

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, August 9, 2016 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (149 new fires)
New large incidents:	9
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires:**	35
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
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:	19
New large incidents:	3
Uncontained large fires:	9
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. Active fire behavior with group torching and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Community of Lowman threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Strawberry**, Great Basin NP. Five miles west of Baker, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, short-range spotting and running. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

* **Overland**, Ely District Office, BLM. Forty miles northeast of Eureka, NV. Chaparral, brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior torching, short-range spotting and running. Road and area closures in effect.

Dry Creek, Sawtooth NF. Six miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching, spotting and running. Residences threatened. Trail closures in effect. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

Rough, Boise NF. Fourteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with group torching and short crown runs. Structures threatened.

Lone Pine, Fort Hall Agency, BIA. Ten miles east of Fort Hall, ID. Hardwood litter, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and backing. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect. Sage grouse habitat threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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.

Cherry, Boise District, BLM. Twelve miles northeast of Emmett, ID. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Sage grouse habitat threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Mac Rae, Twin Falls District, BLM. Eighteen miles east of Richfield, ID. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures and 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	63,362	2,480	28	Ctn	9/30	1,603	78	43	63	11	5	29.3M	FS
* Strawberry	NV-GBP	3,000	---	0	Ctn	8/19	80	---	2	2	1	0	50K	NP
* Overland	NV-ELD	3,000	---	0	Ctn	8/13	54	---	1	5	1	0	50K	BLM
Dry Creek	ID-STF	729	0	20	Ctn	8/11	184	-9	5	5	5	0	900K	FS
Rough	ID-BOF	300	0	0	Ctn	9/15	45	3	2	0	1	0	40K	FS
Lone Pine	ID-FHA	9,226	-374	65	Ctn	8/9	161	50	3	20	0	0	600K	BIA
Broad Mouth	UT-BRS	20,619	5	52	Ctn	8/14	186	-19	6	8	1	3	1.5M	ST
Cherry	ID-BOD	228	-72	80	Ctn	UNK	46	-7	1	5	1	0	100K	BLM
Mac Rae	ID-TFD	6,154	154	95	Ctn	8/9	69	5	0	10	1	0	575K	BLM
Jackpot	NV-CCD	1,700	0	100	Ctn	---	9	-230	0	2	0	0	180K	BLM
* Caribou County Assit #1	ID-3CN	700	---	100	Ctn	---	23	---	0	6	0	0	15K	CNTY

CCD – Carson City District, BLM

3CN – Caribou County, UT

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	16
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	10
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

* **Simmons Gulch**, Vale District, BLM. IMT 2 (Gales). Twenty-two miles northeast of Riverside, OR. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

Rail, Wallowa-Whitman, NF. IMT 2 (Harrod). Five miles west of Unity, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and backing. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Kewa, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Goff). Thirty-one miles southwest of Colville, WA. Timber, closed timber litter and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Orejana Flat, Burns District, BLM. Thirty miles northeast of Frenchglen, OR. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with torching and backing. Structures and sage grouse habitat threatened.

* **Sheep Rock**, Vale District, BLM. Five miles north of Riverside, OR. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior. Residences and sage grouse habitat threatened.

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

Lower Crab Creek, Spokane District, BLM. Six miles north of Mattawa, WA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road closures in effect.

Fletcher Road, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. Three miles west of Starbuck, WA. Brush and tall grass. No new information.

Snake River, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. Twelve miles northeast of Pomeroy, WA. Brush and tall grass. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Weigh Station, Pendleton Unit, ODF. Thirteen miles southeast of Pendleton, OR. Timber and brush. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Simmons Gulch	OR-VAD	5,000	---	0	Ctn	8/10	42	---	0	11	0	0	50K	BLM
Rail	OR-WWF	10,702	220	10	Ctn	8/31	765	25	22	29	7	0	5.2M	FS
Kewa	WA-COA	1,912	-39	65	Ctn	8/12	581	8	16	20	2	0	3.1M	BIA
Orejana Flat	OR-BUD	900	700	20	Ctn	8/10	145	104	5	6	1	0	200K	BLM
* Sheep Rock	OR-VAD	7,680	---	0	Ctn	8/13	37	---	0	9	0	0	50K	BLM
Bybee Creek	OR-CLP	1,072	0	73	Ctn	8/12	259	-72	5	2	5	0	4.5M	NPS
Lower Crab Creek	WA-SPD	6,319	0	98	Ctn	UNK	95	-43	1	16	0	0	710K	BLM
Fletcher Road	WA-WFS	9,168	---	69	Ctn	8/9	160	---	2	30	1	0	150K	ST
Snake River	WA-WFS	11,453	---	95	Ctn	UNK	84	---	1	9	0	1	1.6M	ST
Weigh Station	OR-973S	688	---	95	Ctn	UNK	47	---	2	7	0	2	1.6M	ST
Range 12	WA-SPD	176,600	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-24	0	0	0	0	1.7M	BLM

