

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, July 20, 2017 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (155) new fires
New large incidents:	13
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires:**	34
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

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

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

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	4	131,444.3	2	0	1	71
NWCC	14	15,839	51	103	11	1,604
ONCC	5	92,311	67	52	6	960
OSCC	8	162,425	135	582	38	6,467
NRCC	35	82,634.2	50	84	23	1,976
GBCC	24	523,204	37	101	16	1,478
SWCC	9	148,592	4	14	3	225
RMCC	10	25,439.7	11	26	5	523
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	1	109	0	1	1	9
Total	110	1,181,998.2	357	963	104	13,313

Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires:	29
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed	4

Missouri, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Roide). One miles southwest of Yellow Pine, ID. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with running, crowning and short-range spotting. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

* **Onaqui Mountain Complex** (2 fires), Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. Complex includes previously reported Davis and Little Valley fires. Ten miles southeast of Dugway, UT. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Grass Valley, Winnemucca District, BLM. IMT 2 (Bird). Sixteen miles south of Winnemucca, NV. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Cedar Mountain, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. Twenty-three miles west of Grantsville, UT. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running and flanking.

Long Valley, Northern California District, BLM. IMT 2 (Fogle). Fifty miles north of Reno, NV. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

Four Seasons Complex (2 fires), Elko District, BLM. IMT 2 (Goff). IMT is also managing the Roosters Comb fire. Started on state land 50 miles north of Battle Mountain, NV. Brush and tall grass. No further information received.

Roosters Comb, Northern Region, Nevada DOF. Twenty-five miles north of Battle Mountain, NV. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

MM155, Winnemucca District, BLM. Twenty-one miles southwest of Winnemucca, NV. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Oil Well, Northern Region, Nevada DOF. Six miles north of Elko, NV. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Water Tower, Uinta/Wasatch-Cache NF. One mile east of Alpine, UT. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Brianhead, Southwest Area, Utah DOF. One mile north of Brian Head, UT. Timber and hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area 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			
Missouri	ID-PAF	498	72	5	Comp	10/01	287	53	8	2	5	0	1.1M	FS
* Onaqui Mountain Complex	UT-SLD	37,000	---	44	Comp	7/22	279	---	11	17	3	0	400K	BLM
Grass Valley	NV-WID	11,590	0	50	Ctn	7/21	199	4	6	8	5	2	875K	BLM
Cedar Mountain	UT-SLD	13,788	7,788	5	Ctn	7/25	160	111	7	3	0	0	200K	BLM
Long Valley	CA-NOD	83,733	0	71	Ctn	7/25	676	-220	64	37	6	8	10.7M	BLM
Four Seasons Complex	NV-EKD	155,502	0	75	Comp	7/24	537	-69	9	27	6	0	2.4M	ST
Roosters Comb	NV-NNS	218,380	0	96	Ctn	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.8M	ST
MM155	NV-WID	22,360	0	90	Ctn	7/20	82	-160	2	5	0	0	2.5M	BLM
Oil Well	NV-NNS	7,500	34	90	Ctn	7/20	144	-62	2	15	0	28	950K	ST
Water Tower	UT-UWF	375	-130	90	Ctn	7/26	20	-1	1	0	0	0	463K	FS
Brianhead	UT-SWS	71,673	0	98	Ctn	7/30	56	-3	1	3	1	26	36M	ST
Stage	UT-NWS	727	0	100	Ctn	---	14	-5	0	4	0	0	200K	ST

NWS – Northwest Area, Utah DOF

Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires:	27
New large incidents:	7
Uncontained large fires:	10
Type 1 IMTs committed	1
Type 2 IMTs committed	3

Powerline, Craig Mountain Area, IDL. IMT 2 (Almas). IMT is also managing the Corral Creek fire. Fifteen miles west of Winchester, ID. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior with backing, flanking and running. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Corral Creek, Craig Mountain Area, IDL. Fifteen miles east of Anatone, ID. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Park Creek, Helena-Lewis and Clark NF. IMT 2 (Hutton). Two miles north of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing, torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

* **Lolo Peak**, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Leach). IMT is also managing the Little Hogback and Sliderock fires. Nine miles west of Carlton, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs and long-range spotting. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

* **Little Hogback**, Lolo NF. Twenty miles northwest of Stevensville, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with running and long-range spotting. Road and trail closures in effect.

