

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, June 30th, 2017 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (136) new fires
New large incidents:	10
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires:**	29
Area Command Teams Committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

\*\*Uncontained large fires only include 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	10,939	3	0	2	103
NWCC	10	75,036	34	136	7	1,206
ONCC	1	640	0	2	0	17
OSCC	11	15,012	79	134	11	2,290
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	23	134,206	64	135	19	2,435
SWCC	25	165,741	70	174	36	3,045
RMCC	4	1,637	4	12	4	229
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	5	7,684	0	1	0	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>410,896</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>9,332</b>

**Southwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	13
New large incidents:	3
Uncontained large fires:	11
Area Command Teams committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2

Area Command Team (Muir) has been assigned to Southwest Regional Support in Phoenix, AZ for large fire support.

**Goodwin**, Prescott, NF. IMT 1 (Pierson). Eight miles southwest of Mayer, AZ. Chaparral and short grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, flanking and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Frye**, Coronado, NF. IMT 1 (Poncin) Nine miles west of Swift Trail Junction, AZ. Timber, brush and chaparral. Active fire behavior with running and flanking. Residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Tiffany**, Southeast District, New Mexico State Forestry. Thirty miles south of Socorro, NM. Chaparral and hardwood litter. Extreme fire behavior with crowing, group torching and short range spotting. Residences threatened.

**Swisshelms**, Southeast Area, Arizona DOF. Ten miles east of Elfrida, AZ. Tall grass, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running and spotting. Residences threatened.

\* **Gentry**, Apache-Sitgreaves, NF. Ten miles southwest of Heber, AZ. Heavy logging slash and tall grass. Active fire behavior with short range spotting and isolated torching. Road and area closures in effect.

**Bonita**, Carson, NF. Sixteen miles northeast of Canjilon, NM. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Fraguita**, Coronado, NF. Four miles south of Arivaca, AZ. Tall grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened.

\* **Gremlin**, Northwest District, Arizona DOF. Twenty-five miles northeast of Kingman, AZ. Tall grass, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running and torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Mink**, Coronado, NF. Three miles southwest of Arivaca, AZ. Tall grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

**Bell**, Santa Fe, NF. Twelve miles south of Mosquero, NM. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, flanking and creeping. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

\* **Whitman**, Carson, NF. Eighteen miles northeast of Red River, NM. Timber. Active fire behavior with flanking and isolated torching.

**Cajete**, Santa Fe, NF. Eight miles northeast of Jemez Springs, NM. Timber and medium logging slash. No new information. 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			
Goodwin	AZ-PNF	24,828	4,164	43	Ctn	07/13	1,115	363	24	68	13	21	6.3M	FS
Frye	AZ-CNF	39,993	942	45	Comp	07/30	797	-29	15	45	9	1	14.2M	FS
Tiffany	NM-N3S	5,968	3,468	32	Ctn	07/05	203	62	6	12	1	0	192K	ST
Swisshelms	AZ-A3S	5,000	3,400	15	Ctn	07/15	212	99	8	4	5	0	95K	ST
* Gentry	AZ-ASF	175	---	0	Ctn	07/28	155	---	6	2	2	0	60K	FS
Bonita	NM-CAF	7,495	0	95	Ctn	07/03	101	-28	1	4	0	0	5M	FS
Fraguita	AZ-CNF	2,400	0	90	Ctn	07/07	16	-30	0	4	0	0	520K	FS
* Gremlin	AZ-A5S	359	---	25	Ctn	07/02	151	---	4	11	2	0	75K	ST
Mink	AZ-CNF	1,024	0	80	Ctn	07/14	28	-30	1	2	0	0	115K	FS
Bell	NM-SNF	800	-400	55	Ctn	07/01	15	-10	0	2	0	0	30K	ST
* Whitman	NM-CAF	300	---	0	Ctn	07/01	64	---	2	5	2	0	100K	FS

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Cajete	NM-SNF	1,412	---	96	Ctn	07/15	48	---	2	1	1	0	4.5M	FS

### **Great Basin (PL 3)**

New fires: 11  
New large incidents: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 5  
Type 1 IMTs committed 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed 1

**Brianhead**, Southwest Area, Utah DOF. IMT 1 (Martin) and IMT 2 (Roide). One mile north of Brian Head, UT. Timber and medium logging slash. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and single tree torching. Numerous residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Cole Creek**, Elko District, BLM. Nine miles south of Carlin, NV. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

**Mill**, Battle Mountain District, BLM. Thirty miles south of Battle Mountain, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with spotting. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

**Sand Point**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Six miles southeast of Glenns Ferry, ID. Short grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