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	17
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

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.

* **Pilot**, San Bernardino, NF. IMT 2 (Wakoski). Three miles west of Lake Arrowhead, CA. Timber, chaparral and brush. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting and wind-driven runs. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

Clark, Inyo NF. IMT 2 (Laeng). IMT is also managing the Rock Creek fire. Seven miles east of June Lake, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and smoldering. 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. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous residences 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	60,900	3,100	50	Ctn	8/31	4,815	-213	104	267	18	68	97M	ST
* Pilot	CA-BDF	6,298	---	6	Ctn	8/14	843	---	14	91	8	0	2.8M	FS
Clark	CA-INF	2,819	-211	85	Ctn	8/10	527	126	11	18	5	0	1.8M	FS
Rock Creek	CA-INF	122	0	95	Ctn	8/9	358	20	9	24	5	0	400K	FS
Goose	CA-KFU	2,241	0	96	Ctn	8/10	98	-69	2	2	0	9	10.6M	ST

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 26
 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. Minimal fire behavior. 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. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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

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	8,270	8	50	Comp	9/30	620	-104	13	33	9	65	6.6M	FS
Copper King	MT-LNF	1,465	20	5	Ctn	10/31	387	-25	9	15	6	0	4.4M	FS
Race Horse Gulch	MT-FHA	4,571	555	30	Ctn	8/13	116	20	5	2	0	0	300K	BIA

Rocky Mountain (PL 3)

New fires: 32
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 1 IMTs Committed: 1
 NIMOs Committed: 1

Whit, Park County. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Pechota) back to the local unit will tomorrow. Started on BLM land 12 miles west of Cody, WY. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with torching, creeping and flanking. Structures threatened. Trail and area closures in effect.

Beaver Creek, Routt NF. NIMO (Quesinberry). Twenty-four miles north of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with torching, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

Lava Mountain, Shoshone NF. Twenty miles northwest of Dubois, WY. Timber, heavy logging slash and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and backing. Road 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-PAX	12,094	560	70	Ctn	8/24	639	-78	14	35	6	8	4.5M	BLM
Beaver Creek	CO-RTF	35,395	55	28	Ctn	10/21	252	-1	2	30	4	17	18.2M	FS
Lava Mountain	WY-SHF	14,644	0	90	Ctn	9/1	231	-26	3	16	2	0	17.9M	FS

Northern California (PL 3)

New fires: 22
 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	5,731	346	80	Ctn	8/10	948	-105	24	36	2	2	9M	ST

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 7
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 3

* **Cronton**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 10 miles northwest of Throckmorton, TX. Brush. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Hognose, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Twenty-nine miles southwest of Lake Charles, LA. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

La Gloria, Texas A&M Forest Service. Five miles southeast of Agua Nueva, TX. Brush 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			
* Cronton	TX-TXS	1,200	---	25	Ctn	8/10	12	---	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
Hognose	LA-SBR	502	0	50	Ctn	8/12	17	0	0	0	1	0	32K	FWS
La Gloria	TX-TXS	619	---	60	Ctn	UNK	2	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Gallum Ranch Road	TX-TXS	1,458	1,158	100	Ctn	---	13	0	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
* Liberty	OK-OKS	155	---	100	Comp	---	6	---	0	3	0	0	1K	ST

OKS – Oklahoma DOF

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	7
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		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Imperial	AZ-IMR	100	---	70	Ctn	8/19	5	---	0	1	0	0	330K	FWS

Eastern Area (PL 1)

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

* **Poverty Island**, Michigan Agency, BIA. Started on BLM land 17 miles south of Garden, MI. Heavy logging slash. Active fire behavior with crowning, group torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Poverty Island	MI-MIA	127	---	20	Ctn	UNK	15	---	0	0	0	0	200K	BLM

