	1,617	2,639
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	4	3	10
	ACRES	0	83	0	0	660	2,307	3,050
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	1	1	0	0	9	11
	ACRES	0	25	0	0	0	3	28
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	1	5	9
	ACRES	0	102	0	0	1,605	572	2,279
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	40	40
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	19	0	19
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	226	0	226
TOTAL FIRES:		1	10	2	0	79	30	122
TOTAL ACRES:		0	232	0	0	8,292	4,661	13,185

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	178	0	0	333	12	523
	ACRES	0	386,411	0	0	106,459	3	492,873
Northwest Area	FIRES	233	99	22	18	843	353	1,568
	ACRES	9,727	89,898	249	781	5,775	6,608	113,038
Northern California Area	FIRES	78	5	0	23	1,653	246	2,005
	ACRES	133	11	0	3	27,059	8,699	35,905
Southern California Area	FIRES	11	62	6	29	2,094	239	2,441
	ACRES	8	26,114	269	66	67,743	87,452	181,652
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	540	67	9	7	813	212	1,648
	ACRES	3,395	3,440	1,426	3	32,584	14,334	55,182
Great Basin Area	FIRES	17	485	6	24	433	272	1,237
	ACRES	94	209,108	3	54	56,945	96,557	362,761
Southwest Area	FIRES	590	207	10	51	915	904	2,677
	ACRES	24,473	67,154	6,975	32,110	129,637	335,239	595,588
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	555	265	10	16	845	321	2,012
	ACRES	21,307	21,850	480	2,017	471,425	63,795	580,874
Eastern Area	FIRES	490	0	25	19	5,142	351	6,027
	ACRES	1,906	0	1,087	910	30,687	7,152	41,742
Southern Area	FIRES	337	0	23	54	14,077	432	14,923
	ACRES	132,701	0	229	27,567	869,289	43,324	1,073,110
TOTAL FIRES:		2,851	1,368	111	241	27,148	3,342	35,061
TOTAL ACRES:		193,744	803,986	10,718	63,511	1,797,603	663,163	3,532,725

Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)	46,993
Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)	4,149,587

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	21	0	21
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	167	0	167
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	21	0	21
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	167	0	167

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	7	0	0	2	1	10
	ACRES	0	31,664	0	0	1,566	38	33,268
Northwest Area	FIRES	9	22	6	0	0	152	189
	ACRES	8,752	1,991	356	0	0	24,097	35,196
Northern California Area	FIRES	4	1	9	8	0	126	148
	ACRES	41	90	3,356	328	0	8,244	12,059
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	5	4	1	0	136	146
	ACRES	0	71	422	760	0	3,587	4,840
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	12	12	53	11	14	149	251
	ACRES	5,316	4,358	12,318	651	698	14,894	38,235
Great Basin Area	FIRES	4	22	6	5	36	74	147
	ACRES	110	2,296	3,584	128	915	26,112	33,145
Southwest Area	FIRES	8	30	3	8	1	108	158
	ACRES	894	22,071	92	2,331	2	62,643	88,033
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	15	33	57	24	76	69	274
	ACRES	1,266	2,908	26,221	10,952	4,482	27,771	73,600
Eastern Area	FIRES	87	0	347	23	900	182	1,539
	ACRES	45,614	0	50,949	5,774	61,444	56,182	219,963
Southern Area	FIRES	17	0	182	65	10,099	914	11,277
	ACRES	1,830	0	160,866	51,546	667,272	831,657	1,713,171
TOTAL FIRES:		156	132	667	145	11,128	1,911	14,139
TOTAL ACRES:		63,823	65,449	258,164	72,470	736,379	1,055,225	2,251,510

*** 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	8	84	693	93,735
YUKON TERRITORY	1	2	45	16,368
ALBERTA	4	0	1,165	611,482
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	1,142	171	183,427
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	340	220,355
MANITOBA	1	1	180	35,566
ONTARIO	3	1	523	86,763
QUEBEC	4	0	476	31,820
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	79	10,959
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	243	238
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	212	347
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	6	19
NATIONAL PARKS	3	0	50	5,379
TOTALS	28	1,231	4,183	1,296,457

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered thunderstorms will continue over the Four Corners region while widely scattered thunderstorms develop in the northern Great Basin and parts of the Northwest. A few thunderstorms could also develop late in the day in the northern Rockies. Showers and thunderstorms will also develop across the Southeast and the Mid-Atlantic and will move through the Midwest along a weak cold front. Temperatures will slowly warm across much of the West with hot conditions continuing in the far southwestern deserts. Hot weather will also continue across the southern Plains and the lower Mississippi Valley. Mild conditions will remain over the central Rockies to the Upper Midwest. The Northeast will be warm. Showers and a few thunderstorms will increase across southern and central Alaska and temperatures will continue to warm slowly.