\* **York**, Boise District, BLM. Five miles south of Boise, ID. Short grass. Active fire behavior with running and flanking. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Brianhead	UT-SWS	58,319	0	20	Ctn	07/15	1,800	0	51	82	14	26	16.7M	ST
Cole Creek	NV-EKD	6,195	0	90	Ctn	06/30	255	-28	8	6	2	0	1.2M	BLM
Mill	NV-BMD	479	179	60	Ctn	06/30	97	53	2	5	1	1	200K	BLM
Sand Point	ID-TFD	7,800	0	50	Ctn	UNK	54	-53	2	2	0	0	300K	BLM
* York	ID-BOD	300	---	20	Ctn	UNK	63	---	0	12	1	0	50K	BLM
I84 MM271	ID-IFD	3,522	0	100	Ctn	---	24	-7	0	5	0	0	220K	BLM
Centennial	ID-MHQ	18,660	6,660	100	Ctn	---	35	2	0	7	1	0	275K	DOD
Tank	NV-NNS	830	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	200K	ST

IFD Idaho Falls, BLM

MHQ Mountain Home Air Force Base, DOD

NNS Northern Region, Nevada DOF

### **Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New Fires: 9  
New large incidents: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 6  
Type 2 IMTs committed 1

**Sutherland Canyon**, Spokane District, BLM. IMT 2 (Rabe). Eleven miles northwest of Quincy, WA. Short grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking. Residences threatened.

**Spartan**, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Nine miles southeast of Wenatchee, WA. Short grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Straight Hollow**, Spokane District, BLM. Fourteen miles northwest of Quincy, WA. Short grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior.

**South Wenas**, Washington State Fire Marshall's Office. Three miles northwest of Selah, WA. Short grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Mecca**, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. One mile northwest of Warm Spring, OR. Short grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Residences threatened. Area closures in effect.

\* **Sheep Springs 0341 CS**, Deschutes, NF. Eighteen miles northwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and backing.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Sutherland Canyon	WA-SPD	29,433	14,433	50	Ctn	07/02	369	349	9	43	0	0	2M	BLM
Spartan	WA-SES	8,730	6,930	81	Ctn	06/30	126	90	3	22	0	0	300K	ST
Straight Hollow	WA-SPD	8,458	1,458	75	Ctn	07/02	50	48	3	0	0	0	300K	BLM
South Wenas	WA-WFS	2,846	40	80	Ctn	06/30	212	97	4	33	2	0	319K	ST
Mecca	OR-WSA	2,400	0	65	Ctn	07/08	72	31	3	2	0	0	100K	BIA
* Sheep Springs 0341 CS	OR-DEF	750	---	50	Ctn	07/03	180	---	7	10	1	0	250K	FS

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New Fires:	16
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed	1

\* **Lightner Creek**, La Plata County. IMT 2 (Greer). Four miles northwest of Durango, CO. Timber and dormant brush. Active fire behavior with short range spotting, short crown and wind driven runs. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Lightner Creek	CO-LPX	362	---	0	Ctn	07/05	147	---	3	7	3	1	400K	C&L

### **Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New Fires:	25
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	4

**Mart**, San Bernardino, NF. Two miles northeast of Highland, CA. Tall grass and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Manzanita**, Riverside Unit, Cal Fire. Three miles south of Beaumont, CA. Tall grass and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Road and trail closures in effect.

\* **Cristianitos**, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, DOD. Two miles southeast of San Clemente, CA. Tall grass and chaparral. Active fire behavior with backing, flanking and smoldering. Road closures in effect.

**Hill**, San Luis Obispo Unit, Cal Fire. Six miles east of Santa Margarita, CA. Short grass, brush and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior.

\* **Ben**, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Seven miles south of Mariposa, CA. Tall grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road closure in effect. 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			
Mart	CA-BDF	670	-232	60	Ctn	07/01	125	-419	3	10	0	0	910K	FS
Manzanita	CA-RRU	6,309	0	90	Ctn	07/01	565	-174	21	21	0	0	3.5M	ST
* Cristianitos	CA-MCP	760	---	70	Ctn	07/01	143	---	5	3	0	0	350K	DOD
Hill	CA-SLU	1,598	0	88	Ctn	06/30	565	-144	18	37	0	4	3.6M	ST
* Ben	CA-MMU	630	---	40	Comp	07/01	447	---	21	40	3	0	394K	ST
Holcomb	CA-BDF	1,503	0	100	Ctn	---	47	-7	2	0	0	0	7.4M	FS

#### Alaska Area (PL 2)

New Fires: 5  
 New large incidents: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

