

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, July 22, 2017 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (150) new fires
New large incidents:	9
Large fires contained:	8
Uncontained large fires:**	38
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	10

**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 from the 152nd Airlift Wing, (Nevada Air National Guard) has 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	6	145,728.1	3	0	1	103
NWCC	13	31,370	39	98	16	1,435
ONCC	6	92,585	6	25	4	442
OSCC	9	189,597	126	660	42	6,925
NRCC	43	163,852.8	57	142	28	2,436
GBCC	22	517,061	42	125	26	1,762
SWCC	7	133,466	0	8	1	80
RMCC	10	25,429.7	10	12	10	475
EACC	1	2,800	0	10	2	40
SACC	3	3,509	0	5	1	18
Total	120	1,305,398.6	283	1,085	131	13,716

Northern Rockies Area (PL 4)

New fires:	28
New large incidents:	6
Uncontained large fires:	17
Type 1 IMTs committed	2
Type 2 IMTs committed	5

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.

* **Lodgepole Complex** (4 fires), Miles City District, BLM. IMT 2 (Connell). Includes previously reported South Breaks, Bridge Coulee, Square Butte and Barker fires. Fifty-two miles northwest of Jordan, MT. Timber, brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with long-range spotting, group torching and running. Sage-grouse habitat threatened. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Sliderock, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Leach). IMT is also managing the Little Hogback and Goat Creek fire. Twenty-eight miles southeast of Missoula, MT. Timber and closed timber litter. No new information.

Little Hogback, Lolo NF. Twenty miles northwest of Stevensville, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing, creeping and isolated torching. Road and trail closures in effect.

* **Goat Creek**, Lolo NF. Nine miles southeast of Clinton, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching, crowning and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

Park Creek, Helena-Lewis and Clark NF. IMT 2 (Hutton). IMT is also managing Arrastra Creek fire. Two miles north of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, running and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Arrastra Creek, Helena NF. Six miles northwest of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with running, crowning and short-range spotting. 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 running, torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Burdette, Lolo NF. Thirteen miles southeast of Tarkio, MT. Timber. No new information.

Lolo Peak, Lolo NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). Nine miles west of Carlton, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing, flanking and running. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

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.

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

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

Crying, Petroleum County. Twenty miles northwest of Benzien, MT. Timber, brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with running, spotting and isolated torching. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Microwave**, Crow Agency, BIA. Thirty-seven miles southeast of Billings, MT. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Magpie, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands. Forty-four miles northwest of Dickinson, ND. Brush and short grass. No new information.

* **Coyote**, Northern Cheyenne Agency, BIA. Twenty-two miles southwest of Ashland, MT. Timber and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with running, torching and spotting.

* **Chinn**, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. Started on county land 12 miles south of White Sulphur Springs, MT. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs. Structures threatened.

