

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, August 19, 2016 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (111 new fires)
New large incidents:	10
Large fires contained:	7
Uncontained large fires:**	26
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8

**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.

Southern California Area (PL 4)

New fires:	29
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Blue Cut, San Bernardino NF. IMT 1 (Opliger) and IMT 2 (Wakoski). Two miles east of Lytle Creek, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Soberanes, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum) to IMT 1 (Vontillow) will occur today. Seven miles northwest of Big Sur, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, flanking and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Chimney, San Luis Obispo Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Patterson). Fifteen miles west of Paso Robles, CA. Timber and chaparral. Extreme fire behavior with group torching and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Cedar, Sequoia NF. IMT 1 (Minton). Five miles north of Alta Sierra, CA. Timber and chaparral. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

* **Rey**, Los Padres NF. Seven miles north of Goleta, CA. Chaparral. Extreme fire behavior with running, spotting and wind-driven runs. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

* **Lakes**, Yosemite NP. Seven miles west of Wawona, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping 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			
Blue Cut	CA-BDF	35,969	10,343	22	Ctn	8/31	1,584	0	23	178	17	0	6.3M	FS
Soberanes	CA-BEU	79,000	2,317	60	Ctn	9/30	2,690	-168	48	79	15	68	142.4M	ST
Chimney	CA-SLU	11,233	3,233	33	Ctn	8/29	2,459	147	67	170	13	45	12.4M	ST
Cedar	CA-SQF	9,500	5,500	5	Ctn	8/31	935	331	18	59	7	0	2.3M	FS
* Rey	CA-LPF	500	---	0	Ctn	8/23	50	---	6	16	2	0	250K	FS
* Lakes	CA-YNP	145	---	0	Comp	9/29	2	---	0	0	0	0	30K	NPS
Mineral	CA-FKU	7,050	0	100	Ctn	---	33	-82	0	0	0	2	11.3M	ST
Horseshoe	CA-INF	369	0	100	Ctn	---	62	-18	2	2	0	0	2.7M	FS

FKU – Fresno-Kings Unit, Cal Fire INF – Inyo NF

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires:	22
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	7
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Pioneer, Boise NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Wilkins) to IMT 1 (Lund) will occur on 8/21. IMT 2 (Chadwick). Eight miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning, spotting and torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Stein, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Rosenthal). Fifteen miles north of Salmon, ID. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with group torching, uphill runs and spotting. Residences threatened.

* **Izzenhood**, Elko District, BLM. Twenty-five miles north of Battle Mountain, NV. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and uphill runs. Residences and sage grouse habitat threatened.

Monroe, Winnemucca District, BLM. Eighteen miles south of Winnemucca, NV. Brush, tall grass and closed timber litter. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

Laidlaw, Twin Falls District, BLM. Seventeen miles southeast of Carey, ID. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

Toponce Creek, Eastern Idaho Area, Idaho Department of Lands. Sixteen miles east of Pocatello, ID. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with smoldering and isolated torching.

Strawberry, Great Basin NP. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (DeMasters) back to the local unit will occur today. Five miles west of Baker, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Sage grouse habitat threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Pioneer	ID-BOF	81,450	1,080	50	Ctn	9/30	1,810	226	45	74	14	5	51.6M	FS
Stein	ID-SCF	130	27	0	Ctn	9/15	124	82	4	3	1	0	105K	FS
* Izzenhood	NV-EKD	600	---	5	Ctn	8/23	171	---	5	11	1	0	100K	BLM

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Monroe	NV-WID	11,240	0	70	Ctn	8/19	159	-6	5	13	1	0	250K	BLM
Laidlaw	ID-TFD	39,813	35,313	98	Ctn	8/20	50	13	0	9	0	0	90K	BLM
Toponce Creek	ID-EIS	265	51	50	Ctn	8/19	151	-6	3	3	4	0	800K	ST
Strawberry	NV-GBP	4,657	0	98	Ctn	8/19	147	-108	1	3	2	0	4.4M	NPS

