

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, July 17, 2016 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (182 new fires)
New large incidents:	13
Large fires contained:	6
Uncontained large fires:**	9
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

**Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Rocky Mountain (PL 3)

New fires:	21
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 2 IMTs Committed:	2

* **Lava Mountain**, Shoshone NF. IMT 2 (Connell). Twenty miles northwest of Dubois, WY. Timber and heavy logging slash. Extreme fire behavior with uphill runs and long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened.

Hayden Pass, Pike & San Isabel NF. IMT 2 (Esperance). Twenty miles southeast of Salida, CO. Timber, heavy logging slash and chaparral. Active fire behavior with group torching, smoldering and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Indian Canyon**, South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression, DOF. Six miles southeast of Edgemont, SD. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with running, torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Blair, White River Field Office, BLM. Thirty miles west of Meeker, CO. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching.

Hairy, Fort Carson Army Base. Twenty-one miles southwest of Colorado Springs, CO. Hardwood slash, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Lava Mountain	WY-SHF	220	---	0	Comp	9/1	56	---	1	2	3	0	100K	FS
Hayden Pass	CO-PSF	16,204	445	20	Comp	10/1	816	48	17	51	7	1	3.8M	FS
* Indian Canyon	SD-SDS	6,000	---	0	Ctn	7/18	95	---	0	42	0	2	20K	ST
Blair	CO-WRD	1,140	140	50	Ctn	7/22	108	0	4	5	1	0	310K	BLM
Hairy	CO-FCQ	720	0	95	Comp	UNK	11	2	0	4	0	0	350K	DOD

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	9
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Fuller, Grand Canyon NP. IMT 2 (Sinclair). Four miles northeast of North Rim, AZ. Timber and medium logging slash. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs and crowning. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **West Baldy**, Roswell Field Office, BLM. Twenty miles west of Roswell, NM. Brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior.

* **Colorado Peak**, Arizona Tucson District, DOF. Fifteen miles northwest of Tubac, AZ. Brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with running. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Clavel, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. Twenty miles northeast of Roy, NM. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Increase in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Fuller	AZ-GCP	5,940	2,238	0	Comp	10/1	511	74	14	14	4	0	2M	NPS
* West Baldy	NM-ROD	422	---	40	Ctn	UNK	28	---	0	8	0	0	50K	BLM
* Colorado Peak	AZ-A3S	800	---	15	Comp	7/24	47	---	2	2	0	0	26K	ST
Clavel	NM-N4S	5,696	1,696	95	Ctn	7/17	5	-2	0	2	0	0	28K	ST

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires:	34
New large incidents:	5
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Tok River, Tok Area Forestry, DOF. IMT 2 (Kurth). Seven miles south of Tok, AK. Timber, light logging slash and grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching and creeping. Structures threatened.

Alatna Complex (2 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. Ten miles west of Alatna, AK. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with crowning, wind-driven runs and spotting. Structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Dulbi Flats, Galena Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land 18 miles northeast of Huslia, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching and backing. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Camp Creek**, Galena Zone, BLM. Started on state land 58 miles southeast of Galena, AK. Timber, brush and hardwood slash. Active fire behavior with backing. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Galatea Creek**, Galena Zone, BLM. Started on state land 52 miles southeast of Galena, AK. Timber, brush and hardwood slash. Extreme fire behavior with running, torching and backing. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Yuki River**, Galena Zone, BLM. Started on state land 40 miles east of Kaltag, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Crater Mountain**, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Thirty-two miles west of McGrath, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Little Underhill Creek**, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Twenty-five miles east of Line Village, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Tok River	AK-TAS	728	0	18	Ctn	7/23	88	24	3	0	2	0	322K	ST
Alatna Complex	AK-TAD	90,504	15,133	66	Comp	7/18	10	0	0	0	0	0	2.2M	BLM
Dulbi Flats	AK-GAD	55,818	25,852	0	Comp	8/31	0	0	-8	0	0	0	35K	FWS
* Camp Creek	AK-GAD	885	---	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	ST
* Galatea Creek	AK-GAD	817	---	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	12K	ST
* Yuki River	AK-GAD	187	---	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Crater Mountain	AK-SWS	150	---	0	Comp	7/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Little Underhill Creek	AK-SWS	150	---	0	Comp	7/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 27

New large incidents: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

Pine, Los Padres NF. Thirty miles northeast of Santa Barbara, CA. Timber, chaparral and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Pine	CA-LPF	2,304	0	96	Ctn	7/17	86	-14	2	0	4	0	15.4M	FS
Pacheco	CA-TCU	341	0	100	Ctn	---	8	-31	0	2	0	2	306K	ST

TCU – Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, Cal Fire

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 32

New large incidents: 2

Uncontained large fires: 1

Taylor, National Forests in Florida. Nine miles northeast of Sanderson, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior with running, torching and spotting.