Sage Hills, Yellowstone County. Four miles south of Billings, MT. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road 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	38,080	11,490	10	Ctn	07/24	164	3	6	5	3	0	1.8M	ST
Corral Creek	ID-CMS	1,826	0	85	Ctn	07/23	447	32	13	9	2	0	2.9M	ST
* Lodgepole Complex	MT-MCD	125,000	---	0	Ctn	08/02	153	---	3	23	0	12	955K	BLM
Sliderock	MT-LNF	204	18	5	Comp	10/15	178	22	3	8	4	1	2.1M	FS
Little Hogback	MT-LNF	1,719	885	0	Ctn	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	129K	FS
* Goat Creek	MT-LNF	443	---	0	Ctn	10/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
Park Creek	MT-HLF	2,725	225	5	Comp	09/30	218	59	3	12	3	0	1.4M	FS
Arrastra Creek	MT-HLF	2,099	1,799	0	Comp	09/30	3	0	0	0	0	0	4K	FS
Sunrise	MT-LNF	1,000	800	0	Comp	08/01	135	6	5	0	1	0	1.1M	FS
Burdette	MT-LNF	140	30	0	Comp	08/09	17	0	0	0	1	0	300K	FS
Lolo Peak	MT-LNF	249	67	0	Ctn	09/09	0	0	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
Whetstone Ridge	MT-BDF	998	624	0	Ctn	10/21	85	0	2	0	1	0	610K	FS
Meyers	MT-BDF	689	306	0	Ctn	10/21	40	0	1	0	1	0	305K	FS
Lookout	MT-CES	390	0	95	Ctn	07/26	283	-1	8	11	3	0	2.1M	ST
Crying	MT-LG55	5,983	383	20	Ctn	07/24	81	5	1	15	2	0	262K	CNTY
* Microwave	MT-CRA	5,906	---	90	Ctn	07/23	26	---	1	2	1	0	100K	BIA
Magpie	ND-DPF	4,907	0	94	Ctn	UNK	17	-1	0	4	0	0	910K	FS
* Coyote	MT-NCA	1,500	---	0	Ctn	07/27	9	---	0	2	0	0	5K	BIA
* Chinn	MT-CES	1,000	---	0	Ctn	07/28	35	---	0	3	2	0	100K	CNTY
Sage Hills	MT-LG03	1,092	100	75	Ctn	07/22	83	17	1	19	0	0	415K	CNTY
Turtle	MT-NCA	1,849	0	100	Ctn	---	3	-27	1	3	0	2	50K	BIA
* Tullock Complex	MT-CRA	173	---	100	Ctn	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	30K	BIA

Great Basin Area (PL 4)

New fires:	22
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed	3

Missouri, Payette NF. IMT 2 (Roide). Four miles northeast of Yellow Pine, ID. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with backing, flanking and group torching. Residences threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Wildcat, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. Twelve miles northeast of Park Valley, UT. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with torching and creeping. Sage-grouse habitat threatened. Structures threatened.

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

Onaqui Mountain Complex (2 fires), Salt Lake Field Office, BLM Ten miles southeast of Dugway, UT. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Four Seasons Complex (2 fires), Elko District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Goff) back to the local unit will occur on 7/23. IMT is also managing the Roosters Comb fire. Started on state land 50 miles north of Battle Mountain, NV. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

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

Grass Valley, Winnemucca District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Bird) back to the local unit will occur today. Sixteen miles south of Winnemucca, NV. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

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

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Missouri	ID-PAF	1,262	68	10	Comp	10/01	403	35	12	5	6	0	2M	FS
Wildcat	UT-SLD	13,400	12,400	75	Ctn	07/23	160	42	2	38	0	0	400K	BLM
Cedar Mountain	UT-SLD	21,372	3,572	70	Ctn	07/23	153	-44	5	4	1	0	350K	BLM
Onaqui Mountain Complex	UT-SLD	37,974	0	95	Ctn	07/23	152	-113	4	11	3	0	850K	BLM
Four Seasons Complex	NV-EKD	159,986	0	94	Ctn	07/24	395	-65	4	11	4	0	3.7M	BLM
Roosters Comb	NV-NNS	218,380	0	95	Ctn	07/24	0	0	0	0	0	0	4M	ST
Grass Valley	NV-WID	11,590	0	97	Ctn	07/23	230	0	5	6	5	2	1.4M	BLM
MM155	NV-WID	22,360	0	97	Ctn	07/23	41	0	1	5	3	0	2.3M	BLM
Long Valley	CA-NOD	83,733	0	100	Ctn	---	17	0	0	1	0	8	12M	BLM

NOD – Northern California District, BLM

Southern California Area (PL 4)

New fires:	25
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3
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. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Whittier, Los Padres NF. IMT 1 (von Tillow). Eleven miles northeast of Goleta, CA. Chaparral and brush. Moderate fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Park, Fresno-Kings Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Patterson). Four miles south of Parkfield Junction, 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	75,000	4,404	25	Ctn	08/05	4,408	671	69	542	20	125	20.5M	ST
Whittier	CA-LPF	18,430	0	83	Ctn	07/31	1,041	-224	23	36	13	46	31.4M	FS
Park	CA-FKU	1,649	42	90	Ctn	07/22	727	-354	17	35	1	0	5.9M	ST
* Elephant	CA-TUU	416	---	100	Ctn	---	16	---	0	5	0	0	250K	ST

TUU – Tulare Unit, Cal Fire

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 39
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 4
Type 2 IMTs committed 1

June, Shoshone NF. IMT 2 (Greer). Thirty-four miles west of Cody, WY. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with spotting, creeping and single-tree torching. Residences threatened. Trail closures in effect.