Sliderock, Lolo NF. Twenty-eight miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Timber and closed timber litter. Active fire behavior with running and long-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Lookout, Central Land Office, DNR. IMT 1 (Turman). Seven miles northwest of Sieben, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Whetstone Ridge, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Timber and heavy logging slash. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Area closures in effect.

Magpie, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands. Forty-four miles northwest of Dickinson, ND. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Turtle, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. Two miles southwest of Ashland, MT. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior.

* **Crying**, Petroleum County. Twenty miles northwest of Benzien, MT. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running and torching.

* **Cottonwood-Rosebud**, Miles City District, BLM. Started on private land 7 miles north of Lame Deer, MT. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with running and spotting.

* **Bridge Coulee**, Miles City District, BLM. Sixteen miles north of Mosby, MT. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with running and spotting. Structures threatened.

* **Moose Creek 1**, Nez Perce-Clearwater NF. Thirty-seven miles southwest of Helena. MT. Timber and tall grass. Moderate fire activity with backing and creeping. Residences threatened.

* **Arrastra Creek**, Helena NF. Six miles northwest of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching, short crown runs and short-range spotting. 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			
Powerline	ID-CMS	16,876	8,876	5	Ctn	7/24	154	15	6	4	4	0	1.1M	ST
Corral Creek	ID-CMS	1,782	182	50	Ctn	7/21	350	83	10	9	4	0	1.8M	ST
Park Creek	MT-HLF	1,856	291	5	Comp	9/30	133	6	2	4	2	0	804K	FS
* Lolo Peak	MT-LNF	165	---	0	Ctn	9/09	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
* Little Hogback	MT-LNF	429	---	0	Ctn	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	125K	FS
Sliderock	MT-LNF	186	-2	5	Comp	10/15	156	34	3	4	3	1	1.5M	FS
Lookout	MT-CES	390	0	90	Ctn	7/26	311	10	9	11	3	0	1.3M	ST
Whetstone Ridge	MT-BDF	374	0	0	Ctn	10/21	101	25	3	0	1	0	400K	FS
Magpie	ND-DPF	4,907	-93	94	Ctn	7/21	18	0	0	4	0	0	900K	FS
Turtle	MT-NCA	1,849	0	75	Comp	7/22	30	-21	1	3	0	2	20K	BIA
* Crying	MT-LG55	1,000	---	UNK	Ctn	7/22	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	CNTY
* Cottonwood-Rosebud	MT-MCD	1000	---	0	Ctn	8/2	19	---	0	3	0	0	10K	PRI
* Bridge Coulee	MT-MCD	800	---	0	Ctn	8/2	6	---	0	1	0	0	15K	BLM
* Moose Creek 1	ID-NCF	500	---	0	Comp	10/01	0	---	0	0	0	0	23K	FS
* Arrastra Creek	MT-HLF	150	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
July	MT-LED	10,542	0	100	Ctn	---	15	0	0	4	0	5	6.2M	BLM
Four Buttes	MT-LG37	1,630	85	100	Ctn	---	11	0	0	4	0	0	20K	CNTY

LED – Lewistown Field Office LG37 – Daniels County

Southern California Area (PL 4)

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

Detwiler, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum). Fifteen miles northwest of Mariposa, CA. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running and short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Whittier, Los Padres NF. IMT 1 (von Tillo). Eleven miles northeast of Goleta, CA. Chaparral and brush. Active fire behavior with backing, running and short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Park, Fresno-Kings Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Patterson). IMT is also managing the Garza fire. Four miles south of Parkfield Junction, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

Garza, Fresno-Kings Unit, Cal Fire. Ten miles southeast of Avenal City, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. No new information.

Schaeffer, Sequoia NF. Seventeen miles north of Kernville, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area 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			
Detwiler	CA-MMU	48,000	23,000	7	Ctn	8/05	3,175	1,770	51	413	14	59	8.3M	ST
Whittier	CA-LPF	18,395	64	76	Ctn	7/31	1,520	-229	39	52	17	46	28.2M	FS
Park	CA-FKU	1,563	174	35	Ctn	7/22	1,199	-14	33	78	5	0	3M	ST
Garza	CA-FKU	48,889	656	97	Ctn	UNK	76	-549	0	12	0	1	15.5M	ST
Schaeffer	CA-SQF	16,031	0	94	Ctn	8/05	185	-33	4	2	2	0	14.2M	FS
* Hudson	CA-KRN	1,083	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	100K	CNTY

KRN – Kern County

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires:	20
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed	1

***June**, Shoshone NF. IMT 2 (Greer). Thirty-four miles west of Cody, WY. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with torching, crowning and long-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Wanblee Timber, Pine Ridge Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Greer) back to local unit will occur today. Twelve miles northeast of Wanblee, SD. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and isolated torching.