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 8
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Rail, Wallowa-Whitman NF. IMT 2 (Sheldon). Five miles west of Unity, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, wind-driven runs and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Withers, Lakeview District, BLM. IMT 2 (Ciraulo). One mile north of Paisley, OR. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with spotting, wind-driven runs. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

* **Rim Reservoir**, Vale District, BLM. Thirteen miles southeast of Rome, OR. Tall grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with running, flanking and uphill runs. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

0501 NW Sheridan, Deschutes NF. Thirteen miles north of La Pine, OR. Timber and heavy logging slash. Moderate fire behavior with short-range spotting and running. Residences threatened

* **Godkin**, Olympic NP. Twenty miles south of Port Angeles, WA. Timber litter and understory. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, torching and creeping. 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			
Rail	OR-WWF	28,209	4,433	25	Ctn	8/31	889	-45	24	41	7	0	14.6M	FS
Withers	OR-LAD	3,424	2,624	0	Ctn	8/31	279	168	7	24	2	0	500K	BLM
* Rim Reservoir	OR-VAD	669	---	40	Ctn	8/21	93	---	2	9	1	0	20K	BLM
0501 NW Sheridan	OR-DEF	300	0	10	Ctn	8/21	97	0	3	9	1	0	150K	FS
* Godkin	WA-OLP	102	---	0	Comp	10/15	9	---	2	0	0	0	160K	NPS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs Committed: 1

* **Gun Club**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. IMT 2 (Leach). Started on private land two miles north of Riggins, ID. Timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running and torching. Numerous structures threatened.

Copper King, Lolo NF. Seven miles east of Thompson Falls, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing and group torching. Residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Boundary, Yellowstone NP. Six miles north of West Yellowstone, MT. Closed timber litter. Moderate fire behavior with interior single-tree torching.

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

Tatanka Complex (3 fires), Yellowstone NP. Six miles northeast of West Yellowstone, MT. Closed timber litter and short grass. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Trail and area closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Cedar, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Previously reported incident. Eleven miles south of Powell, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road and 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			
* Gun Club	ID-NCF	750	---	0	Ctn	8/31	135	---	4	9	2	0	100K	PRI
Copper King	MT-LNF	2,700	200	20	Ctn	10/31	230	12	5	13	1	0	7.2M	FS
Boundary	WY-YNP	192	1	30	Ctn	8/30	90	0	3	1	2	0	250K	NPS
Race Horse Gulch	MT-FHA	4,580	0	89	Ctn	8/21	54	-20	1	3	0	0	940K	BIA
Tatanka Complex	WY-YNP	15,289	4,102	0	Comp	10/15	77	25	2	2	2	0	NR	NPS
Cedar	ID-NCF	2,950	1,579	0	Comp	10/31	6	---	0	0	0	0	21.5K	FS
Camp 4	MT-CRA	2,375	0	100	Ctn	---	3	0	0	1	0	0	100K	BIA
* Big Pasture	MT-MCD	750	---	100	Ctn	---	11	---	0	2	0	0	50K	BLM

CRA - Crow Agency, BIA MCD - Miles City District, BLM

Rocky Mountain (PL 3)

New fires:	5
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs Committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs Committed:	1
NIMOs Committed:	2

Hunter Peak, Shoshone NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Pechota) back to the local unit will occur today. Fifteen miles southeast of Cooke City, MT. Closed timber litter, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Trail closures in effect.