Keystone, Medicine Bow NF. Thirty-five miles southwest of Laramie, WY. Timber and medium logging slash. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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

Peekaboo, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. Forty-four miles northwest of Maybell, CO. Dormant brush, hardwood slash. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Sage-grouse habitat threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Wilson, White River Field Office, BLM. Eight miles north of Meeker, CO. Timber and brush. 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			
June	WY-SHF	1,938	579	0	Ctn	09/30	233	94	5	5	5	0	800K	FS
Keystone	WY-MBF	2,520	0	75	Ctn	07/31	152	-10	3	2	3	1	12.3M	FS
Gutzler	CO-WRF	974	0	50	Ctn	08/04	13	0	0	1	1	0	1.6M	FS
Peekaboo	CO-LSD	12,839	0	98	Comp	UNK	0	-1	0	0	0	0	2.3M	BLM
Wilson	CO-WRD	700	0	95	Comp	07/23	0	0	0	0	0	0	800K	BLM
Wanblee Timber	SD-PRA	5,305	0	100	Ctn	---	44	0	1	1	1	3	1M	BIA

PRA - Pine Ridge Agency, BIA

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 12
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed 1

Marble, Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Young). Seven miles north of Somes Bar, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Marble	CA-SRF	280	80	8	Ctn	07/28	286	81	4	20	4	0	2.5M	FS
Grade	CA-MEU	900	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-61	0	0	0	1	1.7M	ST

MEU – Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 1
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

400, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Started on DOD land four miles west of Mattawa, WA. Brush and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with running and spotting.

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.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
400	WA-SES	23,200	13,200	18	Ctn	07/26	224	173	4	18	2	0	380K	DOD
Redford Canyon	WA-COA	800	25	95	Ctn	07/23	347	-24	10	14	3	0	2.1M	BIA
L Road	WA-MCR	526	0	100	Ctn	---	23	0	0	5	0	0	300K	FWS
Dry Creek	WA-SES	337	0	100	Ctn	---	26	-182	0	2	0	0	4.5M	ST

MCR – Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge, FWS

Southern Area (PL 1)

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

* **Harmon Co. River**, Oklahoma DOF. Seven miles southeast of Vincent, OK. 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			
* Harmon Co. River	OK-OKS	3,000	0	75	Ctn	07/22	8	-45	0	4	0	0	24K	ST

Eastern Area (PL 1)

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

* **Penn Swamp**, New Jersey Forest Fire Service. Two miles north of Batsto, NJ. Timber litter. Moderate fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Penn Swamp	NJ-NJS	2,800	---	60	Ctn	07/23	40	---	0	10	2	0	5K	ST

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
	ACRES	0	7,126	0	0	0	0	7,126
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	9	3	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	25	0	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	373	0	373
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	3	2	0	0	10	13	28
	ACRES	1,500	154,003	0	0	9,597	2,379	167,479
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	10	0	1	6	4	22
	ACRES	4	13,577	0	0	13	143	13,737
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	1	0	1	8	6	17
	ACRES	0	3	0	0	190	552	745
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	5	18	0	1	9	6	39
	ACRES	4	4	0	35	5	0	48
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
TOTAL FIRES:		10	34	0	3	71	32	150
TOTAL ACRES:		1,508	174,713	0	35	10,204	3,074	189,534

