

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, July 20, 2016 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (156 new fires)
 New large incidents: 11
 Large fires contained: 3
 Uncontained large fires:** 11
 Area Command Teams Committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 6
 **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: 12
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 2 IMTs Committed: 2

Lava Mountain, Shoshone NF. IMT 2 (Connell). Twenty miles northwest of Dubois, WY. Timber and heavy logging slash. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, short-range spotting and creeping. Numerous structures threatened.

Hayden Pass, Pike & San Isabel NF. IMT 2 (Esperance). Twenty miles southeast of Salida, CO. Timber, heavy logging slash and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Arden**, Bighorn NF. Twenty-five miles west of Greybull, WY. Timber. Active fire behavior with running and group torching. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Indian Canyon, South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression, DOF. Six miles southeast of Edgemont, SD. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

* **Dump**, Johnson County. One mile northeast of Kaycee, WY. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Rock, Nebraska NF. Fifteen miles southeast of Ardmore, NE. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. 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			
Lava Mountain	WY-SHF	550	172	0	Comp	9/1	261	57	6	8	5	0	1M	FS
Hayden Pass	CO-PSF	16,414	0	45	Comp	10/1	748	-99	18	27	7	1	6.7M	FS
* Arden	WY-BHF	150	---	0	Comp	7/25	22	---	0	1	1	0	100K	FS
Indian Canyon	SD-SDS	14,280	780	85	Ctn	7/21	171	-137	4	23	1	2	1.5M	ST
* Dump	WY-JOX	420	---	80	Ctn	7/22	11	---	1	7	0	0	NR	CNTY
Rock	NE-NBF	367	0	99	Ctn	7/21	3	0	0	1	0	0	7K	FS

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 24
New large incidents: 2
Uncontained large fires: 3
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

* **MM14 Highway 21**, Boise District, BLM. Started on county land three miles east of Boise, ID. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Numerous residences threatened. Road closure in effect.

Cliff Creek, Bridger-Teton NF. IMT 2 (DeMasters). Fifteen miles east of Hoback, WY. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with running, crowning and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Pioneer**, Boise NF. IMT 2 (Rosenthal). Five miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and short uphill runs. Structures threatened. Road closure in effect.

Choke Cherry, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. Ten miles southeast of Ibapah, UT. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with running, crowning and short-range spotting. Sage-grouse habitat threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* MM14 Highway 21	ID-BOD	1,500	---	10	Ctn	7/21	171	---	4	10	2	2	500K	CNTY
Cliff Creek	WY-BTF	6,900	2,400	0	Comp	7/31	436	298	15	7	4	1	600K	FS
* Pioneer	ID-BOF	350	---	0	Ctn	7/25	207	---	7	1	2	0	325K	FS
Choke Cherry	UT-SLD	1,554	-346	20	Ctn	7/30	185	75	5	8	3	0	300K	BLM
Wally	NV-EKD	1,762	0	100	Ctn	---	100	-127	3	2	1	0	523K	BLM
Fleck	ID-STF	205	0	100	Ctn	---	44	-93	1	2	1	0	300K	FS

EKD – Elko District, BLM STF – Sawtooth NF

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 25
New large incidents: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Fuller, Grand Canyon NP. IMT 2 (Sinclair). Four miles northeast of North Rim, AZ. Timber and medium logging slash. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Shaw**, Socorro Field Office, BLM. Thirty miles south of Datil, NM. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with uphill runs and backing. 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			
Fuller	AZ-GCP	14,131	446	5	Comp	11/1	572	-14	14	15	5	0	4.5M	NPS
* Shaw	NM-SCD	1,200	---	0	Comp	8/9	14	---	0	4	0	0	10K	BLM

Alaska Area (PL 2)

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

* **McHugh**, Mat-Su Area Forestry, DOF. IMT 2 (Kurth). Started on BLM land two miles southeast of Anchorage, AK. Medium logging slash. Extreme fire behavior with group torching, short crown runs and spotting. Residences threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

Tok River, Tok Area Forestry, DOF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Kurth) back to the local unit occurred yesterday. Started on native corporation land seven miles south of Tok, AK. Timber, light logging slash and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Steamboat Creek, Valdez-Copper River Area Forestry, DOF. Started on NPS land 14 miles southwest of McCarthy, AK. Medium logging slash, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, group torching and flanking. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Hook Creek**, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Forty miles southwest of Lime Village, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching, flanking and backing. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Pitmik River**, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Fifteen miles southwest of Pilot Station, AK. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Soda Creek**, Southwest Area Forestry, DOF. Started on native corporation land 27 miles northeast of Medfra, AK. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with torching, flanking and creeping. 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			
* McHugh	AK-MSS	350	---	5	Ctn	8/1	147	---	3	16	4	0	875K	BLM
Tok River	AK-TAS	731	0	56	Ctn	7/23	145	-16	5	0	2	0	662K	ANC
Steamboat Creek	AK-CRS	12,263	11,988	0	Comp	9/30	0	0	0	0	0	0	159K	NPS
* Hook Creek	AK-SWS	5,159	---	0	Comp	8/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	21K	ST
* Pitmik River	AK-SWS	1,002	---	0	Comp	8/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	8K	ST
* Soda Creek	AK-SWS	149	---	0	Comp	8/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	14K	ANC

