

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, August 8, 2016 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (164 new fires)
New large incidents:	10
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:**	32
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
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 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:	35
New large incidents:	4
Uncontained large fires:	8
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Pioneer, Boise NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Lund) to IMT 1 (Wilkins) will occur today. IMT 2 (Chadwick). Eight miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with group torching, spotting and running. Numerous structures threatened. Community of Lowman threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Dry Creek, Sawtooth NF. Six miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and wind-driven runs. Residences threatened. Trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Lone Pine, Fort Hall Agency, BIA. Ten miles east of Fort Hall, ID. Brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect. Sage grouse habitat threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

* **Rough**, Boise NF. Fourteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with torching, spotting and running. Structures threatened.

* **Mac Rae**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Eighteen miles east of Richfield, ID. Brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with running. Structures and sage grouse habitat threatened.

* **Cherry**, Boise District, BLM. Twelve miles northeast of Emmett, ID. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running, creeping and backing. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

Broad Mouth, Bear River Area, Utah DOF. Fifteen miles northwest of Tremonton, UT. Chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

* **Jackpot**, Carson City District, BLM. Ten miles northwest of Reno, NV. Brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Cliff Creek, Bridger-Teton NF. Fifteen miles east of Hoback, WY. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with group torching and creeping. Area restrictions, trail and area closures in effect. 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			
Pioneer	ID-BOF	60,882	2,746	25	Ctn	9/30	1,525	-111	43	53	10	5	27M	FS
Dry Creek	ID-STF	729	-221	0	Ctn	8/11	193	93	5	6	5	0	100K	FS
Lone Pine	ID-FHA	9,600	-400	35	Ctn	8/9	111	79	2	12	0	0	350K	BIA
* Rough	ID-BOF	300	---	0	Ctn	9/12	42	---	2	0	0	0	25K	FS
* Mac Rae	ID-TFD	6,000	---	60	Ctn	8/8	64	---	0	9	1	0	500K	BLM
* Cherry	ID-BOD	300	---	0	Ctn	8/9	53	---	1	5	0	0	75K	BLM
Broad Mouth	UT-BRS	20,614	-1,000	42	Ctn	8/14	205	6	6	16	1	3	1.4M	ST
* Jackpot	NV-CCD	1,700	---	60	Ctn	8/9	239	---	6	24	1	0	135K	BLM
Cliff Creek	WY-BTF	32,162	196	97	Comp	9/30	168	-109	4	5	4	1	13.3M	FS
Poodle	NV-WID	6,557	0	100	Ctn	---	75	-5	2	2	1	0	1.7M	BLM

WID – Winnemucca District, BLM

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	37
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	9
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. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and backing. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Rail, Wallowa-Whitman, NF. IMT 2 (Harrod). Five miles west of Unity, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, uphill runs and flanking. Area restrictions, road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

* **Orejana Flat**, Burns District, BLM. Thirty miles northeast of Frenchglen, OR. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs. Structures and sage grouse habitat threatened.

* **Fletcher Road**, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. Three miles west of Starbuck, WA. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Lower Crab Creek, Spokane District, BLM. Six miles north of Mattawa, WA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Bybee Creek, Crater Lake NP. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Schulte) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Eighteen miles northeast of Prospect, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road and trail closures in effect.

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.

Snake River, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. Twelve miles northeast of Pomeroy, WA. Brush and 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			
Kewa	WA-COA	1,951	-15	55	Ctn	8/12	573	94	16	20	2	5	2.4M	BIA
Rail	OR-WWF	10,482	442	10	Ctn	8/31	740	45	22	29	6	0	4.4M	FS
* Orejana Flat	OR-BUD	200	---	0	Ctn	8/10	41	---	0	6	2	0	25K	BLM
* Fletcher Road	WA-WFS	9,168	---	69	Ctn	8/9	160	---	2	30	1	0	150K	ST
Lower Crab Creek	WA-SPD	6,319	-3,681	70	Ctn	8/8	138	-95	2	23	2	0	520K	BLM
Bybee Creek	OR-CLP	1,072	0	73	Ctn	8/15	331	-53	8	2	5	0	4.2M	NPS
Weigh Station	OR-973S	688	0	95	Ctn	8/8	47	0	2	7	0	2	1.6M	ST
Range 12	WA-SPD	176,600	0	95	Ctn	UNK	24	0	0	6	0	0	1.6M	BLM
Snake River	WA-WFS	11,453	0	95	Ctn	UNK	84	-136	1	9	0	1	1.6M	ST