Twin Lakes, Wind River/Bighorn Basin District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Esperance) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Forty-five miles south of Cody, WY. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Beaver Creek, Routt NF. Transfer of command from NIMO (Quesinberry) to NIMO (Hahnenberg) will occur tomorrow. Twenty-four miles north of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. Numerous structures and sage grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Whit, Park County. Twelve miles west of Cody, WY. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing and creeping. Trail 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			
Hunter Peak	WY-SHF	3,470	133	50	Ctn	10/1	279	-64	6	9	5	0	5.3M	FS
Twin Lakes	WY-WBD	1,506	25	70	Ctn	8/22	558	-3	14	25	6	0	4.5M	BLM
Beaver Creek	CO-RTF	36,915	0	47	Ctn	10/21	206	0	2	13	4	17	22M	FS
Whit	WY-PAX	12,387	0	87	Ctn	8/24	32	-53	1	1	0	8	7.1M	CNTY
* Walker Creek	WY-COX	691	---	100	Ctn	---	32	---	0	14	0	0	NR	CNTY
Spring Creek 2	CO-GFX	621	0	100	Ctn	---	32	0	1	3	0	4	1M	CNTY
* North Hebner	WY-CMX	311	---	100	Ctn	---	27	---	1	5	0	0	NR	CNTY

COX - Converse County GFX - Garfield County CMX - Campbell County

Northern California (PL 3)

New fires: 18
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 1 IMTs Committed: 1

Clayton, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Lawson). One mile southeast of Lower Lake, CA. Chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail 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			
Clayton	CA-LNU	3,929	0	60	Ctn	8/21	1,742	-346	43	147	10	292	14.1M	ST

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 20
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Honey Creek, Oklahoma DOF. Seven miles southwest of Davis, OK. Timber litter and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Honey Creek	OK-OKS	3,360	0	80	Ctn	8/19	33	-12	1	8	0	0	100K	ST

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	5
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	0

* **Crackerbox**, Coconino NF. Thirteen miles northeast of Pine, AZ. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Crackerbox	AZ-COF	1,000	---	5	Comp	8/31	5	---	0	1	0	0	50K	FS

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	8	35,283.8	49	110	13	1,843
ONCC	1	9,660	43	147	10	1,742
OSCC	10	154,180	175	521	59	8,168
NRCC	17	22,342.05	15	45	15	729
GBCC	22	193,015	78	138	30	3,162
SWCC	5	2,876	2	5	0	100
RMCC	12	71,519.29	25	78	18	1,329
EACC	1	127	0	0	0	5
SACC	5	12,492	1	12	1	82
Total	81	501,495.14	388	1,056	146	17,160

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	2	1	0	0	4	1	8
	ACRES	5	1	0	0	2	2,721	2,729
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	16	1	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	31	0	31
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	1	26	2	29
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4,147	2,816	6,963
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
	ACRES	0	750	0	0	0	205	955
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	6	0	2	7	7	22
	ACRES	3	39,781	0	0	124	1,913	41,821
Southwest Area	FIREs	1	1	0	0	0	3	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	150	150
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	4	0	5
	ACRES	1	272	0	0	1,017	560	1,850
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	20	0	20
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	283	0	283
TOTAL FIRES:		4	11	0	3	79	14	111
TOTAL ACRES:		9	40,804	0	0	5,604	8,365	54,782

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	179	0	0	329	15	523
	ACRES	0	394,804	0	0	104,811	3	499,618
Northwest Area	FIREs	246	168	25	23	969	473	1,904
	ACRES	10,922	299,122	1,866	1,331	6,329	30,128	349,698
Northern California Area	FIREs	90	6	1	24	1,900	289	2,310
	ACRES	135	11	1	3	34,254	8,742	43,146
Southern California Area	FIREs	11	70	6	37	2,318	261	2,703
	ACRES	5,971	29,855	269	1,069	114,187	103,994	255,345
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	573	91	10	24	952	327	1,977
	ACRES	8,074	4,805	1,933	1,854	27,894	17,436	61,996
Great Basin Area	FIREs	27	569	6	35	481	367	1,485
	ACRES	12,443	287,457	3	3,852	78,530	140,595	522,880
Southwest Area	FIREs	632	217	10	60	954	1,007	2,880
	ACRES	79,585	66,464	6,976	32,185	130,862	241,387	557,459
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	611	356	12	20	921	375	2,295
	ACRES	22,049	24,520	614	2,127	476,902	70,911	597,123
Eastern Area	FIREs	490	0	25	19	5,290	360	6,184
	ACRES	2,007	0	1,087	910	30,947	7,155	42,106
Southern Area	FIREs	346	0	52	54	15,086	437	15,975
	ACRES	132,796	0	1,219	27,567	923,177	43,344	1,128,103
TOTAL FIRES:		3,026	1,656	147	296	29,200	3,911	38,236
TOTAL ACRES:		273,982	1,107,038	13,968	70,898	1,927,893	663,695	4,057,474

Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)	50,939
Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)	5,056,686

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	1	1
	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	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	2	0	16	18
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	22	0	22
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	741	0	741
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	1	22	1	24
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	2	741	16	759

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	151	253
	ACRES	5,316	4,358	12,318	651	698	14,904	38,245
Great Basin Area	FIREs	4	22	6	5	36	74	147
	ACRES	110	2,296	3,584	128	915	25,780	32,813
Southwest Area	FIREs	8	30	3	9	1	116	167
	ACRES	894	26,591	92	2,333	2	62,962	92,874
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	25	33	58	24	76	71	287
	ACRES	1,635	2,908	26,221	10,952	4,482	28,161	74,359
Eastern Area	FIREs	87	0	347	23	908	182	1,547
	ACRES	45,614	0	50,949	5,774	61,747	56,182	220,266
Southern Area	FIREs	19	0	198	65	10,296	916	11,494
	ACRES	2,181	0	165,034	51,546	670,653	834,245	1,723,659
TOTAL FIRES:		168	132	684	146	11,333	1,925	14,388
TOTAL ACRES:		64,543	69,969	262,332	72,472	740,063	1,058,200	2,267,579

*** 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	16	550	872	98,464
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	49	16,375
ALBERTA	6	0	1,220	612,107
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	360	184	197,154
SASKATCHEWAN	4	130,451	352	391,565
MANITOBA	1	2	187	36,312
ONTARIO	2	0	599	86,528
QUEBEC	1	0	540	32,720
NEWFOUNDLAND	2	1	84	10,960
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	261	261
NOVA SCOTIA	3	7	244	761
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	6	19
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	53	6,434
TOTALS	36	131,371	4,651	1,489,659

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: A cold front will move through the central Rockies and Plains and extend to the Great Lakes. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop across the northern and central Rockies, the northern and central Plains, and the upper Midwest. Scattered thunderstorms, some with heavy rain, will continue to form across the Gulf states to the Mid-Atlantic. Scattered thunderstorms will form over higher terrain in the Southwest with isolated thunderstorms possible along the Sierra in California. Temperatures will be much cooler across the northern and central Rockies to the Upper Midwest. Hot conditions will remain along the West Coast and across the Interior West. The South and East will be warm with mild conditions in the Ohio and Mid-Mississippi Valleys.

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



Leader's Intent

Leadership Category

In fast-moving, dynamic situations, top-level decision makers cannot always incorporate new information into a formal planning process and redirect people to action within a reasonable timeframe.

We provide leader's intent so people closest to the scene of action can adapt plans and exercise initiative to accomplish the objective when unanticipated opportunities arise or when the original plan no longer suffices.

Leader's intent is a crucial element of effective operations because it reduces internal friction and empowers subordinates – even when chaotic conditions prevent the chain of command from communicating effectively.

Leader's intent is a clear, concise statement about what people must do to succeed in their assignments. It delineates three essential components:

1. Task - what is the objective or goal of the assignment?
2. Purpose – why the assignment needs to be done.
3. End state – how the situation should look when the assignment is successfully completed.

Within the framework of the defined end state, leaders can develop plans that include incident objectives, priorities, strategies, trigger points, and contingency plans.

Discussion Points

- How were you most recently provided leader's intent?
- Describe a situation where leader's intent was utilized to adapt and achieve the desired end state.
- Describe a situation where leader's intent was not clear.
- Discuss how to gain leaders intent if it is not initially provided.

References

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) (IRPG) page ix

[Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program](#)

[Leading In the Wildland Fire Service](#)

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