Keystone, Medicine Bow NF. Thirty-five miles southwest of Laramie, WY. Timber and medium logging slash. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Wilson, White River Field Office, BLM. Eight miles north of Meeker, CO. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior.

Peekaboo, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. Forty-four miles northwest Maybell, CO. Dormant brush, hardwood slash. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Gutzler, White River NF. Thirteen miles southwest of Kremmling, CO. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* June	WY-SHF	1,500	---	0	Comp	9/30	127	---	4	6	1	0	250K	FS
Wanblee Timber	SD-PRA	5,305	1,305	78	Ctn	7/29	173	-58	3	7	1	3	750K	BIA
Keystone	WY-MBF	2,520	0	75	Ctn	7/31	162	-108	3	5	2	1	11.8M	FS
Wilson	CO-WRD	700	0	60	Ctn	7/23	6	0	0	2	0	0	5K	BLM
Peekaboo	CO-LSD	12,839	0	95	Ctn	7/20	8	-15	0	2	0	0	2.3M	BLM
Gutzler	CO-WRF	974	0	50	Ctn	8/04	13	0	0	1	1	0	1.6M	FS

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	16
New large incidents:	3
Uncontained large fires:	4

Redford Canyon, Colville Agency, BIA. Eight miles southeast of Keller, WA. Light logging slash, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road closures in effect.

* **L Road**, Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Seven miles southeast of Mattawa, WA. Brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior.

Dry Creek, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Six miles north of Husum, WA. Timber and brush. No new information.

Buck, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Sixteen miles northeast of Imnaha, OR. Brush and grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

* **Chetco Bar**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Thirty-three miles southwest of Grants Pass, OR. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Noisy Creek**, Colville NF. Six miles southeast of Metaline Falls, WA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior. Residences threatened. 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			
Redford Canyon	WA-COA	681	0	80	Ctn	7/22	359	29	11	18	3	0	1.3M	BIA
* L Road	WA-MCR	526	---	90	Ctn	UNK	23	---	0	5	0	0	50K	FWS
Dry Creek	WA-SES	337	0	94	Ctn	7/24	208	-47	11	8	0	0	4.1M	ST
Buck	OR-WWF	1,015	---	95	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	1M	FS
* Chetco Bar	OR-RSF	300	255	0	Comp	10/15	40	-15	2	0	1	0	120K	FS
* Noisy Creek	WA-COF	125	23	0	Comp	9/30	54	0	3	0	0	0	125K	

Northern California Area (PL 3)

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

Grade, Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire. Two miles west of Laughlin, CA. Hardwood litter, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Grade	CA-MEU	900	0	90	Ctn	7/23	136	-459	1	11	0	1	1.7M	ST

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	14,481	0	0	0	14,481
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	1	1	0	7	16
	ACRES	0	4	2	0	25	38
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	13	15
	ACRES	0	3,319	0	0	177	3,511
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	2	23	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	85	85
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	1	7	0	0	12	27
	ACRES	1	4,910	0	0	782	6,029
Great Basin Area	FIREs	1	8	0	1	15	29
	ACRES	0	7,794	0	0	123	8,492
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	2	5
	ACRES	0	45	0	0	3	17
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	3	7	0	0	5	20
	ACRES	3	140	0	0	159	1,806
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	2
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	8	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	86	86
TOTAL FIRES:		5	26	1	3	89	31
TOTAL ACRES:		4	30,693	2	0	1,442	2,454
							34,595