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 20

New large incidents: 1

Uncontained large fires: 4

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

Clark, Inyo NF. IMT 2 (Laeng). IMT also managing the Rock Creek fire. Seven miles east of June Lake, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, spotting and creeping. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

* **Rock Creek**, Inyo NF. Twenty miles southeast of Mammoth Lakes, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with short-range spotting and backing. Numerous residences threatened. Community of Swall Meadow threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Soberanes	CA-BEU	57,800	1,300	45	Ctn	8/31	5,028	-126	113	274	18	68	91.7M	ST
Clark	CA-INF	3,030	0	60	Ctn	8/8	401	66	8	14	6	0	1.1M	FS
* Rock Creek	CA-INF	122	---	20	Ctn	8/9	338	---	10	16	5	0	200K	FS
Goose	CA-KFU	2,241	0	96	Ctn	8/8	167	-131	4	7	0	9	10.3M	ST

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:	36
New large incidents:	1
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 and flanking. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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

Race Horse Gulch, Flathead Agency, BIA. Twenty miles east of Plains, MT. Timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior.

* **Fawn**, Yellowstone NP. Ten miles southwest of Mammoth Hot Springs, WY. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Roaring Lion	MT-BRF	8,262	13	30	Comp	9/30	724	-21	15	49	9	65	6.1M	FS
Copper King	MT-LNF	1,445	47	5	Ctn	10/31	412	23	10	15	7	0	3.8M	FS
Race Horse Gulch	MT-FHA	4,016	3,616	30	Ctn	8/13	96	56	4	2	0	0	200K	BIA
* Fawn	WY-YNP	915	---	0	Comp	10/18	9	---	0	0	1	0	5K	NP

Rocky Mountain (PL 3)

New fires:	8
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 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 torching, running and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Lava Mountain, Shoshone NF. Twenty miles northwest of Dubois, WY. Timber, heavy logging slash and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Beaver Creek, Routt NF. NIMO (Quesinberry). Twenty-four miles northwest of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Whit	WY-WBD	11,534	1,168	65	Ctn	8/24	717	30	18	41	9	8	3.5M	BLM
Lava Mountain	WY-SHF	14,644	1	90	Ctn	9/1	257	-60	3	18	2	0	17.6M	FS
Beaver Creek	CO-RTF	35,340	23	28	Ctn	10/21	253	-29	2	29	5	17	18M	FS

Northern California (PL 3)

New fires: 15
 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	5,385	0	60	Ctn	8/10	1,053	-378	26	51	5	1	8.1M	ST

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 4

Hognose, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Twenty-nine miles southwest of Lake Charles, LA. Tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing.

* **Gallum Ranch Road**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Ten miles west of Perrin, TX. Brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with running. Structures threatened.

* **La Gloria**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Five miles southeast of Agua Nueva, TX. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Anole, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Thirty-three miles southwest of Lake Charles, LA. Tall 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			
Hognose	LA-SBR	502	62	10	Ctn	8/12	17	---	0	0	1	0	30K	FWS
* Gallum Ranch Road	TX-TXS	300	---	25	Ctn	8/8	13	---	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
* La Gloria	TX-TXS	619	---	60	Ctn	8/8	2	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Anole	LA-SBR	3,566	---	95	Ctn	UNK	3	---	0	1	0	0	70K	FWS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	6
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. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Imperial	AZ-IMR	100	0	70	Ctn	8/19	5	-24	0	1	0	0	330K	FWS

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	17	227,588	60	164	19	2,500
ONCC	1	5,385	26	51	5	1,053
OSCC	5	104,625	136	316	30	6,016
NRCC	15	23,259.2	39	103	25	1,714
GBCC	19	151,090	76	146	28	2,887
SWCC	10	22,549	0	22	1	183
RMCC	7	79,873.1	27	96	17	1,398
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	10	11,240	0	11	2	88
Total	84	625,609.3	364	909	127	15,839