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	153	0	0	150	11	314
	ACRES	0	441,890	0	0	81,347	1	523,238
Northwest Area	FIRES	126	86	20	6	527	293	1,058
	ACRES	3,819	46,605	747	1	15,610	3,370	70,152
Northern California Area	FIRES	30	7	2	5	1,345	164	1,553
	ACRES	28	13,124	70	5	17,037	2,782	33,046
Southern California Area	FIRES	151	42	1	12	2,246	209	2,661
	ACRES	183	616	0	6	116,932	41,878	159,615
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	520	61	11	4	616	279	1,491
	ACRES	16,325	222,285	415	24	60,858	12,226	312,133
Great Basin Area	FIRES	21	490	4	27	507	167	1,216
	ACRES	289	528,642	2	37	474,080	70,102	1,073,152
Southwest Area	FIRES	586	190	10	29	606	700	2,121
	ACRES	45,675	22,381	191	1,316	112,086	300,070	481,719
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	525	194	7	12	536	243	1,517
	ACRES	2,661	35,660	202	110	475,877	7,045	521,555
Eastern Area	FIRES	343	0	13	14	3,056	277	3,703
	ACRES	696	0	19	129	12,900	3,110	16,854
Southern Area	FIRES	256	8	42	26	19,505	352	20,189
	ACRES	60,251	36	151,442	53,054	1,292,527	25,698	1,583,008
TOTAL FIRES:		2,558	1,231	110	135	29,094	2,695	35,823
TOTAL ACRES:		129,927	1,311,239	153,088	54,682	2,659,254	466,282	4,774,472

Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)	39,252
Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)	3,366,960

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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	80	80
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	0	0	1	0	1
	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	11	1	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	285	1,358	1,643
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	12	2	14
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	285	1,438	1,723

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	1	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	64,850	100	64,950
Northwest Area	FIRES	5	11	4	1	0	70	91
	ACRES	1,298	1,336	4,761	38	0	11,523	18,956
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	5	6	11	0	91	113
	ACRES	0	654	239	258	0	9,953	11,104
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	5	4	0	152	164
	ACRES	0	62	464	504	0	4,252	5,282
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	6	11	42	6	13	93	171
	ACRES	462	3,820	18,690	752	1,389	6,413	31,526
Great Basin Area	FIRES	3	18	5	6	29	63	124
	ACRES	24	1,628	933	43	802	12,765	16,195
Southwest Area	FIRES	21	32	2	5	5	82	147
	ACRES	2,856	46,871	4,894	1,639	6,105	59,862	122,227
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	17	31	35	10	67	84	244
	ACRES	741	3,013	18,304	2,370	2,664	37,488	64,580
Eastern Area	FIRES	51	0	169	22	1,189	175	1,606
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,117	6,148	97,062	65,103	221,109
Southern Area	FIRES	48	0	122	28	58,452	686	59,336
	ACRES	6,894	0	94,771	133,644	1,471,477	624,000	2,330,786
TOTAL FIRES:		151	111	390	93	59,761	1,497	62,003
TOTAL ACRES:		38,954	57,384	169,173	145,396	1,644,349	831,459	2,886,715

*** 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	29	0	712	361,598
YUKON TERRITORY	3	1,124	87	316,173
ALBERTA	13	30	769	3,043
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	7	79	124	119,298
SASKATCHEWAN	0	12	116	430
MANITOBA	1	829	113	25,627
ONTARIO	5	5,252	164	41,482
QUEBEC	3	0	162	33,547
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	52	660
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	72	33
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	142	720
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	4	7
NATIONAL PARKS	4	0	102	40,306
TOTALS	66	7,327	2,621	942,915

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot and dry conditions will continue across the West as high pressure slowly strengthens. While winds will be generally light, afternoon humidities will be low enough to sufficiently push fire activity. Across the Southwest, the strong monsoonal flow will continue to produce numerous showers and wet storms during the afternoon and evening hours. Looking elsewhere, a low pressure area moving west along the northern Gulf coast will produce very wet conditions along coastal areas. In Alaska, another weak cold front will move east along the North Slope producing scattered rain showers while high pressure over the interior keeps conditions warm and dry.

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



Cramer Fire - Idaho – July 22nd 2003

"May the lessons of the Cramer Fire not be lost on an Idaho ridge"

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?

