

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, August 5, 2017 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (99) new fires
New large incidents:	8
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:**	30
Area Command Teams Committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	17

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

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

One MAFFS C-130 airtanker and support personnel each from the 152 Airlift Wing, (Nevada Air National Guard), 153rd Airlift Wing, (Wyoming Air National Guard) and the 302nd Airlift Wing (Colorado Springs, Air Force Reserve) have been deployed to Fresno, CA in support of wildland fire operations.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	2	58,914	1	1	0	42
NWCC	23	117,859	87	135	36	3,337
ONCC	6	96,519	129	319	32	5,395
OSCC	11	107,906	55	100	10	1,933
NRCC	22	357,866	96	230	32	4,193
GBCC	21	106,491	30	95	13	1,323
SWCC	3	1,539	0	1	0	34
RMCC	1	2,781	0	0	0	1
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	2	3,497	0	0	0	9
Total	91	853,374	398	881	123	16,267

Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires:	7
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	7
Area Command teams committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

Area Command Team (Stutler) is managing large fires on the Lolo National Forest and Flathead Reservation.

Rice Ridge, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Goldman) Six miles north of Seeley Lake, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching and uphill runs. Structures threatened. Trail and area closures in effect.

Sunrise, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Pearson). IMT is also managing the Burdette fire. Eleven miles east of Superior, MT. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, long-range spotting and single-tree torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

Burdette, Lolo NF. Thirteen miles southeast of Tarkio, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, short-range spotting and creeping.

Sapphire Complex (3 fires), Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Thompson). Fifteen miles southeast of Clinton, MT. Timber. No new information received.

Lolo Peak, Lolo NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Poncin) to IMT 1 (Livingston) will occur today. Ten miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching and flanking. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Liberty, Flathead Agency, BIA. IMT 1 (McGowan). Seventeen miles southeast of Arlee, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, flanking and isolated torching. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Meyers, Beaverhead - Deerlodge NF. IMT 2 (Almas). Twenty-five miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching, backing and short crown runs. Residences threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

Park Creek, Helena-Lewis and Clark NF. Transfer of Command from IMT 2 (Hutton) to IMT 2 (Zombro) will occur tomorrow. IMT is also managing the Arrastra Creek fire. Two miles north of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with flanking, backing and single-tree torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Arrastra Creek, Helena-Lewis and Clark NF. Six miles northwest of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with flanking, backing and single-tree torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Hanover, Nez Perce – Clearwater NF. IMT 2 (Leach) Four miles northeast of Florence, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and long-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Lodgepole Complex, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Fifty-two miles northwest of Jordan, MT. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Lightning, Fort Peck Agency, BIA. Twenty-eight miles northwest of Wolfpoint, MT. Short grass. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Rice Ridge	MT-LNF	7,056	110	10	Comp	10/01	370	44	9	22	2	0	2.8M	FS
Sunrise	MT-LNF	12,300	400	10	Comp	09/30	587	20	14	35	6	0	11.4M	FS

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Burdette	MT-LNF	645	0	50	Ctn	09/30	80	27	4	0	0	0	1M	FS
Sapphire Complex	MT-LNF	16,354	---	15	Comp	10/31	658	---	15	45	4	13	10.1M	FS
Lolo Peak	MT-LNF	6,875	333	0	Ctn	09/09	355	2	7	7	5	0	7.1M	FS
Liberty	MT-FHA	3,652	244	12	Ctn	09/25	371	8	9	5	3	0	2.5M	BIA
Meyers	MT-BDF	12,120	238	2	Ctn	10/21	477	11	12	16	5	0	8.2M	FS
Park Creek	MT-HLF	5,184	14	35	Comp	09/30	333	-28	9	13	1	0	5.6M	FS
Arrastra Creek	MT-HLF	3,986	42	26	Comp	09/30	132	-13	2	15	2	0	2.2M	FS
Hanover	ID-NCF	2,799	-279	0	Ctn	10/15	124	88	4	0	0	0	300K	FS
Lodgepole Complex	MT-MCD	270,741	0	97	Ctn	08/07	140	-39	2	9	1	31	9.1M	BLM
Lightning	MT-FPA	800	---	90	Ctn	UNK	3	---	0	1	0	0	350K	BIA