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

Area	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	150	0	0	149	11 310
	ACRES	0	435,014	0	0	81,347	1 516,362
Northwest Area	FIREs	121	85	19	6	511	287 1,029
	ACRES	3,812	46,605	746	1	15,606	3,262 70,032
Northern California Area	FIREs	30	7	2	5	1,318	161 1,523
	ACRES	28	13,124	70	5	15,965	2,762 31,954
Southern California Area	FIREs	151	42	1	12	2,210	208 2,624
	ACRES	183	616	0	6	116,457	40,743 158,005
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	515	59	11	4	597	249 1,435
	ACRES	14,825	28,282	415	24	40,851	7,543 91,940
Great Basin Area	FIREs	19	471	4	26	495	161 1,176
	ACRES	285	515,000	2	37	474,019	68,614 1,057,957
Southwest Area	FIREs	579	184	10	25	592	664 2,054
	ACRES	45,674	22,377	191	1,296	111,877	299,437 480,852
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	513	156	7	11	495	219 1,401
	ACRES	2,636	34,993	202	75	475,356	6,783 520,045
Eastern Area	FIREs	343	0	13	14	3,045	277 3,692
	ACRES	696	0	19	129	12,887	3,110 16,841
Southern Area	FIREs	256	8	42	26	19,464	352 20,148
	ACRES	60,251	36	151,442	53,054	1,290,736	25,698 1,581,217
TOTAL FIRES:	2,527	1,162	109	129	28,876	2,589	35,392
TOTAL ACRES:	128,390	1,096,047	153,087	54,627	2,635,101	457,953	4,525,205

Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)	38,730
Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)	3,252,751

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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	2
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	1
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	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	265	0	265
TOTAL FIRES:	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
TOTAL ACRES:	0	0	0	0	266	2	268

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	1	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	64,850	100	64,950
Northwest Area	FIREs	5	11	4	1	0	91
	ACRES	1,298	1,336	4,761	38	0	11,523
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	5	6	11	0	112
	ACRES	0	654	239	258	0	9,673
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	3	5	4	0	164
	ACRES	0	62	464	504	0	4,252
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	6	11	42	6	13	93
	ACRES	462	3,820	18,690	752	1,389	6,413
Great Basin Area	FIREs	3	18	5	6	29	63
	ACRES	24	1,628	933	43	802	12,687
Southwest Area	FIREs	21	32	2	5	5	82
	ACRES	2,856	46,871	4,894	1,639	6,105	59,862
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	17	31	35	10	66	84
	ACRES	741	3,013	18,304	2,370	2,664	37,488
Eastern Area	FIREs	51	0	169	22	1,171	175
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,117	6,148	96,628	65,103
Southern Area	FIREs	48	0	122	28	58,377	685
	ACRES	6,894	0	94,771	133,644	1,470,785	622,642
TOTAL FIRES:	151	111	390	93	59,667	1,495	61,907
TOTAL ACRES:	38,954	57,384	169,173	145,396	1,643,223	829,743	2,883,873

*** 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	3	32,714	668	353,547
YUKON TERRITORY	0	24,671	84	315,049
ALBERTA	2	0	752	3,012
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	2,395	108	115,984
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	118	417
MANITOBA	1	4,030	111	24,548
ONTARIO	3	14,543	158	36,229
QUEBEC	4	387	159	33,548
NEWFOUNDLAND	3	13	48	666
NEW BRUNSWICK	5	2	72	33
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	141	720
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	4	7
NATIONAL PARKS	3	0	97	36,294
TOTALS	25	78,754	2,520	922,065

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: The hot ridge of high pressure over the southern Great Plains will migrate east to be over the Lower Mississippi River Valley. This will allow for the Southwest monsoon to move further north across the interior west as far north as northern Montana. Critical fire weather conditions are expected across the Pacific Northwest, northern Great Basin, and Northern Rockies as the cold front moves inland increasing winds over the established very dry airmass. Isolated dry convection is possible along the frontal boundary. In Alaska, the ridge of high pressure will move into the Yukon Territory as a low pressure system along the coast drops south onto the Alaskan Peninsula. Isolated convection is expected to continue across the interior east, while scattered showers are expected to occur across the interior west.

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



Proper Use of Trigger Points

Weather/Fire Behavior Category

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of tactics. Monitoring for the 18 Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits ("trigger points") ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the current and potential situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don't wait until you're in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.
- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
 - RH
 - Winds
 - Fire Behavior
 - Topographical boundaries
 - Time constraints/Time of day
 - Time/distance to safety zones
 - Loss of suppression resources
 - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, weather change)
- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is required. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
 - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
 - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
 - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
 - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
 - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions
- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
 - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
 - Account for all your people
 - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.

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