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 15
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Spring, Sierra NF. Seventeen miles south of Mammoth Lakes, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior. 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			
Spring	CA-SNF	174	0	89	Ctn	7/23	138	-30	5	1	1	0	425K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Odell**, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Seventeen miles south of Ashland, MT. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with running, single tree torching and spotting.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Odell	MT-MCD	370	---	10	Ctn	7/21	28	---	0	4	0	0	63K	BLM

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 28
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Taylor, National Forests in Florida. Nine miles northeast of Sanderson, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Taylor	FL-FNF	880	0	80	Ctn	7/22	15	-31	0	2	1	0	211K	FS

Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 11
 New large incidents: 1
 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			
* Starbuck	WA-WFS	2,380	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

WFS – Washington State

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	14	42,161	18	18	10	557
NWCC	1	1,800	0	1	0	3
ONCC	1	5,646	1	2	0	52
OSCC	5	4,149	15	15	6	468
NRCC	5	6,049	2	16	1	154
GBCC	12	17,193	43	43	17	1,427
SWCC	20	80,545	23	36	6	890
RMCC	12	59,847	33	97	16	1,561
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	12	19,641	3	26	3	206
Total	82	237,031	138	254	59	5,318

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	3	1	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	8,517	0	8,517
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	6	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Northern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	17	1	19
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	8	1	11
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	14	1	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	208	0	208
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	1	2	0	0	9	2	14
	ACRES	0	395	0	0	88	0	483
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	3	0	1	14	5	24
	ACRES	0	1,505	0	0	261	357	2,123
Southwest Area	FIRES	5	1	0	0	8	11	25
	ACRES	43	8	0	0	6	1,139	1,196
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	5	0	0	3	4	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	15	422	437
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	27	1	28
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	90	1	91
TOTAL FIRES:		8	12	0	1	102	33	156
TOTAL ACRES:		45	1,908	0	0	9,196	1,920	13,069

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	174	0	0	320	8	502
	ACRES	0	318,029	0	0	73,233	3	391,265
Northwest Area	FIRES	145	74	20	8	547	241	1,035
	ACRES	2,751	38,420	147	0	4,011	905	46,234
Northern California Area	FIRES	67	5	0	20	1,327	190	1,609
	ACRES	123	11	0	3	20,728	8,624	29,489
Southern California Area	FIRES	7	50	4	20	1,807	206	2,094
	ACRES	7	26,016	269	25	19,304	47,648	93,269
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	483	46	8	6	648	152	1,343
	ACRES	3,331	2,177	1,402	3	12,112	2,954	21,979
Great Basin Area	FIRES	12	326	5	23	324	192	882
	ACRES	16	121,347	3	23	38,639	7,407	167,435
Southwest Area	FIRES	509	162	7	37	709	607	2,031
	ACRES	14,304	65,440	5,251	17,592	96,000	217,606	416,193
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	472	186	10	12	619	236	1,535
	ACRES	1,638	13,287	480	1,425	415,261	41,086	473,177
Eastern Area	FIRES	490	0	25	19	4,938	343	5,815
	ACRES	1,906	0	1,087	910	29,985	7,111	40,999
Southern Area	FIRES	325	0	18	54	12,748	396	13,541
	ACRES	132,673	0	128	27,567	855,310	35,816	1,051,494
TOTAL FIRES:		2,510	1,023	97	199	23,987	2,571	30,387
TOTAL ACRES:		156,749	584,727	8,767	47,548	1,564,583	369,160	2,731,534

Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)	42,227
Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)	3,425,737

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	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	134	0	0	0	134
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	19	0	19
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	130	0	130
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	1	0	19	0	20
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	134	0	130	0	264

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	149	183
	ACRES	752	1,990	356	0	0	23,858	26,956
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	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	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	33	57	24	76	69	274
	ACRES	1,266	2,908	26,221	10,952	4,482	27,771	73,600
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	9,847	907	11,011
	ACRES	1,615	0	157,938	51,546	663,670	829,043	1,703,812
TOTAL FIRES:		112	132	661	145	10,867	1,892	13,809
TOTAL ACRES:		55,649	65,448	255,110	72,470	732,562	1,051,829	2,233,068

*** 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	12	113	545	93,611
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	42	16,148
ALBERTA	6	1,425	1,042	610,216
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	9	35,488	160	144,184
SASKATCHEWAN	0	3,236	317	151,004
MANITOBA	0	2,891	168	33,793
ONTARIO	0	0	390	86,389
QUEBEC	1	8,496	446	25,748
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	7,526	70	8,174
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	233	264
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	204	332
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	6	19
NATIONAL PARKS	2	23	41	5,539
TOTALS	32	59,198	3,664	1,175,421

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Deep troughs on both coasts and a strong ridge over the central U.S. will continue to drive the weather across the country. Scattered showers and thunderstorms over the Four Corners states will continue while strong southwesterly winds affect much of the Interior West. A few thunderstorms will form over the Northwest. Very hot conditions will continue across the central and southern U.S. A cold front moving through the East will bring scattered thunderstorms across much of the southeastern quarter of the country. Mild conditions will continue in the Northeast and the Northwest. In Alaska, scattered showers and a few thunderstorms will develop across the Interior and the South.

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



BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW

Operational Engagement

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and down slope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.