

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, August 23, 2016 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 4**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (127 new fires)
New large incidents:	8
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires:**	28
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
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 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 Pocatello, ID in support of wildland fire operations.

**Southern California Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	21
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**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. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Rey**, Los Padres NF. IMT 1 (McGowan) and IMT 2 (Mills). Seven miles north of Goleta, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Cedar**, Sequoia NF. IMT 1 (Minton). Five miles north of Alta Sierra, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior with group torching, uphill runs and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Soberanes**, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (von Tillow) and IMT 1 (Kurth). Seven miles northwest of Big Sur, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with backing, flanking and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Blue Cut**, San Bernardino NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). Two miles east of Lytle Creek, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

\* **Mokelumne**, Stanislaus NF. Nine miles southwest of Kirkwood, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and single-tree torching. Structures 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			
Chimney	CA-SLU	33,173	5,627	35	Ctn	8/29	3,813	294	98	311	17	52	32.3M	ST
Rey	CA-LPF	27,096	5,924	30	Ctn	8/31	1,390	130	42	51	14	0	5.8M	FS
Cedar	CA-SQF	20,148	934	5	Ctn	9/15	2,067	231	22	177	15	0	15.8M	FS
Soberanes	CA-BEU	86,294	1,082	60	Ctn	9/30	1,988	-121	32	60	12	68	153.3	ST
Blue Cut	CA-BDF	36,274	-746	96	Ctn	8/31	914	-309	16	47	5	321	15.5M	FS
* Mokelumne	CA-STF	147	---	0	Comp	10/15	21	---	1	0	1	0	NR	FS

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

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

**\* Spokane Complex** (2 fires), Northeast Region, Washington DNR. IMT 2 (Rabe). Twelve miles south of Spokane, WA. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, torching and backing. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**\* Kahlotus**, Washington State Fire Marshall's Office. One mile southeast of Kahlotus, WA. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Cherry Road**, Vale District, BLM. IMT 2 (Johnson). Seven miles southwest of Adrian, OR. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences and sage grouse habitat threatened.

**Rail**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. IMT 2 (Sheldon). Five miles west of Unity, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with group torching, single-tree torching and wind-driven runs. Numerous structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Withers**, Lakeview District, BLM. One mile north of Paisley, OR. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing and creeping. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

**0501 NW Sheridan**, Deschutes NF. Thirteen miles north of La Pine, OR. Timber and heavy logging slash. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Spokane Complex	WA-NES	3,750	---	0	Ctn	UNK	558	---	10	39	2	12	200K	ST
* Kahlotus	WA-WFS	20,000	---	19	Ctn	8/25	111	---	2	12	1	4	300K	ST
Cherry Road	OR-VAD	32,000	17,500	60	Ctn	8/27	228	143	3	37	3	0	1M	BLM
Rail	OR-WWF	31,127	854	40	Ctn	8/31	849	-56	20	42	7	0	19.3M	FS
Withers	OR-LAD	3,424	0	90	Ctn	8/31	105	-74	1	9	1	0	1.6M	BLM
0501 NW Sheridan	OR-DEF	191	---	80	Ctn	8/22	267	---	6	14	1	0	475K	FS

**Great Basin Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	22
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

**Pioneer**, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Lund) and IMT 2 (Chadwick). Eight miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with spotting and torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Berry**, Grand Teton NP. IMT 2 (Roide). Previously reported incident. Nineteen miles northwest of Moran, WY. Timber and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with short crown runs, long-range spotting and group torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and trail closures in effect.

**Henrys Creek**, Bonneville County. Seven miles southeast of Idaho Falls, ID. Brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs, backing and short-range spotting. Numerous structures and sage grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Sand Ledges**, Central Area, Utah DOF. Twelve miles east of Richfield, UT. Chaparral, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with running and group torching. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

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

**Rock Hill**, Winnemucca District, BLM. Fifteen miles southwest of Winnemucca, NV. Closed timber litter, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and short-range spotting. 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	96,469	8,651	47	Ctn	9/30	2,015	-50	51	91	12	5	62.1M	FS
Berry	WY-GTP	5,300	---	0	Comp	10/1	39	---	0	0	1	0	425K	NPS
Henrys Creek	ID-8BN	10,000	9,100	15	Ctn	8/31	125	95	2	8	1	0	500K	CNTY
Sand Ledges	UT-SCS	3,022	922	0	Ctn	8/27	112	70	2	16	0	0	900K	ST
Toponce Creek	ID-EIS	265	0	90	Ctn	UNK	103	-39	2	3	2	0	1.4M	ST
Rock Hill	NV-WID	1,766	72	80	Ctn	8/25	189	-15	6	6	2	0	245K	BLM
Strawberry	NV-GBP	4,657	0	100	Ctn	UNK	25	-29	1	1	0	0	5.3M	NPS
Motoqua	UT-CCD	307	0	100	Ctn	UNK	33	2	0	5	1	0	25K	BLM
Stein	ID-SCF	104	0	100	Ctn	9/15	311	-44	7	7	3	0	2.4M	FS