Active Incident Resource Summary

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	20	241,377	66	179	21	2,688
ONCC	1	5,731	24	36	2	948
OSCC	6	113,812	141	407	37	6,723
NRCC	14	21,029.2	35	87	21	1,557
GBCC	21	159,415	73	142	29	2,844
SWCC	10	22,549	0	22	1	183
RMCC	7	80,488.1	21	87	13	1,233
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	9	9,592	0	10	1	76
Total	88	653,993.3	360	970	125	16,252

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	0	1	0	0	13	2	16
	ACRES	0	705	0	0	9	0	714
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	18	4	22
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	7	14
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	14	2	17
	ACRES	0	681	0	0	1,003	0	1,684
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	1	6	0	0	6	13	26
	ACRES	5	47	0	0	61	14	127
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	8	0	1	1	9	19
	ACRES	5,226	2,539	0	300	0	2,811	10,876
Southwest Area	FIREs	1	0	0	1	1	4	7
	ACRES	10	0	0	0	0	87	97
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	25	1	0	3	3	32
	ACRES	0	6	100	0	1,728	1	1,835
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	13	10	23
TOTAL FIRES:		2	41	1	2	63	40	149
TOTAL ACRES:		5,241	3,978	100	300	2,821	2,932	15,372

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	178	0	0	335	12	525
	ACRES	0	392,566	0	0	104,679	3	497,248
Northwest Area	FIREs	242	133	22	19	898	412	1,726
	ACRES	10,855	101,343	249	979	5,949	11,977	131,352
Northern California Area	FIREs	82	5	1	23	1,727	267	2,105
	ACRES	134	11	1	3	28,026	8,734	36,909
Southern California Area	FIREs	11	66	6	32	2,145	247	2,507
	ACRES	8	26,855	269	1,067	79,762	90,547	198,508
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	546	74	9	22	842	260	1,753
	ACRES	3,470	3,517	1,426	1,852	32,865	14,856	57,986
Great Basin Area	FIREs	19	507	6	28	446	309	1,315
	ACRES	9,320	228,910	3	370	72,079	114,046	424,728
Southwest Area	FIREs	595	209	10	58	920	936	2,728
	ACRES	25,963	67,159	6,975	32,166	129,934	236,059	498,256
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	557	311	11	17	861	342	2,099
	ACRES	21,307	22,177	580	2,017	472,985	64,827	583,893
Eastern Area	FIREs	490	0	25	19	5,218	359	6,111
	ACRES	2,007	0	1,087	910	30,662	7,154	41,820
Southern Area	FIREs	339	0	25	54	14,382	434	15,234
	ACRES	132,767	0	245	27,567	895,195	43,340	1,099,114
TOTAL FIRES:		2,881	1,483	115	272	27,774	3,578	36,103
TOTAL ACRES:		205,831	842,538	10,835	66,931	1,852,136	591,543	3,569,814

Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)	47,748
Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)	4,465,177

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	18	0	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	178	0	178
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	18	0	18
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	178	0	178

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	10,132	914	11,310
	ACRES	1,830	0	160,866	51,546	667,571	831,657	1,713,470
TOTAL FIRES:		157	132	667	145	11,161	1,913	14,175
TOTAL ACRES:		63,843	65,449	258,164	72,470	736,678	1,055,245	2,251,849

*** 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	23	9	741	93,969
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	49	16,375
ALBERTA	2	226	1,174	611,708
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	176	193,823
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	345	220,359
MANITOBA	1	0	183	35,569
ONTARIO	11	7	542	86,815
QUEBEC	4	0	502	32,598
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	79	10,959
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	249	238
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	222	455
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	6	19
NATIONAL PARKS	1	1,055	52	6,434
TOTALS	44	1,297	4,320	1,309,321

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered showers will continue over the far Northwest and the northern Rockies. Scattered thunderstorms will develop in the afternoon over the central and southern Rockies. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue across the Gulf and Mid-Atlantic states. Temperatures will remain mild in the northwestern U.S. and hot in the far Southwest. Hot conditions in the southern Plains will spread northward to the Dakotas and into the Mississippi Valley. Mild to warm conditions will persist in the Great Lakes and New England. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms will from across much of Alaska. Temperatures will cool slightly but remain warm across the Interior.