\* **Campbell River**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Sixty-five miles northeast of Chalkyitsik, AK. Dormant brush, short grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Ammerman Creek**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Previously reported incident. Started on FWS land one hundred-nine miles east of Artic Village, AK. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing and creeping. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Rat Creek**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land thirty-seven miles northeast of Chalkyitsik, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with running. 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			
* Campbell Creek	AK-UYD	6,000	---	0	Comp	07/10	43	---	1	0	0	0	8K	BLM
Ammerman Creek	AK-UYD	11,036	9,836	0	Comp	10/01	0	0	0	0	0	0	6K	FWS
* Rat Creek	AK-UYD	1,200	---	0	Comp	10/01	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FWS

**Northern California Area (PL 2)**

New Fires: 25  
 New large incidents: 0  
 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			
Battle	CA- MDF	640	78	100	Ctn	---	17	0	0	2	0	0	350K	FS

MDF Modoc, NF

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New Fires: 23  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Tucker**, Florida Forest Service. Three miles northwest of Rockledge, FL. No new information.

**WF Morning**, McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Nine miles east of High Island, TX. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Tucker	FL-FLS	4,500	---	95	Ctn	UNK	1	---	0	1	0	0	1K	ST
WF Morning	TX-MCR	500	---	0	Ctn	06/30	2	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FWS

### Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	4	0	0	1	0	5
	ACRES	0	2,882	0	0	0	0	2,882
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	3	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	23	2	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	28	562	590
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	24	1	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	536	924	1,460
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	4	2	0	0	2	1	9
	ACRES	300	267	0	0	20	60	647
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	4	5	11
	ACRES	0	377	0	0	272	4,734	5,383
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	1	1	0	6	4	13
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	3,621	1,196	4,819
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	3	2	0	0	5	6	16
	ACRES	14	0	0	0	10	32	56
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	23	0	23
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	76	0	76
TOTAL FIRES:		8	11	1	0	94	22	136
TOTAL ACRES:		316	3,526	0	0	4,566	7,509	15,917

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	101	0	0	137	9	<b>247</b>
	ACRES	0	83,601	0	0	80,393	1	<b>163,995</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	57	40	9	0	273	135	<b>514</b>
	ACRES	2,645	8,413	169	0	1,518	322	<b>13,067</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	21	5	2	2	829	77	<b>936</b>
	ACRES	21	541	70	1	2,364	921	<b>3,918</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	33	39	0	6	1,615	139	<b>1,832</b>
	ACRES	75	575	0	3	32,946	7,220	<b>40,819</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	362	34	9	0	241	62	<b>708</b>
	ACRES	1,283	677	350	0	1,224	205	<b>3,739</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	11	246	1	15	279	74	<b>626</b>
	ACRES	11	82,866	0	8	48,458	58,352	<b>189,695</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	464	141	8	19	480	421	<b>1,533</b>
	ACRES	17,054	15,862	53	1,176	90,757	162,667	<b>287,569</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	216	71	6	7	354	114	<b>768</b>
	ACRES	2,279	17,674	201	72	472,479	2,110	<b>494,815</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	341	0	13	14	2,752	268	<b>3,388</b>
	ACRES	696	0	19	129	12,054	3,109	<b>16,007</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	255	8	39	26	18,632	317	<b>19,277</b>
	ACRES	60,250	36	151,345	53,054	1,284,089	24,416	<b>1,573,190</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1,760</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>25,592</b>	<b>1,616</b>	<b>29,829</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>84,314</b>	<b>210,245</b>	<b>152,207</b>	<b>54,443</b>	<b>2,026,282</b>	<b>259,323</b>	<b>2,786,814</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2007 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>32,234</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2007 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>2,028,986</b>



**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	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	176	4	180
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3,293	3,360	6,653
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,293</b>	<b>3,360</b>	<b>6,653</b>

**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	10	4	1	0	67	87
	ACRES	1,298	1,280	4,761	38	0	11,423	18,800
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	5	6	10	0	81	102
	ACRES	0	654	239	258	0	8,635	9,786
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	15	42	6	10	93	172
	ACRES	462	6,705	18,690	752	513	6,395	33,517
Great Basin Area	FIRES	3	18	5	6	29	63	124
	ACRES	24	1,628	933	43	802	12,687	16,117
Southwest Area	FIRES	21	32	2	5	5	82	147
	ACRES	2,856	46,871	4,894	1,639	6,105	59,692	122,057
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	17	30	35	10	66	72	230
	ACRES	741	2,857	18,304	2,370	2,661	39,622	66,555
Eastern Area	FIRES	52	0	169	22	1,169	179	1,591
	ACRES	26,680	0	26,117	6,148	96,607	65,206	220,758
Southern Area	FIRES	45	0	119	28	57,026	680	57,898
	ACRES	6,594	0	89,521	133,644	1,455,956	620,505	2,306,220
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>149</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>58,311</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>60,522</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>38,655</b>	<b>60,057</b>	<b>163,923</b>	<b>145,396</b>	<b>1,627,494</b>	<b>828,517</b>	<b>2,864,042</b>