GBP - Great Basin NP    CCD - Cedar City District, BLM    SCF - Salmon-Challis NF

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires:	13
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs Committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs Committed:	2

**Copper King**, Lolo NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). Seven miles east of Thompson Falls, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, wind-driven runs and long-range spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Maple**, Yellowstone NP. IMT 2 (Hutton). IMT is also managing the Boundary incident. Previously reported as part of the Tatanka Complex. Four miles northeast of West Yellowstone, MT. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, group torching and long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Trail closures in effect.

**Gun Club**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. IMT 2 (Leach). Started on private land two miles north of Riggins, ID. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Boundary**, Yellowstone NP. IMT 2 (Hutton). IMT is also managing the Maple incident. Six miles north of West Yellowstone, MT. Closed timber litter. Minimal fire behavior.

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

\* **Moose**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Twenty-five miles west of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Tatanka Complex** (2 fires), Yellowstone NP. Previously reported incident. Six miles northeast of West Yellowstone, MT. Closed timber litter and short grass. Active fire behavior with group torching, short crown runs and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Trail and area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. 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			
Copper King	MT-LNF	12,500	6,100	30	Ctn	10/31	356	39	10	19	4	0	8.6M	FS
Maple	WY-YNP	22,448	---	5	Comp	10/15	36	---	2	0	0	0	50K	NPS
Gun Club	ID-NCF	2,084	93	63	Ctn	8/26	262	-59	7	13	4	0	2M	PRI
Boundary	WY-YNP	192	0	85	Ctn	8/30	21	-41	1	0	0	0	1.1M	NPS
Race Horse Gulch	MT-FHA	4,580	0	96	Ctn	8/23	17	0	0	2	0	0	975K	BIA
* Moose	ID-NCF	3,000	---	0	Comp	12/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
Tatanka Complex	WY-YNP	3,775	-15,777	0	Comp	10/15	104	-51	1	2	4	0	NR	NPS

**Rocky Mountain (PL 3)**

New fires: 10  
 New large incidents: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 NIMOs Committed: 1

**Beaver Creek**, Routt NF. NIMO (Hahnenberg). Twenty-four miles north of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with backing, torching and crowning. Numerous structures and sage grouse habitat threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Hunter Peak**, Shoshone NF. Fifteen miles southeast of Cooke City, MT. Closed timber litter, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and single-tree torching. Numerous structures threatened. Trail closures in effect.

**Twin Lakes**, Wind River/Bighorn Basin District, BLM. Forty-five miles south of Cody, WY. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road and area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

\* **Broadway**, Medicine Bow NF. Thirty miles northwest of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with crowning, backing and torching.

\* **Sand Hills**, Natrona County. Eight miles northeast of Casper, WY. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running. Numerous 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			
Beaver Creek	CO-RTF	37,170	165	53	Ctn	10/21	244	6	1	17	4	17	23.2M	FS
Hunter Peak	WY-SHF	3,492	14	50	Ctn	10/1	158	3	2	6	3	0	6.1M	FS
Twin Lakes	WY-WBD	1,500	-79	80	Ctn	8/26	251	0	4	14	3	0	6.2M	BLM
* Broadway	WY-MBF	154	---	0	Ctn	UNK	30	---	1	0	0	0	112K	FS
* Sand Hills	WY-NAX	358	---	80	Ctn	8/23	44	---	0	13	0	0	NR	CNTY

**Northern California (PL 3)**

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

**Clayton**, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. One mile southeast of Lower Lake, CA. Chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. 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			
Clayton	CA-LNU	3,929	0	96	Ctn	8/24	265	-250	5	20	2	300	18.3M	ST

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 24  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Spanish Peaks**, Oklahoma DOF. Five miles southeast of Liberty, OK. Hardwood litter and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Spanish Peaks	OK-OKS	250	---	0	Ctn	8/24	25	---	0	9	0	0	10K	ST

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	11	92,957.8	51	165	16	2,354
ONCC	1	3,929	5	20	2	265
OSCC	10	218,806	227	651	64	10,365
NRCC	15	53,799.05	22	46	13	876
GBCC	23	194,761	89	164	28	3,627
SWCC	4	2,786	1	3	0	33
RMCC	13	71,800.29	15	78	13	985
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	3	4,967	0	10	0	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>643,806.14</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>18,533</b>

