

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, August 6, 2016 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (96 new fires)
New large incidents:	4
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires:**	23
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

\*\*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 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, (Wyoming Air National Guard) and the 302<sup>nd</sup> 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:	4
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Pioneer**, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Lund) and IMT 1 (Wilkins). Eight miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, long-range spotting and running. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, 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. Structures threatened. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

**Cliff Creek**, Bridger-Teton NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Bird) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Fifteen miles east of Hoback, WY. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with group torching. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Poodle**, Winnemucca District, BLM. Twenty miles northwest of Gerlach, NV. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. 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			
Pioneer	ID-BOF	51,903	1,425	20	Ctn	9/30	1,506	17	44	52	10	5	23.8M	FS
Broad Mouth	UT-BRS	21,614	6,614	35	Ctn	8/11	203	74	6	16	2	3	500K	ST
Cliff Creek	WY-BTF	31,662	493	88	Comp	9/30	268	-22	5	5	5	1	13M	FS
Poodle	NV-WID	6,557	0	98	Ctn	8/7	104	-139	2	5	1	0	1.6M	BLM

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Virginia Mountains Complex	NV-CCD	59,727	0	100	Ctn	---	342	-265	4	18	4	12	7.9M	BLM
Rocky Peak	ID-1FN	950	0	100	Ctn	---	11	-54	0	3	0	0	90K	CNTY
Comet	ID-SCF	358	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-9	0	0	0	0	1.3M	FS

CCD – Carson City District Office, BLM

1FN – Franklin County, ID

SCF – Salmon-Challis NF

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

New fires: 16  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**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. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, creeping and backing. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Clark**, Inyo NF. IMT 2 (Laeng). Seven miles east of June Lake, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, short-range spotting and flanking. Structures threatened.

**Goose**, Fresno-Kings, Cal Fire. Two miles southeast of Prather, CA. Hardwood litter, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Soberanes	CA-BEU	53,900	2,700	40	Ctn	8/31	5,636	103	117	426	18	68	79.1M	ST
Clark	CA-INF	2,300	2,100	20	Ctn	8/8	254	134	6	14	6	0	400K	FS
Goose	CA-KFU	2,241	0	92	Ctn	8/8	529	-765	15	35	1	9	9.5M	ST

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

New fires: 27  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 8  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**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. 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 crowning, short-range spotting and uphill runs. Trail and area closures in effect.

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

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

**Range 12**, Spokane District, BLM. Twelve miles north of Sunnyside, WA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior.

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

**Antilon Lake**, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Ten miles northwest of Chelan, WA. Timber, brush and short grass. 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			
Kewa	WA-COA	1,946	87	35	Ctn	8/10	439	115	13	16	0	5	1M	BIA
Bybee Creek	OR-CLP	1,116	244	45	Ctn	8/15	393	16	9	12	7	0	3.3M	NPS
Rail	OR-WWF	7,119	570	10	Ctn	8/31	616	-5	18	27	6	0	2.4M	FS
Snake River	WA-WFS	11,362	362	70	Ctn	8/8	328	-15	5	69	0	1	1.1M	ST
Weigh Station	OR-973S	688	0	85	Ctn	8/8	102	-105	2	7	0	2	1.5M	ST
Range 12	WA-SPD	176,600	0	95	Ctn	8/7	31	-40	0	8	0	0	1.6M	BLM
South Ward Gap	WA-WFS	5,000	---	95	Ctn	UNK	28	---	0	0	0	2	350K	ST
Antilon Lake	WA-SES	315	---	95	Ctn	UNK	10	---	0	0	0	0	200K	ST

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	3
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
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 isolated torching, flanking and backing. 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 with creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Blue Lake**, Central Land Office, DNRC. Started on private land 10 miles southwest of Ennis, MT. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Residences and sage grouse habitat threatened. 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			
Roaring Lion	MT-BRF	7,927	174	20	Ctn	9/1	862	127	19	50	9	65	4.2M	FS
Copper King	MT-LNF	1,286	0	0	Ctn	10/31	376	-7	9	14	6	0	2.6M	FS
Blue Lake	MT-CES	750	121	60	Comp	8/30	86	-27	3	2	1	0	2.8M	PRI
Butte	MT-MCD	1,544	-73	100	Ctn	---	85	0	0	18	2	0	380K	PRI

**Rocky Mountain (PL 3)**

New fires: 6  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 1 IMTs Committed: 2  
 NIMOs Committed: 1

**Whit**, Wind River/Bighorn Basin District, BLM. IMT 1 (Pechota). Twelve miles west of Cody, WY. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with torching. Numerous structures threatened. Trail and area closures in effect.