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires:	25
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Modoc July Complex (2 Fires), Modoc NF. IMT 1 (J. Kurth). Twenty miles northeast of Newell, CA. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior with running, single-tree torching and long-range spotting. Residences and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

Minerva 5, Plumas NF. IMT 2 (Mills). One mile southwest of Quincy, CA. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and group torching. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Parker 2, Modoc NF. IMT 2 (Young). Eleven miles east of Alturas, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and isolated torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

Orleans Complex, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Coots). Fifteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing, and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Clear, Klamath NF. Nine miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and single tree torching. 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			
Modoc July Complex	CA-MDF	83,000	2,635	43	Ctn	08/16	2,491	34	56	177	14	0	20.1M	FS
Minerva 5	CA-PNF	2,625	475	43	Ctn	08/12	1,368	-114	33	93	7	0	10M	FS
Parker 2	CA-MDF	1,800	1,450	5	Ctn	08/31	188	0	6	8	0	1	350K	FS
Orleans Complex	CA-SRF	3,159	0	5	Comp	09/30	755	0	15	19	10	0	6M	FS
Clear	CA-KNF	4,495	495	25	Ctn	09/01	549	4	19	22	1	0	3.9M	FS

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	10
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	10
NIMOs committed	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

Blanket Creek, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Gales). IMT is also managing the Spruce Lake fire. Nine miles northeast of Prospect, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with short crown runs, flanking and torching. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Spruce Lake, Crater Lake National Park. Fifteen miles southwest of Diamond Lake, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning, spotting and running. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Cinder Butte, Burns District, BLM. IMT 2 (Ciraulo). Ten miles west of Riley, OR. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with torching. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Road closures in effect.

Whitewater, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Knerr). Ten miles east of Idanha, OR. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting and group torching. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Noisy Creek, Colville, NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). Six miles southeast of Metaline Falls, WA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with flanking, uphill runs and group torching. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Suiattle, Northwest Region - DNR. IMT 2 (Harrod). Nine miles northeast of Darrington, WA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

Devils Lake, Fremont-Winema NF. IMT 2 (Sheldon). Seven miles southeast of Bly, OR. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. Structures threatened.

Diamond Creek, Okanogan - Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Schulte). Twenty-five miles north of Winthrop, WA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and long-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Chetco Bar, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. NIMO (Houseman). Sixteen miles west of Selma, OR. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing. Road and trail closures in effect.

Indian Creek, Mt. Hood NF. NIMO (Quesinberry). Six miles south of Cascade Locks, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Trail and area closures in effect.

* **Bear Butte**, Wallowa - Whitman NF. IMT 2 (Goff). Twenty miles northwest of Baker City, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, long-range spotting and group torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

* **Hayes Road**, Washington State. Ten miles northeast of Mansfield, WA. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Morgan Creek, Vale District, BLM. Six miles northeast of Huntington, OR. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Knot Grass, Washington State. Twelve miles southeast of Pomeroy, WA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Blanket Creek	OR-RSF	3,750	750	14	Ctn	08/16	737	-6	23	14	5	0	6.2M	FS
Spruce Lake	OR-CLP	5,000	1,400	5	Ctn	08/31	319	122	14	4	2	0	1.4M	NPS
Cinder Butte	OR-BUD	52,223	-3,777	15	Ctn	08/09	271	74	6	23	1	2	300K	BLM
Whitewater	OR-WIF	5,000	200	0	Comp	10/31	264	7	4	8	5	0	3.8M	FS
Noisy Creek	WA-COF	2,740	340	4	Ctn	09/30	142	10	2	1	2	0	1.7M	FS
Suiattle	WA-NWS	216	16	25	Ctn	09/30	356	38	9	11	6	0	1.3M	ST
Devils Lake	OR-FWF	1,694	48	25	Ctn	08/07	577	189	17	16	4	0	2M	FS
Diamond Creek	WA-OWF	8,742	0	0	Comp	10/15	149	0	1	5	4	0	1.1M	FS
Chetco Bar	OR-RSF	4,228	91	12	Comp	10/15	63	-1	2	0	1	0	1.4M	FS
Indian Creek	OR-MHF	83	0	0	Comp	09/30	69	7	1	0	2	0	1.3M	FS
* Bear Butte	WA-WWF	750	---	0	Ctn	UNK	67	---	0	7	3	0	150K	FS
* Hayes Road	WA-WFS	500	---	0	Ctn	08/07	14	---	0	1	0	0	25K	ST
Morgan Creek	OR-VAD	2,286	786	50	Ctn	08/05	123	44	5	12	0	0	200K	BLM
Knot Grass	WA-WFS	350	-150	90	Ctn	UNK	54	0	1	11	0	1	69K	ST