<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?

Sadler Fire Entrapment – August 9th 1999 - Nevada

On August 5, 1999, a dry lightning storm passes through northern Nevada that ignites numerous fires. Due to a wet winter and spring, the fuels are abnormally heavy. Now, deep into summer, these fuels are measuring less than 80% live fuel moisture. Normal fire suppression tactics have not been effective on previous fires, particularly direct attack and burning operations during the heat of the day. The weather and fire behavior forecasts predict extreme burning conditions. This same day as the lightning storm, a Type 2 crew—the GNP3—is assembled in California. This crew consists of 21 members (17 FFT2s) from fuels and suppression modules as well as non-fire and overhead positions from various home units. The following day, they are dispatched to the Sadler Complex south of Elko, Nevada. During the next two days, they work on the fireline. The next day, August 9, while conducting a burnout operation, six firefighters from the GNP3 crew are entrapped by wildfire.

0600 Briefing starts unannounced and several crews and overhead miss some or all of it. Briefing places little emphasis on a red flag warning that has been issued for high winds, low RH, and unstable atmospheric conditions. The IAP forecast calls for extreme fire behavior with high rates of spread, south winds increasing in afternoon, minimum RH 6-12%, Haines Index of 6, max temp 85-91, and FDFM of 3%. However, there are not enough IAPs for everyone—including the GNP3 crew boss and a DIVS. Extreme fire behavior is discussed at the GNP3 crew briefing and is characterized as "normal".

0900 GNP3 is assigned to support 2 Interagency Hotshot Crews asked to burnout from Big Safety Zone to the NW and the dozer line to Black Safety Zone. The dozer line is about ½ mile north of the head of the fire.

1100 After a recon, the hotshot superintendents refuse to accept burnout assignment until the line south of Big Safety Zone is secure. The DIVS and the 2 IHCs leave to do the other burnout. GNP3 waits.

1300 GNP3 accepts assignment to burn out across the head of the fire from Black Safety Zone going east to the "Y".

1400 Ignition is delayed due to unfavorable winds. Overhead feels if they "didn't attempt a burn, the fire would get away". Plan is changed to burnout from the east to the west instead—the very plan that the hotshots had refused.

1430 Due to concerns regarding GPN3 crew's lack of experience and fitness, only 3 members and the crew boss are used for the firing operation.

1500 This squad begins firing from the "Y"—without an anchor point—supported by an engine. The fireline behind them is unsecured. Due to hills, no one on the burnout squad can see the main fire. There are no aircraft to assist as lookout. Because of occasional wind shifts, the igniters must walk very fast and occasionally trot to keep ahead of their fire. They are unable to use

the black as a safety zone. For these burning conditions, safety zones along the dozer line are too small and too far apart.

1515 Back behind the firing squad, the engine is very busy picking up multiple spot fires and slopovers. The engine captain radios to stop ignition. There is no response. The same tactical channel is also being used by the other burnout and is overloaded with traffic.

1530 Half way through the 1.3 mile burnout, two more GNP3 members join the firing squad.

1540 Overhead watching the burnout sees the main fire become visible and take off down the hill toward the squad. They attempt to warn the squad but are unable to make radio contact. Shortly after, the main fire becomes visible to the squad as it crests the ridge to the south. It is described as a "river of fire" as it makes a run at the dozer line and the crew at speeds in excess of 300 chains per hour with 15 ft. flame lengths.

The engine is cut off from the squad and retreats to a safety zone. The order to "run" is given to the firing squad. Tools and gear are dropped on the way to the safety zone, almost 600 ft. away. Several crewmembers unsuccessfully attempt to deploy their fire shelters.

Crew members receive 1st and 2nd degree burns and smoke inhalation. An injured crewmember, an EMT, suffering from smoke inhalation, is asked to provide first aid for the others.

- *What are your responsibilities if you are asking another resource to take an assignment that has previously been turned down?*
- *The burnout was a potentially dangerous assignment. What will you do to size up your resource's capabilities and experience and assign them to appropriate tasks?*
- *As a crew/crewmember, you have a responsibility to look after your own safety—which includes the right to accept or reject an assignment. Using the IRPG page 19, have everyone discuss how to properly refuse risk.*
- *Discuss how you and your crew would apply LCES throughout the day on this incident.*

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.