**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. 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. Moderate fire behavior with wind-driven runs, backing and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Tokewana**, Unita County. Fifteen miles south of Mountain View, WY. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. 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	10,198	546	15	Ctn	8/24	448	211	12	22	9	8	1.1M	BLM
Lava Mountain	WY-SHF	14,579	108	90	Ctn	9/1	415	-126	4	28	5	0	17.2M	FS
Beaver Creek	CO-RTF	34,756	79	18	Ctn	10/21	282	-18	3	28	5	17	17.3M	FS
Tokewana	WY-UIX	1,287	0	95	Ctn	UNK	132	-108	3	5	1	8	3.7M	CNTY

**Northern California (PL 3)**

New fires: 20  
 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. Chaparral and grass. Minimal fire behavior. 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	0	30	Ctn	8/10	1,625	722	39	109	11	0	5.7M	ST

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

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

**Imperial**, Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Fourteen miles north of Yuma, AZ. Brush, hardwood litter and tall 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			
Imperial	AZ-IMR	100	---	50	Ctn	8/19	29	---	1	1	0	0	330K	FWS

### **Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 16  
New large incidents: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1

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

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	0	95	Ctn	8/6	3	-5	0	1	0	0	70K	FWS
* Low Rance	TX-TXS	572	---	100	Ctn	---	19	---	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI

TXS – Texas A&M Forest Service

### **Alaska Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 0  
New large incidents: 3  
Uncontained large fires: 0

**High Creek**, Galena Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Thirty-five miles northeast of Huslia, AK. Dormant Brush, Hardwood Slash. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Smith Creek**, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Previously reported incident. Nineteen miles northwest of Crooked Creek, AK. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Reed River**, Galena Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on state land 57 miles northeast of Kobuk, AK. Dormant brush, hardwood slash and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and smoldering. 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			
High Creek	AK-GAD	14,644	4,801	0	Comp	8/31	0	-8	0	0	0	0	1K	BLM
Smith Creek	AK-SWS	5,007	1,010	0	Comp	8/15	0	-5	0	0	0	0	178K	ST
Reed River	AK-GAD	1,325	1,095	0	Comp	9/5	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Dulbi River	AK-GAD	2,731	---	100	Comp	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
* South Fork	AK-GAD	2,458	---	100	Comp	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
* St Lawrence Island	AK-GAD	360	---	100	Comp	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ANC

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	15	233,501	54	208	16	2,467
ONCC	1	4,700	39	109	11	1,625
OSCC	4	99,873	142	480	28	6,569
NRCC	13	18,279.2	39	103	22	1,752
GBCC	15	131,518	68	100	27	2,536
SWCC	15	25,906	4	36	1	332
RMCC	9	98,387.1	23	88	21	1,338
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	9	11,662	1	12	1	92
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>623,826.3</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>16,711</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	21	6	27
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	83	0	83
Northern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	15	4	20
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	216	0	216
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	13	1	16
	ACRES	0	60	0	0	5,707	2,207	7,974
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	1,449	1,450
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	2	1	6
	ACRES	0	7	0	0	546	108	661
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	14	0	16
	ACRES	66	0	0	0	130	0	196
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>66</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,686</b>	<b>3,765</b>	<b>10,584</b>