* **Panther**, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge. Five miles west of Miles City, FL. Southern rough and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with torching, flanking and backing. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Taylor	FL-FNF	880	180	50	Ctn	7/18	55	22	0	2	1	0	100K	FS
* Panther	FL-FPR	1,500	---	15	Comp	UNK	19	---	0	2	1	0	15K	FWS

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Toms Creek Rd #2	GA-GAS	485	0	100	Ctn	---	28	0	0	12	0	0	100K	ST
Big Light	TX-TXS	2,797	105	100	Ctn	---	32	0	0	5	1	0	NR	PRI
* Las Brisas	TX-TXS	300	---	100	Ctn	---	3	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI

GAS – Georgia Forestry Commission TXS – Texas A & M Forest Service

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 13

New large incidents: 2

Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Winnebago**, Elko District, BLM. Five miles west of Oasis, NV. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running, torching and creeping. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

* **Fleck**, Sawtooth NF. Eighteen miles north of Fairfield, ID. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with running. Residences threatened. Evacuations and area closure in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Winnebago	NV-EKD	700	---	15	Ctn	7/18	210	---	6	7	2	0	200K	BLM
* Fleck	ID-STF	500	---	0	Ctn	UNK	156	---	3	6	4	0	100K	FS

Northern Rockies (PL 2)

New fires: 10

New large incidents: 0

Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Harris	MT-MCD	3,400	0	100	Ctn	---	30	-68	1	2	0	0	185k	PRI

MCD – Miles City Field Office, BLM

Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 13

New large incidents: 0

Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
McBee Command	WA-SPD	1,800	0	100	Ctn	---	3	-23	0	1	0	0	75k	BLM

SPD – Spokane District, BLM

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	8	18,041	15	2	6	381
NWCC	3	5,110	0	3	0	13
ONCC	2	6,087	3	5	0	97
OSCC	6	11,539	16	17	14	540
NRCC	4	5,679	4	12	1	163
GBCC	8	128,001	20	38	11	824
SWCC	21	95,055	31	61	9	1,163
RMCC	9	47,523	26	131	13	1,412
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	14	24,901	2	30	4	238
Total	75	341,936	117	299	58	4,831

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	18	0	0	15	1	34
	ACRES	0	95,769	0	0	7,116	0	102,885
Northwest Area	FIREs	2	2	0	0	6	3	13
	ACRES	1	1	0	0	3	1	6
Northern California Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	19	3	23
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	107	0	107
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	23	3	27
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	146	141	288
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	7	1	10
	ACRES	0	13	0	0	9	0	22
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	5	0	0	4	4	13
	ACRES	0	403	0	0	114	565	1,082
Southwest Area	FIREs	2	0	0	0	4	3	9
	ACRES	9	0	0	0	14	278	301
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	2	0	5	1	8	5	21
	ACRES	2	0	83	76	150	220	531
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	1	0	27	4	32
	ACRES	0	0	100	0	146	3	249
TOTAL FIRES:		7	28	6	1	113	27	182
TOTAL ACRES:		12	96,187	183	76	7,805	1,208	105,471

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	166	0	0	312	6	484
	ACRES	0	277,380	0	0	25,758	3	303,141
Northwest Area	FIREs	145	63	20	7	525	209	969
	ACRES	2,751	38,416	147	0	3,967	880	46,161
Northern California Area	FIREs	64	5	0	20	1,264	179	1,532
	ACRES	116	11	0	2	20,697	11,476	32,302
Southern California Area	FIREs	7	50	4	20	1,763	192	2,036
	ACRES	7	26,016	269	25	19,086	47,648	93,051
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	472	42	8	6	599	142	1,269
	ACRES	4,295	1,779	1,402	3	11,644	2,902	22,025
Great Basin Area	FIREs	11	318	5	22	299	175	830
	ACRES	16	116,478	3	23	38,026	6,070	160,616
Southwest Area	FIREs	501	158	7	37	690	584	1,977
	ACRES	14,260	65,468	5,251	17,592	89,892	213,804	406,267
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	470	170	10	11	583	214	1,458
	ACRES	1,646	12,437	480	1,425	399,148	38,483	453,619
Eastern Area	FIREs	489	0	25	19	4,934	340	5,807
	ACRES	1,880	0	1,087	910	29,984	7,120	40,981
Southern Area	FIREs	325	0	18	54	12,464	390	13,251
	ACRES	132,673	0	128	27,567	857,045	35,802	1,053,215
TOTAL FIRES:		2,484	972	97	196	23,433	2,431	29,613
TOTAL ACRES:		157,644	537,985	8,767	47,547	1,495,247	364,188	2,611,378

Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)	41,075
Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)	3,323,907

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	7	8	0	0	15
	ACRES	0	0	5,141	5,233	0	0	10,374
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	1	5	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	350	214	0	564
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	7	9	5	0	21
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	5,141	5,583	214	0	10,938

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	7	21	6	0	0	150	184
	ACRES	752	1,990	356	0	0	23,905	27,003
Northern California Area	FIREs	4	1	9	8	0	125	147
	ACRES	41	90	3,356	328	0	8,244	12,059
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	5	3	1	0	136	145
	ACRES	0	71	288	760	0	3,587	4,706
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	23	6	5	36	73	147
	ACRES	110	2,296	3,584	128	915	25,780	32,813
Southwest Area	FIREs	8	30	3	8	1	103	153
	ACRES	894	22,071	92	2,331	2	62,524	87,914
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	15	32	57	24	76	69	273
	ACRES	1,266	2,848	26,221	10,952	4,482	27,771	73,540
Eastern Area	FIREs	46	0	347	23	891	180	1,487
	ACRES	45,655	0	50,823	5,774	61,229	56,090	219,571
Southern Area	FIREs	16	0	176	65	9,804	907	10,968
	ACRES	1,615	0	157,938	51,546	663,301	829,043	1,703,443
TOTAL FIRES:		112	131	660	145	10,824	1,893	13,765
TOTAL ACRES:		55,649	65,388	254,976	72,470	732,193	1,051,876	2,232,552

*** 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	517	93,202
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	40	16,148
ALBERTA	13	4	1,029	608,582
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	15	14,052	149	99,251
SASKATCHEWAN	2	1,948	316	147,537
MANITOBA	0	0	168	30,902
ONTARIO	9	3	390	86,389
QUEBEC	5	1,908	440	10,787
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	66	637
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	233	264
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	204	343
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	6	19
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	39	5,506
TOTALS	46	17,915	3,597	1,099,567

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: An upper trough will deepen along the West Coast while a ridge amplifies in the central U.S. Strong southwesterly to southerly winds will form over the Great Basin and the central Rockies. Widely scattered thunderstorms will develop over the Southwest as moisture moves northward out of Mexico. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will move into the Northwest and northern Rockies ahead of the West Coast trough. Thunderstorms will move across the northern Plains to the Upper Midwest. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue along the eastern seaboard and in the Gulf states. Temperatures will remain hot across the southern third of the nation, with hot weather spreading northward into the Plains. Mild conditions will continue along the northern tier of states. In Alaska, rain and showers will increase from the north as a cold front pushes through the state. Temperatures will cool statewide, but the Interior will remain warm.

<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?

Battlement Creek Fire, Colorado – July 17th, 1976

Incident Summary: It's 1976 and western Colorado is experiencing an unusually severe fire season caused partly by unusual fuel conditions and heavy lightning activity during dry weather. A severe frost in June kills a high percentage of the leaves on Gambel oak which remain on the branches and is considered one of Colorado's most flammable fuels. 10 hour fuels are at 3-5%. A large scale high pressure weather pattern sits over western Colorado allowing for local weather to be influenced by terrain and diurnal winds averaging 10-15 mph in the afternoon with higher gusts. The weather is fair and hot with the temperatures at Grand Junction and Rifle reaching into the mid and upper 90's. A fire is reported 40 miles northeast of Grand Junction, in the Battlement Creek drainage. The fire is burning over an elevation range of 6200-8400 ft on a steep west-facing slope.

