

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, August 10, 2017 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (127) new fires
New large incidents:	7
Large fires contained:	6
Uncontained large fires:**	24
Area Command Teams Committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	18

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

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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	1	59,106	3	0	1	61
NWCC	23	114,053	136	234	42	5,053
ONCC	8	111,227	100	175	25	4,212
OSCC	8	103,911	22	16	9	770
NRCC	17	368,254	82	191	42	3,902
GBCC	17	221,285	27	88	15	1,259
SWCC	2	653	0	1	0	7
RMCC	1	2,840	0	8	0	29
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	3	1,099	0	0	0	1
Total	80	982,429	370	713	134	15,294

Northern Rockies Area (PL 5)

New fires:	6
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	4
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, uphill runs and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Sunrise, Lolo NF. IMT 1 (Turman). IMT is also managing the Burdette fire. Eleven miles east of Superior, MT. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting, single-tree torching and flanking. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Burdette, Lolo NF. Thirteen miles southeast of Tarkio, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Gibraltar Ridge, Kootenai NF. IMT 2 (Connell). Seven miles east of Eureka, MT. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, spotting and wind-driven runs. Residences threatened. Evacuations, trail and area closures in effect.

Sapphire Complex (3 fires), Lolo NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Thompson) to IMT 2 (Pearson) will occur tomorrow. Fifteen miles southeast of Clinton, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing and group torching. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Lolo Peak, Lolo NF. IMT 1 (Livingston). Ten miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching, short crown runs and spotting. 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 creeping and torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road and 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 and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Liberty, Flathead Agency, BIA. IMT 1 (McGowan). Seventeen miles southeast of Arlee, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing, flanking and creeping. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Park Creek, Helena - Lewis and Clark NF. IMT 2 (Zombro). IMT is also managing the Arrastra Creek fire. Two miles north of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing and creeping. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Arrastra Creek, Helena - Lewis and Clark NF. Six miles northwest of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing and creeping. Structures threatened. 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			
Rice Ridge	MT-LNF	9,286	863	10	Comp	10/01	554	51	11	36	3	0	6.6M	FS
Sunrise	MT-LNF	15,203	612	20	Comp	09/30	500	-18	10	28	6	0	14.6M	FS

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Burdette	MT-LNF	648	2	70	Ctn	09/30	17	0	1	0	0	0	1.2M	FS
Gibraltar Ridge	MT-KNF	1,280	480	0	Ctn	09/30	219	152	4	10	4	0	375K	FS
Sapphire Complex	MT-LNF	27,528	1,579	32	Comp	10/31	639	-24	12	44	5	1	15.4M	FS
Lolo Peak	MT-LNF	7,644	191	0	Ctn	09/09	377	-17	5	9	5	0	10M	FS
Meyers	MT-BDF	13,359	123	5	Ctn	10/21	533	-19	15	14	5	0	11.3M	FS
Hanover	ID-NCF	6,467	552	0	Comp	10/15	301	7	7	9	9	0	2.7M	FS
Liberty	MT-FHA	4,231	106	90	Comp	09/25	327	-34	8	4	1	0	5.9M	BIA
Park Creek	MT-HLF	5,189	0	40	Comp	09/30	264	-29	7	13	1	0	7.2M	FS
Arrastra Creek	MT-HLF	4,002	0	30	Comp	09/30	95	-3	2	9	1	0	2.7M	FS
Potato	MT-MCD	1,097	---	100	Ctn	---	12	---	0	3	0	0	25K	PRI
* Coal	MT-MCD	686	---	100	Ctn	---	20	---	0	5	0	0	15K	PRI

MCD – Miles City District, BLM

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	42
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	9
NIMOs committed	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

Flounce, Medford District, BLM. ODF IMT 1 (Hunt). Started on state land 12 miles northwest of Shady Cove, OR. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Blanket Creek, Rogue River - Siskiyou NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Gales) to IMT 1 (von Tillow) will occur tomorrow. IMT is also managing the Spruce Lake fire. Nine miles northeast of Prospect, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Spruce Lake, Crater Lake National Park. Fifteen miles southwest of Diamond Lake, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and flanking. 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 backing, flanking and uphill runs. Residences threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

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

Bear Butte, Wallowa - Whitman NF. IMT 2 (Goff). Twenty miles northwest of Baker City, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

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

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

Diamond Creek, Okanogan - Wenatchee NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Schulte) back to the local unit will occur today. Twenty-five miles north of Winthrop, WA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with short-crown runs, torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Suiattle, Northwest Region – DNR. Nine miles northeast of Darrington, WA. Timber. Last report unless new information is received.