\*\*\* **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	4	24	242	1,650
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	54	79,338
ALBERTA	1	5	588	2,799
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	4	8	45	3,167
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	103	405
MANITOBA	0	0	73	16,333
ONTARIO	2	2	106	103
QUEBEC	2	19	130	32,939
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	225	40	267
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	57	26
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	137	720
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	2	7
NATIONAL PARKS	0	25	51	27,886
TOTALS	14	309	1,628	165,639

\* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Predictive Services Discussion:** High pressure along the Pacific Coast will migrate inland to allow for warming temperatures and low relative humidities across the Inland West as coastal areas cool slightly. Convective activity will linger along the Rocky Mountain Front as a back door front remains stalled over the central Great Plains and along the Continental Divide. Breezy conditions are expected across the remainder of the Great Plains and across the Great Lakes and Northeast regions. Wet conditions will continue across the Deep South along a stalled cold front. In Alaska, the ridge of high pressure over the Yukon and Northwest Territories will keep the interior mostly warm and dry with isolated storms developing during the afternoon period as far north as the Brooks Range. Coastal areas will remain wet and cool under the influence of a low pressure area that is positioned over the Gulf of Alaska.

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



## Wildland Firefighter Week of Remembrance June 30-July 6



*"One of the few acts of free will that tragedy leaves within our control, is the chance to grow. Our brothers have given us such a precious and hard-won opportunity to learn new knowledge and apply lessons."*

*"Honor the Fallen" Member*

*June 30 through July 6 has been designated the NWCG Wildland Firefighter Week of Remembrance. This week serves as an annual opportunity to renew our commitment to the safety of wildland firefighters as we remember those who have fallen in the line of duty. Over many decades, lessons learned from accidents and fatalities that have occurred on wildland fires have led to significant improvements in firefighter education, training, operational practices, and risk management processes. Unfortunately, wildland firefighting remains inherently hazardous, and we continue to experience accidents and fatalities. This Week of Remembrance is an opportunity to collectively remember our fallen firefighters as we continue our ongoing effort to enhance the safety of all wildland firefighters.*

### **Background:**

In 2013 the wildland fire community suffered 34 fatalities over the course of the fire season including the tragic events on June 30<sup>th</sup> on the Yarnell Hill Fire where 19 members of the Granite Mountain Hotshots lost their lives. That summer it seemed like there was one fatality after another. Each loss affected our lives. However, the loss of 19 members of Granite Mountain felt like it shook the community to our very core.

A small group comprised of Senior Leaders in Fire Management, Superintendents, Fire Management Officers, Scientists and Experts in Human Factors connected in a grassroots movement to understand the events of June 30<sup>th</sup> and beyond. This group's single motivation was to honor our fallen brothers and sisters by learning as much as we could. The group eventually became known as Honor the Fallen (HTF).

### **The Call to Action:**

The mission of this group was not to judge or assign blame, but to engage in a sense-making journey, trying to understand the conditions, cultural practices, mental models, and examining our own vulnerabilities. The HTF group began several initiatives to engage the field at various levels to facilitate discussions around Yarnell as a springboard to stimulate dialog and influence change. The group facilitated preseason discussions at the national, regional, and local levels the following year. They utilized social media to reach larger audiences through Blogs, articles, and white papers.

**What the Core Group Learned:** *Reflection* is one of the biggest lessons we learned. Much like your own reflection in the mirror that greets you every morning, we kept having to return to look at ourselves. To see both the good and the bad. As we sought to understand, we had to first acknowledge a reflection of our own actions, beliefs, and long-held views in what we saw.

### **What We are Asking You To Do:**

- Join us in a period of remembrance and take the time to reflect on your own actions, beliefs, and views of fire. Do you see what you want to see?
- If you could speak to the fallen, what would you say? How would you acknowledge their sacrifice? What has changed for you? How are you leading others to do the same?
- What is your ultimate responsibility as a leader?
- What does Honor the Fallen mean to you?

### **Resources from the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center:**

<https://www.wildfirelessons.net/viewdocument/yarnell-hill-entrapmhttps://www.wildfirelessons.net/viewdocument/two-more-chains-summer-2013>

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