Friday July 16, 0630, two hotshot crews from the Coconino NF Arizona arrive at the Battlement Creek fire. This is the seventeenth fire of the first season for the newly formed Mormon Lake Hotshot Crew. The strategy is to prevent western and southern spread. The crews begin a major burnout of the catline (dozer line) from the rocky bluffs (Point A) at about 1615, downhill along the catline toward the Battlement Creek road at the bottom (Point C) ending about 2030. The fire makes an uphill run in oak brush burning out a large portion of the drainage (from the road east to the ridgeline) in about 20 minutes. Two "impressive" fire whirls are observed between 1600-1700. The night shift continues the burn out (Point C-D and beyond along the road) but is spotty with considerable unburned fuel remaining. Other night shift crews construct line along the ridgeline (Point E to G). Based on Friday's fire behavior, the E-G line is a crucial spot on the fire. Saturday July 17th, 0700, at morning briefing the Mormon Lake crew is assigned to burn out this section of line.

Saturday morning, July 17th - Due to a delay with the helicopter, the Mormon Lake crew does not get to the base of the rock bluff (Point E) until 1100. They are instructed to improve and burn out the line from the rocky bluff to the helispot (Point E-G). The burnout squad consisted of the crew boss, squad boss and 2 crewmembers. The rest of the crew is improving the handline down the ridgeline.

At this same time another crew is burning out in the bottom of the draw (Point C-D). The draw burns readily, uphill toward the ridge and the Mormon Lake crew. Neither crew knew of the specific location or assignment of the other.

1400 - 1/3 the way from the rock bluff to the upper helispot, there is a noticeable increase in smoke from the draw below (where the other crew had been burning). The crew boss is instructed to speed up the line improvement squad on toward the safety zone (Point G) and to narrow down and speed up his burnout on down the ridgeline to join the remainder of the crew in the safety zone when his burnout was done. Upslope winds have increased to 25-35 mph.

1425-1440 – The line improvement squad just makes it into the safety zone when the flame front hits the ridge. 200 yards back, the burnout squad radios that they are "trapped". Their escape is blocked by heavy smoke and flames.

1440 – 1445 – The squad removes their canvas vests to cover their head and face, moistened the vests and their clothes with water from their canteens, and lays face down in the mineral soil of the fireline.

1448 – All four firefighters are very badly burned.
Three will lose their lives.

Discussion Points

The day prior to the burnover, an airtanker crashed during a retardant dropping mission on the Battlement Creek fire killing the pilot.

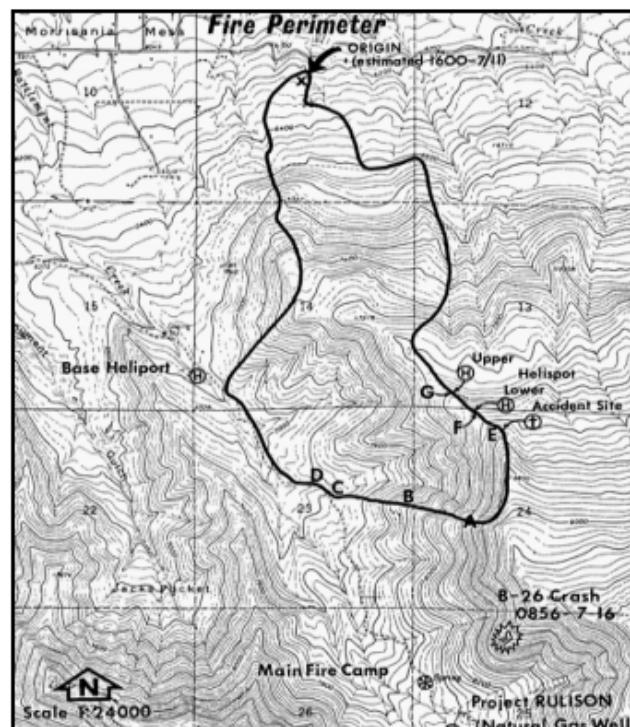
Resources

- [Staff Ride to the Battlement Creek Fire](#)
- [Google Earth Fly Around of Battlement Creek Fire](#)
- [Sequence of Events PowerPoint](#)
- [Battlement Creek Fire Investigation Report](#)

- ✓ Discuss how incidents and distractions can affect our judgment and situational awareness.

The crew all wore aluminum hardhats, canvas vests, Nomex shirts and non-fire-resistant work pants. Fire shelters were not used. Fire shelters may have prevented serious burns and death at this incident. Policy on issuing and carrying shelters had not been established yet. This incident became the catalyst for the mandatory use of fire shelters and fire resistant clothing.

- ✓ **Take this opportunity to inspect, repair or replace your PPE and fire shelter if needed to ensure that it protects you as well as possible.**



Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.