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 2
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 4

Detwiler, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Fifteen miles northwest of Mariposa, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Garden, Sequoia NF. Eleven miles southwest of Lake Isabella, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Whittier, Los Padres NF. Eleven miles northeast of Goleta, CA. Chaparral and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Bryant 2**, San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire. Two miles north of Yucaipa, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Detwiler	CA-MMU	81,826	0	97	Ctn	08/07	612	-73	14	15	0	131	82M	ST
Garden	CA-SQF	1,350	0	80	Ctn	08/09	148	-276	5	1	3	0	1.9M	FS
Whittier	CA-LPF	18,430	0	87	Ctn	08/30	75	-1	1	2	1	46	38.2M	FS
* Bryant 2	CA-BDU	325	---	25	Ctn	08/08	626	---	21	46	6	0	1M	ST

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 20
 New large incidents: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 4

Delano, Elko District, BLM. Twenty-five miles northwest of Montello, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with group and isolated torching. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

* **Pole Creek**, Bridger – Teton NF. Twenty-eight miles southeast of Afton, WY. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with short crown runs and long-range spotting.

Lava Flow, Idaho Falls District, BLM. Seven miles south of Atomic City, ID. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Sage-grouse habitat threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

* **Mammoth Cave**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Ten miles north of Shoshone, ID. Brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **MM 83**, Fort Hall Agency, BIA. Three miles northeast of Fort Hall, ID. Tall grass. Active fire behavior with running.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Delano	NV-EKD	15,264	0	50	Ctn	08/07	371	47	14	10	2	0	1.8M	BLM
* Pole Creek	WY-BTF	2,470	---	0	Comp	08/25	22	---	0	2	2	0	5K	NF
Lava Flow	ID-IFD	22,651	-1,849	45	Ctn	08/06	147	18	3	14	2	0	704K	BLM
* Mammoth Cave	ID-TFD	5,000	---	0	Ctn	08/05	134	---	0	26	0	2	200K	BLM
* MM 83	ID-FHA	400	---	20	Ctn	UNK	22	---	0	6	0	0	15K	BIA
Coe	ID-TFD	1,065	---	100	Ctn	---	90	---	2	4	1	0	295K	BLM

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	9
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	0

* **Pine Hollow**, Kaibab NF. Twenty five miles south of Fredoni, AZ. Timber and 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			
* Pine Hollow	AZ-KNF	1,920	---	0	Comp	08/31	17	---	0	3	0	0	48K	FS

Alaska Area (PL 2)

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

* **Chistochina River**, Valdez-Copper River Area, Alaska DOF. Started on Native Corporation land 4 miles north of Chistochina, AK. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with group torching and crowning. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Chistochina River	AK-CRS	100	---	0	Ctn	08/10	22	---	0	1	0	0	161K	ANC

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	1	0	1
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	3	0	0	4	3	10
	ACRES	0	2,211	0	0	2	1,707	3,920
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	21	4	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	121	5	126
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	4	3	7
	ACRES	244	0	0	0	356	10,333	10,933
Great Basin Area	FIREs	1	6	0	0	9	4	20
	ACRES	400	3,655	0	0	28	3,585	7,668
Southwest Area	FIREs	2	3	0	0	1	3	9
	ACRES	0	21	0	0	117	22	160
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	1	1	0	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	21	0	21
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	102	0	102
TOTAL FIRES:		4	13	0	1	61	20	99
TOTAL ACRES:		644	5,888	0	0	727	15,654	22,913