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	1	9	0	0	10	17	37
	ACRES	300	205	0	0	37	37	579
Northern California Area	FIREs	2	0	0	0	7	6	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	687	1	688
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	2	14	4	20
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,000	2,608	202	3,810
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	1	0	11	11	13	36
	ACRES	0	30	0	926	18	131	1,105
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	9	0	2	7	17	35
	ACRES	3,000	18,055	0	1	4	3,804	24,864
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	2	0	1	1	2	6
	ACRES	0	5	0	4	1	0	10
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	2	4	8
	ACRES	0	39	0	0	3	0	42
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	6	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
TOTAL FIRES:		3	23	0	16	59	63	164
TOTAL ACRES:		3,300	18,334	0	1,931	3,365	4,175	31,105

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	178	0	0	334	12	524
	ACRES	0	392,566	0	0	104,679	3	497,248
Northwest Area	FIREs	242	132	22	19	890	410	1,715
	ACRES	10,855	100,638	249	979	5,954	11,690	130,365
Northern California Area	FIREs	82	5	1	23	1,709	263	2,083
	ACRES	134	11	1	3	28,019	8,727	36,895
Southern California Area	FIREs	11	65	6	32	2,131	245	2,490
	ACRES	8	26,174	269	1,067	78,759	90,547	196,824
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	545	68	9	22	833	247	1,724
	ACRES	3,465	3,470	1,426	1,852	32,759	14,842	57,814
Great Basin Area	FIREs	19	499	6	27	446	300	1,297
	ACRES	4,094	226,371	3	70	72,079	111,235	413,852
Southwest Area	FIREs	594	209	10	57	919	932	2,721
	ACRES	25,953	67,159	6,975	32,166	129,665	235,972	497,890
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	557	286	10	17	853	333	2,056
	ACRES	21,307	22,160	480	2,017	471,205	64,119	581,288
Eastern Area	FIREs	490	0	25	19	5,148	352	6,034
	ACRES	1,906	0	1,087	910	30,691	7,152	41,746
Southern Area	FIREs	339	0	25	54	14,152	432	15,002
	ACRES	132,767	0	245	27,567	875,744	43,324	1,079,647
TOTAL FIRES:		2,879	1,442	114	270	27,415	3,526	35,646
TOTAL ACRES:		200,489	838,549	10,735	66,631	1,829,554	587,611	3,533,569

Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)	47,582
Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)	4,337,170

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	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	110	160
	ACRES	894	22,071	92	2,331	2	62,663	88,053
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	16	33	57	24	76	69	275
	ACRES	1,286	2,908	26,221	10,952	4,482	27,771	73,620
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	10,114	914	11,292
	ACRES	1,830	0	160,866	51,546	667,393	831,657	1,713,292
TOTAL FIRES:		157	132	667	145	11,143	1,913	14,157
TOTAL ACRES:		63,843	65,449	258,164	72,470	736,500	1,055,245	2,251,671

*** 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	0	0	718	93,960
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	48	16,375
ALBERTA	3	0	1,172	611,482
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	10,335	176	193,823
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	344	220,359
MANITOBA	1	2	182	35,569
ONTARIO	6	17	531	86,808
QUEBEC	4	0	498	32,598
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	79	10,959
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	249	238
NOVA SCOTIA	0	15	222	455
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	6	19
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	51	5,379
TOTALS	19	10,370	4,276	1,308,025

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered showers and thunderstorms will linger from Washington to North Dakota. Scattered thunderstorms will develop in the afternoon in the central and southern Rockies. Scattered rain and thunderstorms will continue over the Gulf and Mid-Atlantic states. Temperatures will remain mild across the Northwest and the Upper Midwest to New England. The far Southwest will remain hot as will the southern Plains. Warm and humid conditions will continue in the Southeast. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms will form over southern Alaska and spread northward late in the day. Temperatures will remain warm across the North and the Interior, mild in the South

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



THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

Weather / Fire Behavior Category

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

- Do not lie down.
 - The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
 - Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
 - Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
 - Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!
- "Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.
- Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.
- Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridge tops, etc., should be avoided.
- If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.
- Put down all tools.
- Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide
Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

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