Devils Lake, Fremont - Winema NF. Seven miles southeast of Bly, OR. Timber and short grass. Last report unless new information is received.

Clarks Creek, La Grande District, Oregon Department of Forestry. Eighteen miles northeast of La Grande, OR. Timber and short grass. No new information.

* **Falcon Complex**, Umpqua NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Twenty-five miles east of Tiller, OR. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with backing, creeping and group torching.

* **Nena Spring**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Harrod). Seven miles northeast of Simnasho, OR. Timber and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with crowning and wind driven runs. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road 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			
Flounce	OR-MED	690	-10	10	Ctn	08/25	660	249	28	19	9	0	754K	ST
Blanket Creek	OR-RSF	4,739	0	39	Ctn	08/31	771	0	21	24	6	0	16.5M	FS
Spruce Lake	OR-CLP	4,681	0	31	Ctn	08/31	384	0	16	5	2	0	3.9M	NPS
Noisy Creek	WA-COF	3,550	0	35	Ctn	09/30	336	3	8	11	3	0	3.2M	FS
Whitewater	OR-WIF	5,580	65	0	Comp	10/31	665	4	18	19	6	0	7.9M	FS
Bear Butte	WA-WWF	499	7	55	Ctn	08/20	511	23	13	16	4	0	2.7M	FS
Chetco Bar	OR-RSF	4,871	50	14	Comp	10/15	67	-3	2	0	1	0	1.8M	FS
Indian Creek	OR-MHF	83	0	0	Comp	09/30	48	-31	1	0	1	0	1.8M	FS
Diamond Creek	WA-OWF	12,525	0	0	Comp	10/15	111	0	1	5	4	0	2.5M	FS
Suiattle	WA-NWS	216	---	90	Ctn	09/30	178	---	3	6	2	0	2.3M	ST
Devils Lake	OR-FWF	1,706	---	93	Ctn	UNK	277	---	5	4	1	0	3.8M	FS
Clarks Creek	OR-971S	300	0	90	Ctn	UNK	45	-2	0	9	1	0	90K	ST
* Falcon Complex	OR-UPF	601	---	0	Comp	08/30	100	---	3	3	1	0	100K	FS
* Nena Springs	OR-WSA	14,000	---	4	Ctn	08/15	114	---	2	16	1	0	75K	BIA

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires:	28
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

* **Ruth Complex**, Includes previously reported 54 Dutchman fire. Six Rivers NF. Four miles south of Ruth, CA. Timber, chaparral and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with spotting.

Modoc July Complex, Modoc NF. IMT 1 (J. Kurth). Twenty miles northeast of Newell, CA. Brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with running, torching and smoldering. Residences and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Minerva 5, Plumas NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Mills) back to local unit will occur on 8/12. One mile southwest of Quincy, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. 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. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

Orleans Complex, Six Rivers NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Coots) to IMT 2 (Wakoski) will occur today. Twenty miles north of Orleans, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Clear, Klamath NF. Nine miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing and flanking. 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			
* Ruth Complex	CA-SRF	600	---	10	Ctn	09/13	293	---	8	12	3	0	50K	FS
Modoc July Complex	CA-MDF	83,120	11	91	Ctn	08/16	1,277	-253	29	63	4	0	31.3M	FS
Minerva 5	CA-PNF	4,310	0	95	Ctn	08/12	742	-297	14	38	3	0	18.2M	FS
Parker 2	CA-MDF	8,079	0	40	Ctn	08/13	690	53	16	27	6	1	5.4M	FS
Orleans Complex	CA-SRF	5,264	0	14	Comp	09/30	645	0	16	10	7	0	10.1M	FS
Clear	CA-KNF	6,503	103	60	Ctn	09/01	412	-69	13	18	2	0	7M	FS
Poslin	CA-PNF	860	---	100	Ctn	---	114	---	4	7	0	0	485K	FS

Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires:	17
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Pole Creek, Bridger - Teton NF. IMT 2 (DeMasters) Twenty-eight miles southeast of Afton, WY. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior with isolated-torching, creeping and smoldering. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Powerline, Fort Hall Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Chadwick). Twenty miles southwest of Pocatello, ID. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

* **Dutch Mountain**, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. Five miles north of Gold Hills, UT. Timber, chaparral and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with running and creeping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Pole Creek	WY-BTF	3,159	0	20	Ctn	08/25	166	2	3	12	4	0	697K	FS
Powerline	ID-FHA	57,151	4,075	85	Ctn	08/12	464	-4	12	22	5	1	2.5M	BIA

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Dutch Mountain	UT-SLD	1,428	---	50	Ctn	08/10	33	---	1	3	0	0	8K	BLM
Duncan	ID-BOD	2,966	---	100	Ctn	---	46	---	0	9	0	0	175K	BLM
Dune	NV-WID	9,873	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	200K	BLM
* Winter	NV-NNS	685	---	100	Ctn	---	56	---	0	13	0	0	10K	ST

NNS – Nevada Division of Forestry BOD – Boise District, BLM WID – Winnemucca District Office

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 25

New large incidents: 1

Uncontained large fires: 3

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

Indian, Inyo NF. Sixteen miles west of Olancho, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire. Structures threatened.

* **Butte**, Sierra NF, Thirteen miles southwest of Mammoth Lakes, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with uphill runs, group torching and long-range spotting. 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			
Bryant 2	CA-BDU	325	0	95	Ctn	08/11	182	-184	7	5	1	1	2.7M	ST
Indian	CA-INF	480	134	1	Ctn	09/30	52	0	1	0	4	0	255K	FS
* Butte	CA-SNF	300	---	5	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	300K	FS

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	607	0	0	0	0	607
Northwest Area	FIRES	1	2	0	0	7	32	42
	ACRES	79	2	0	0	331	172	584
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	9	17	28
	ACRES	0	125	0	0	81	471	677
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	25	0	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	24	134	158
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3,245	3,245
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	8	0	0	6	2	17
	ACRES	759	1,655	0	0	687	2,301	5,402
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	34	40
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	15	0	15
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
TOTAL FIRES:		2	12	0	1	57	55	127
TOTAL ACRES:		838	2,389	0	0	1,148	6,357	10,732

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	169	0	0	163	13	345
	ACRES	0	558,280	0	0	81,351	1	639,632
Northwest Area	FIRES	161	150	30	14	974	555	1,884
	ACRES	8,170	162,958	2,848	1,602	52,926	35,845	264,349
Northern California Area	FIRES	37	40	2	9	1,734	477	2,299
	ACRES	34	14,609	70	34	23,719	107,111	145,577
Southern California Area	FIRES	160	47	2	26	2,605	277	3,117
	ACRES	290	700	0	350	123,962	44,743	170,045
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	548	116	15	13	1,108	404	2,204
	ACRES	20,407	270,814	1,143	27	104,642	119,066	516,099
Great Basin Area	FIRES	28	703	4	31	637	261	1,664
	ACRES	53,353	1,049,621	2	38	421,003	89,236	1,613,253
Southwest Area	FIRES	665	210	16	38	649	798	2,376
	ACRES	45,812	22,870	153	1,384	113,871	347,925	532,015
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	646	241	7	17	811	289	2,011
	ACRES	9,780	43,523	202	329	483,569	7,152	544,555
Eastern Area	FIRES	343	0	13	14	3,168	282	3,820
	ACRES	696	0	19	129	16,595	3,113	20,552
Southern Area	FIRES	256	8	44	26	20,435	356	21,125
	ACRES	60,251	36	151,917	53,054	1,319,785	25,887	1,610,930
TOTAL FIRES:		2,844	1,684	133	188	32,284	3,712	40,845
TOTAL ACRES:		198,793	2,123,411	156,354	56,947	2,741,423	780,079	6,057,007

Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)	44,210
Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)	4,257,515

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	70	0	0	0	0	0	70
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	50	0	0	0	0	0	50
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	181	0	181
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,048	0	1,048
TOTAL FIRES:		1	0	0	0	181	0	182
TOTAL ACRES:		120	0	0	0	1,048	0	1,168

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	2	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	64,850	100	64,950
Northwest Area	FIRES	6	11	4	1	0	70	92
	ACRES	1,782	1,336	4,761	38	0	11,523	19,440
Northern California Area	FIRES	1	5	6	11	0	89	112
	ACRES	20	654	239	258	0	9,671	10,842
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	5	3	0	152	163
	ACRES	0	62	464	504	0	4,252	5,282
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	6	13	42	6	13	98	178
	ACRES	462	3,820	18,690	752	1,389	6,413	31,526
Great Basin Area	FIRES	3	18	5	6	33	63	128
	ACRES	24	1,628	933	43	803	12,765	16,196
Southwest Area	FIRES	22	32	4	5	5	97	165
	ACRES	3,791	46,871	4,952	1,639	6,105	60,916	124,274
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	18	31	35	10	68	84	246
	ACRES	791	3,013	18,304	2,370	3,246	37,488	65,212
Eastern Area	FIRES	51	0	169	22	1,192	176	1,610
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,117	6,148	97,262	65,185	221,391
Southern Area	FIRES	48	0	123	28	60,385	689	61,273
	ACRES	6,894	0	94,960	133,644	1,486,632	627,574	2,349,704
TOTAL FIRES:		155	113	393	92	61,702	1,520	63,975
TOTAL ACRES:		40,443	57,384	169,420	145,396	1,660,287	835,887	2,908,817

*** 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	21	27,508	936	606,074
YUKON TERRITORY	4	9,273	98	325,469
ALBERTA	9	12	924	5,235
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	2	9,895	196	348,870
SASKATCHEWAN	2	4,199	213	36,704
MANITOBA	8	0	317	44,996
ONTARIO	26	2,853	422	65,027
QUEBEC	0	0	253	33,987
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	63	698
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	1	143	104
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	157	723
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	4	7
NATIONAL PARKS	1	75	123	55,427
TOTALS	77	53,816	3,849	1,523,321

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Similar conditions are expected across the Lower 48 today as the slowly weakening trough of low pressure along the coast of Northern California remains stalled. Scattered wet and dry convection is expected across Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Washington, Oregon and northern Nevada along with slightly above normal temperatures. Mostly dry conditions are expected across California and central-southern Nevada while convection will begin to increase across the Four Corners by afternoon. In the East, expect near normal temperatures with an overall westerly flow. Scattered thunderstorms are possible across the southern Appalachians and across the Deep South as a weak disturbance moves east through the flow.

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



TERRAIN AND FUELS MAKE ESCAPE TO SAFETY ZONES DIFFICULT

Operational Engagement Category

When fighting wildland fires, it is often easy to get committed to areas that put you in Watchout Situation #17. As firefighters progress along the fireline, it is imperative to constantly keep the following considerations in mind:

- Base retreat times on the slowest member of the crew.
- Does the crew's condition allow for fast travel? Discuss physical and mental conditions that could interfere with a crew's ability to travel quickly.
- Will you get adequate warning to make it to your safety zone? Who will you rely on to warn you? How will you ensure that everyone gets the word?
- Can escape routes be improved to make travel to safety zones faster? Are escape routes marked? Review what you have done on past fires to locate, mark, and improve escape routes.
- Will posting more lookouts give adequate warning? Talk about situations where there was more than one firefighter assigned to be lookout.
- To reduce the risks:
 - Consider other tactics that will allow you to be in a safer location. Review fires where you have had to change tactics because escape to safety zones was not adequate.

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