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



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?

The Mann Gulch Fire - August 5th, 1949

Summary: Lightning started many fires on the Helena National Forest August 4th, 1949 including one near the top of a ridge between Meriwether and Mann Gulches. At 12:55pm August 5th, the fire was observed at 6 acres. At 1:30 the call went out for smokejumpers from the Missoula jumpbase. By the time the jump plane flew over at 3pm the fire was 60 acres. The crew jumped and are scattered by a nearby thunder cell.

The crew gathers at the bottom of the gulch up-canyon of the fire. Jumper Foreman goes to scout the fire and meets up with a fire guard working alone near the head of the fire. Observing increased fire activity, the decision is made to start from the toe. While hiking to the toe, the foreman noted that there was fire below them in the gulch and that it had crossed to the other side of the canyon blocking their ability to escape to the river. They reversed direction and headed up toward the NW ridge. The fire is 500 feet behind them crowning in timber and doghair thickets.

The foreman knows that they will not outrun the fire and starts to burn off some grass for a "refuge". He gives the order for his crew to come into the black with him. The foreman stayed in his black and survived the fire passing over. It is not clear how many of the crew heard the orders over the roar of the fire or understood what the foreman was trying to do (burning out was neither taught nor common practice at this time). The crew continued running up the steep slope for the ridge. Two made it to safety in rocks at the top. 5:56pm marks the time on one firefighter's watch that stopped when the 15 Missoula Smokejumpers and one Meriwether Fire Guard were burned over. Only 5 would survive the blow-up. 2 would die from their burns the next day.

This Day in Wildland Fire History is dedicated to all those at Mann Gulch August 5th, 1949.

Predicted Fire Danger was "low" but readings from a nearby ranger station were RH=22%, fuel sticks = 5%, and wind=16mph indicating more severe fire danger. No weather was recorded at the fire, but steady SW winds were observed at the time of the jump. The Gulch runs SW down to the Missouri River. Also note the thunder cell that was in the area.

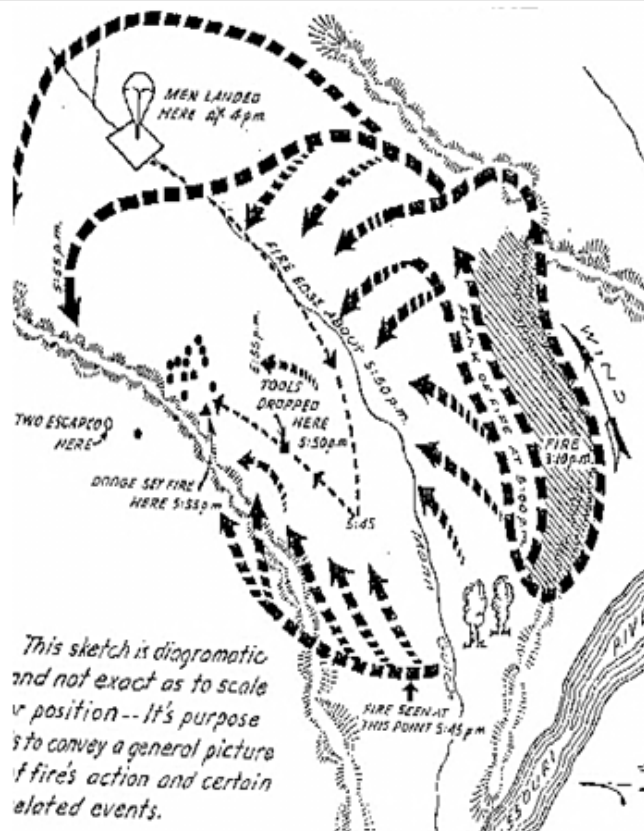
- Open your IRPG to page 1. Based on the above information coupled with the increase in fire size, use the Risk Management Process and the map (right) to discuss some of the actions you will take to ensure crew safety: as the FFT2, squad boss, crew boss, etc.

Based on initial aerial size-up, the strategy was to hold the fire on the ridge by anchoring the head of the fire and flanking down both sides to the toe. The fire was noted as "appearing relatively quiet".

- Discuss other tactics that your crew could use if presented with a similar situation. Look at the different options available at different steps of the initial attack.

Though his ability as a firefighter was well respected by his peers, the Foreman was not known by this young group of smokejumpers.

- When we find ourselves in this position (such as a Crew boss assignment) what can we do to create and encourage crew cohesion?



Resources: [Mann Gulch Fire Fatalities Report](#) [Virtual Staff Ride of Mann Gulch](#)

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