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	165	0	0	155	12	332
	ACRES	0	545,449	0	0	81,236	1	626,686
Northwest Area	FIREs	155	145	28	11	935	490	1,764
	ACRES	8,088	110,646	2,834	1,602	52,519	28,551	204,240
Northern California Area	FIREs	35	38	2	7	1,628	377	2,087
	ACRES	33	14,484	70	33	23,427	94,546	132,593
Southern California Area	FIREs	160	47	2	17	2,474	266	2,966
	ACRES	290	700	0	9	123,264	44,203	168,466
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	545	108	14	5	1,077	372	2,121
	ACRES	20,088	268,000	400	25	102,305	86,578	477,396
Great Basin Area	FIREs	24	676	4	30	605	243	1,582
	ACRES	689	968,433	2	38	408,742	82,365	1,460,269
Southwest Area	FIREs	665	213	16	36	647	772	2,349
	ACRES	45,814	22,795	153	1,384	113,874	346,612	530,632
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	583	236	7	17	802	284	1,929
	ACRES	8,503	42,755	202	329	483,423	7,108	542,320
Eastern Area	FIREs	343	0	13	14	3,112	280	3,762
	ACRES	696	0	19	129	16,536	3,113	20,493
Southern Area	FIREs	256	8	43	26	20,160	356	20,849
	ACRES	60,251	36	151,467	53,054	1,318,023	25,887	1,608,718
TOTAL FIRES:		2,766	1,636	129	163	31,595	3,452	39,741
TOTAL ACRES:		144,452	1,973,298	155,147	56,603	2,723,349	718,964	5,771,813

Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)	43,310
Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)	3,934,146

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
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	403	0	403
	ACRES	0	0	0	2,795	0	2,795
TOTAL FIRES:	0	0	0	0	403	0	403
TOTAL ACRES:	0	0	0	0	2,795	0	2,795

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

Area	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	6	2	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	64,850	100	64,950
Northwest Area	FIREs	6	11	4	1	70	92
	ACRES	1,782	1,336	4,761	38	11,523	19,440
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	5	6	11	89	111
	ACRES	0	654	239	258	9,671	10,822
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	3	5	3	152	163
	ACRES	0	62	464	504	4,252	5,282
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	6	13	42	6	13	178
	ACRES	462	3,820	18,690	752	1,389	6,413
Great Basin Area	FIREs	3	18	5	6	33	128
	ACRES	24	1,628	933	43	803	12,765
Southwest Area	FIREs	22	32	4	5	97	165
	ACRES	3,721	46,871	4,952	1,639	6,105	60,816
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	17	31	35	10	68	245
	ACRES	741	3,013	18,304	2,370	3,112	37,488
Eastern Area	FIREs	51	0	169	22	1,189	175
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,117	6,148	97,062	65,103
Southern Area	FIREs	48	0	123	28	60,041	689
	ACRES	6,894	0	94,960	133,644	1,485,112	627,574
TOTAL FIRES:	153	113	393	92	61,355	1,519	63,625
TOTAL ACRES:	40,303	57,384	169,420	145,396	1,658,433	835,705	2,906,641

*** 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	9	17,777	864	509,557
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	90	316,175
ALBERTA	12	66	869	4,058
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	4	65,366	180	284,614
SASKATCHEWAN	6	997	181	28,307
MANITOBA	13	86	237	31,808
ONTARIO	16	0	323	60,517
QUEBEC	12	1	242	33,930
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	58	693
NEW BRUNSWICK	10	1	117	86
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	146	722
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	4	7
NATIONAL PARKS	2	0	120	49,990
TOTALS	85	84,294	3,431	1,320,463

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Critical fire weather conditions are possible across Northern California, Oregon, and Nevada as the upper level low pressure area located off the California Coast pumps stronger surges of monsoonal moisture northward into the area. With a favorable burn environment, lightning efficiency will be high. By late afternoon, the convection will spread into the Northern Rockies and the eastern portions of the Pacific Northwest. Further east, another back door cold front will move southwest into the Great Plains from Canada. There is a chance that it could cross over the Continental Divide putting western Montana and northern Idaho under an easterly flow. Looking elsewhere, a stationary front will remain stalled along the Gulf of Mexico coastline and will keep the area under a stormy regime.

<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?

The Mann Gulch Fire - August 5th, 1949

Summary: Lightning started many fires on the Helena National Forest August 4th, 1949 including one near the top of a ridge between Meriwether and Mann Gulches. At 12:55pm August 5th, the fire was observed at 6 acres. At 1:30 the call went out for smokejumpers from the Missoula jumpbase. By the time the jump plane flew over at 3pm the fire was 60 acres. The crew jumped and are scattered by a nearby thunder cell.