Incident Summary: Central Idaho including the Salmon-Challis Nat'l Forest had been in a period of drought for the last 4 years. Spring and summer rainfall had lagged. 1630 July 20th a fire is reported in the area of Cramer Creek. Jumpers are dispatched and size up the Cramer Fire at 3 acres with high spread potential. High winds keep them from engaging the fire. Firefighters are flown in to a helispot (H1) on a ridge between Cramer and Cache Bar drainages, and due to fire behavior, do not engage the fire. The fire burns actively until 0230. By morning the fire is over 35 acres.

In addition to other air and ground resources, the Indianola helicopter H193 and Helitack crew report to the fire at 1515 on the 21st. By 1952 the fire is 200 acres. At 2000 fire intensity is reported to be low yet due to a thermal belt, the fire burns actively until 0300. Around 0930 the morning of the 22nd, H193 rappels two Helitack into a new helispot (H2) up the ridge from H1. Air attack reports fire perimeter is now over the ridge and in the Cache Bar drainage. The fire is now on both sides of the ridge that the helispots are on. Fire is active below H1. The Helitack are falling large trees on H2 to clear room for medium helicopters that had been ordered for a crew shuttle. H193 transitions to bucket work on H1 at 1127 and minutes later the firefighters on H1 pull back and retreat down the trail toward the river. 20 minutes later H1 is burned over. Fire activity is reported as "intense".

By **1430** the fire in the Cache Bar drainage is an active fire front. At **1447** plans were made to remove the Helitack from H2. At **1500** the fire on both sides of the ridge begins to spread rapidly...Both helicopters assigned to the fire are at the helibase 15 minutes away for refueling and maintenance when the Helitack call for an immediate pickup. At **1505** they call again for immediate pickup. At **1509** they call for immediate pickup and report that they are fine just taking a lot of smoke. At **1513** the Helitack report fire and smoke below them and request immediate pickup. At **1519** Helitack contact helibase regarding status of helicopter. Arriving at the fire, the helicopter is unable to land due to smoke. Both rappellers leave H2 at **1520**. At **1524** the Cache Bar drainage is fully involved in fire. The rappellers make final call for immediate pickup... Both firefighters die soon after

History - The Salmon River Breaks area of the Salmon-Challis Nat'l Forest has a long history of entrapping firefighters; 161 to date. Steep slopes predispose areas to rollout and rapid, uphill fire growth commonly lending to extreme fire behavior and difficult suppression.

● *How can information about an area's fire history help your situational awareness?*

Size up – Crews are informed at the July 22 morning briefing that conditions will be getting progressively warmer and drier than previous days. Temperatures surpass 100°F and set record highs. RH's are 10-15%. Fuels in the Cache Bar drainage are short grass on the south aspects and nearly continuous fields of ceanothus on the north. Live fuel moistures are critically low and the Burn Index (BI) and Energy Release Component (ERC) indicate dangerous conditions.

- *Based on the predicted weather and the fire information above, what are your concerns?*
- *How could you and your crew safely engage a fire in a similar situation?*

L – The investigation report states that there were no effective lookouts for the rappellers at H2.

- *It is not uncommon to assign small squads to isolated tasks such as cutting helispots. The rappellers on H2 were clearing large trees to make a larger helispot. How would you and your crew maintain situational awareness of the fire and the felling operation at the same time?*

C – The rappellers were made aware of the low intensity fire in the Cache Bar drainage as soon as they were dropped off but the development of an active fire front in the Cache Bar drainage was observed by the lead plane and air attack 50 minutes before the fire reached H2. It was never communicated to them.

- *What will you and your crew do during any fire assignment to get accurate information about current fire behavior?*

E and S – There were no effective safety zones for the rappellers at H2 and once H1 below them burned over, the only way out was a helicopter.

- *Helicopters have become a common resource on fires transporting us to and from remote fireline, delivering our food, water, supplies, and medevac. But what would you do if the helicopter couldn't come? Discuss why depending on helicopters as an escape route is a bad idea?*

Incident Complexities - On any incident, we may or may not be aware of problems with incident management effectiveness, adequacy of resources, or other big-picture details.

Discuss how you and your crew will maintain safety without knowing these things

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