**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	FIRES	0	178	0	0	333	12	<b>523</b>
	ACRES	0	392,566	0	0	106,422	3	<b>498,991</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	233	102	22	18	866	365	<b>1,606</b>
	ACRES	9,727	90,274	249	781	5,913	6,735	<b>113,679</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	79	5	0	23	1,668	250	<b>2,025</b>
	ACRES	133	11	0	3	27,275	8,699	<b>36,121</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	11	64	6	29	2,108	240	<b>2,458</b>
	ACRES	8	26,174	269	66	73,451	89,659	<b>189,627</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	540	67	9	7	814	214	<b>1,651</b>
	ACRES	3,395	3,440	1,426	3	32,584	14,330	<b>55,178</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	17	485	6	24	436	270	<b>1,238</b>
	ACRES	94	208,384	3	69	72,052	100,848	<b>381,450</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	591	207	10	51	916	906	<b>2,681</b>
	ACRES	25,953	67,154	6,975	32,110	129,640	335,239	<b>597,071</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	555	268	10	16	847	323	<b>2,019</b>
	ACRES	21,307	21,857	480	2,017	471,971	63,903	<b>581,535</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	490	0	25	19	5,148	351	<b>6,033</b>
	ACRES	1,906	0	1,087	910	30,691	7,152	<b>41,746</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	339	0	23	54	14,144	432	<b>14,992</b>
	ACRES	132,767	0	229	27,567	875,623	43,324	<b>1,079,510</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2,855</b>	<b>1,376</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>27,280</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>35,226</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>195,290</b>	<b>809,860</b>	<b>10,718</b>	<b>63,526</b>	<b>1,825,622</b>	<b>669,892</b>	<b>3,574,908</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>46,993</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>4,129,274</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	15	15
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	5	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	5	1	6
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	16	15	31

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

<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	FIRES	0	7	0	0	2	1	<b>10</b>
	ACRES	0	31,664	0	0	1,566	38	<b>33,268</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	9	22	6	0	0	152	<b>189</b>
	ACRES	8,752	1,991	356	0	0	24,097	<b>35,196</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	4	1	9	8	0	126	<b>148</b>
	ACRES	41	90	3,356	328	0	8,244	<b>12,059</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	5	4	1	0	136	<b>146</b>
	ACRES	0	71	422	760	0	3,587	<b>4,840</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	12	12	53	11	14	149	<b>251</b>
	ACRES	5,316	4,358	12,318	651	698	14,894	<b>38,235</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	4	22	6	5	36	74	<b>147</b>
	ACRES	110	2,296	3,584	128	915	26,112	<b>33,145</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	8	30	3	8	1	109	<b>159</b>
	ACRES	894	22,071	92	2,331	2	62,658	<b>88,048</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	15	33	57	24	76	69	<b>274</b>
	ACRES	1,266	2,908	26,221	10,952	4,482	27,771	<b>73,600</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	87	0	347	23	900	182	<b>1,539</b>
	ACRES	45,614	0	50,949	5,774	61,444	56,182	<b>219,963</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	17	0	182	65	10,104	914	<b>11,282</b>
	ACRES	1,830	0	160,866	51,546	667,288	831,657	<b>1,713,187</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>156</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>11,133</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>14,145</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>63,823</b>	<b>65,449</b>	<b>258,164</b>	<b>72,470</b>	<b>736,395</b>	<b>1,055,240</b>	<b>2,251,541</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/>

### Canada Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	9	9	702	93,744
YUKON TERRITORY	2	7	47	16,375
ALBERTA	3	0	1,168	611,482
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	3	61	174	183,488
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	340	220,355
MANITOBA	0	0	180	35,566
ONTARIO	18	22	541	86,785
QUEBEC	15	99	491	31,919
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	79	10,959
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	244	238
NOVA SCOTIA	10	13	222	360
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	6	19
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	51	5,379
TOTALS	62	212	4,245	1,296,669

\* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue over the Four Corners region. Widely scattered thunderstorms will move into the northern Rockies. A few thunderstorms will form over the Northwest and the northern Great Basin. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will increased across the East from Maine to Florida. Thunderstorms will also form along an stationary front from the Tennessee Valley to the central Plains. The northern half of the nation will cool while the southern half remains very warm to hot. Warming will continue in Alaska while scattered showers and thunderstorms spread across the southern and central parts of the state.

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



## ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

*Operational Engagement Category*

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

- If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:
- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.
- Are you relying on aircraft for support operation? Any operation, especially frontal assault, should not need air resources to be safe.

In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

References:

Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

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