The crew gathers at the bottom of the gulch up-canyon of the fire. Jumper Foreman goes to scout the fire and meets up with a fire guard working alone near the head of the fire. Observing increased fire activity, the decision is made to start from the toe. While hiking to the toe, the foreman noted that there was fire below them in the gulch and that it had crossed to the other side of the canyon blocking their ability to escape to the river. They reversed direction and headed up toward the NW ridge. The fire is 500 feet behind them crowning in timber and doghair thickets.

The foreman knows that they will not outrun the fire and starts to burn off some grass for a "refuge". He gives the order for his crew to come into the black with him. The foreman stayed in his black and survived the fire passing over. It is not clear how many of the crew heard the orders over the roar of the fire or understood what the foreman was trying to do (burning out was neither taught nor common practice at this time). The crew continued running up the steep slope for the ridge. Two made it to safety in rocks at the top. 5:56pm marks the time on one firefighter's watch that stopped when the 15 Missoula Smokejumpers and one Meriwether Fire Guard were burned over. Only 5 would survive the blow-up. 2 would die from their burns the next day.

This Day in Wildland Fire History is dedicated to all those at Mann Gulch August 5th, 1949.

Predicted Fire Danger was "low" but readings from a nearby ranger station were RH=22%, fuel sticks = 5%, and wind=16mph indicating more severe fire danger. No weather was recorded at the fire, but steady SW winds were observed at the time of the jump. The Gulch runs SW down to the Missouri River. Also note the thunder cell that was in the area.

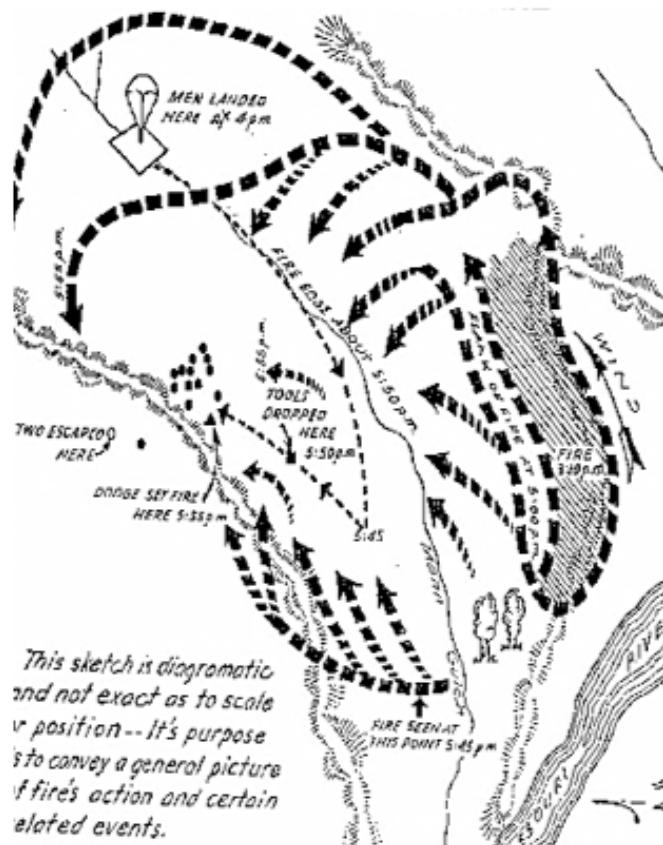
- Open your IRPG to page 1. Based on the above information coupled with the increase in fire size, use the Risk Management Process and the map (right) to discuss some of the actions you will take to ensure crew safety: as the FFT2, squad boss, crew boss, etc.

Based on initial aerial size-up, the strategy was to hold the fire on the ridge by anchoring the head of the fire and flanking down both sides to the toe. The fire was noted as "appearing relatively quiet".

- Discuss other tactics that your crew could use if presented with a similar situation. Look at the different options available at different steps of the initial attack.

Though his ability as a firefighter was well respected by his peers, the Foremen was not known by this young group of smokejumpers.

- When we find ourselves in this position (such as a Crew boss assignment) what can we do to create and encourage crew cohesion?



Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.