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Northwest Area	FIRES	1	0	1	0	4	4	10
	ACRES	3	0	0	0	1	638	642
Northern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	15	4	20
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	48	0	48
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	19	2	21
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10,073	7,236	17,309
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	7	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	37	9,296	9,333
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	10	1	0	6	5	22
	ACRES	0	441	0	968	9,100	8,111	18,620
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	4	0	0	5	1	10
	ACRES	0	3	0	0	373	0	376
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	24	0	24
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	233	26	259
TOTAL FIRES:		3	14	2	0	84	24	127
TOTAL ACRES:		3	444	0	968	19,867	25,327	46,609

**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	180	0	0	334	16	<b>530</b>
	ACRES	0	394,808	0	0	104,812	3	<b>499,623</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	261	169	26	23	1,015	505	<b>1,999</b>
	ACRES	11,925	300,122	1,866	1,331	17,240	32,223	<b>364,707</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	96	6	1	25	1,964	305	<b>2,397</b>
	ACRES	139	11	1	5	35,083	8,743	<b>43,982</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	11	72	6	39	2,378	268	<b>2,774</b>
	ACRES	5,971	29,857	269	1,070	140,888	153,100	<b>331,155</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	574	91	10	22	946	359	<b>2,002</b>
	ACRES	8,250	4,805	1,933	17,273	27,807	33,262	<b>93,330</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	27	595	7	40	499	386	<b>1,554</b>
	ACRES	12,443	295,679	3	5,018	91,099	157,184	<b>561,426</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	634	217	10	60	956	1,021	<b>2,898</b>
	ACRES	79,585	66,464	6,976	32,185	130,864	241,732	<b>557,806</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	614	369	12	21	935	391	<b>2,342</b>
	ACRES	22,049	24,524	614	2,127	478,082	71,129	<b>598,525</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	490	0	25	19	5,305	360	<b>6,199</b>
	ACRES	2,007	0	1,087	910	30,947	7,155	<b>42,106</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	346	0	52	54	15,316	438	<b>16,206</b>
	ACRES	132,796	0	1,219	27,567	926,017	43,371	<b>1,130,970</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,053</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>29,648</b>	<b>4,049</b>	<b>38,901</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>275,165</b>	<b>1,116,270</b>	<b>13,968</b>	<b>87,486</b>	<b>1,982,839</b>	<b>747,902</b>	<b>4,223,630</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>51,385</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>5,424,042</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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	325	325
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
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	29	0	29
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	239	0	239
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	29	2	31
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	239	332	571

**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	75	148
	ACRES	110	2,296	3,584	128	915	26,105	33,138
Southwest Area	FIRES	8	30	3	9	1	120	171
	ACRES	894	26,591	92	2,333	2	62,987	92,899
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	10,364	919	11,565
	ACRES	2,181	0	165,034	51,546	671,234	837,623	1,727,618
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>168</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>11,401</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>14,464</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>64,543</b>	<b>69,969</b>	<b>262,332</b>	<b>72,472</b>	<b>740,644</b>	<b>1,061,928</b>	<b>2,271,888</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	39	141	918	98,623
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	49	16,375
ALBERTA	4	0	1,231	612,108
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	184	197,154
SASKATCHEWAN	0	88,946	355	261,172
MANITOBA	0	0	189	36,306
ONTARIO	3	1	599	86,531
QUEBEC	2	0	545	32,609
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	85	10,962
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	262	261
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	242	761
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	6	19
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	53	6,434
TOTALS	49	89,088	4,718	1,359,314

\* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered thunderstorms will form over the high terrain of the Four Corners states. Isolated thunderstorms will also form along the southern Sierras. A few showers will linger in the far northern Rockies. Locally windy conditions will continue across parts of the northern Rockies and the northern Plains. Scattered thunderstorms will develop in the central Plains and along the Gulf Coast. Cool conditions will cover most of the northern half of the West and mild weather will continue in the Northeast. The Plains and the South will remain very warm, while hot conditions continue in the desert Southwest.

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



# LEAD Time

## Leading Up

*Leadership Category*

Looking out for our people includes not only those who work for us but also our leaders and peers. Leadership is about influencing others to accomplish tasks that are in the best interest of our organization which often means influencing those above us and leading up. Similarly, we are open to upward leadership – and, in fact, encourage and reward it.

- Fire leaders are expected to lead in many directions, an expectation that increases complexity and risk.
- Summoning the courage needed to intervene and influence peers or leaders above can be difficult, especially if providing unwelcome feedback about behavior or pointing out an alternative to a potentially bad decision.
- In high-risk environments, no one can afford to assume that anyone has all the answers.

To build the kind of healthy and resilient culture required in the wildland fire service, we lead up – holding our leaders accountable, providing unvarnished situational awareness in challenging situations, and offering unbiased and viable alternatives.

### Discussion Points

- How can we practice leading up?
- Describe a situation where leading up took place. How was the situation affected?
- Describe a situation where there was opportunity for leading up but it was not done. How was the situation affected?
- Discuss leading “laterally”: influencing peers or those with similar responsibilities.

### References:

[Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program](#)

[Leading In the Wildland Fire Service](#)

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