

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, July 17, 2018 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity

Initial Attack Activity:	Heavy (302) new fires
New large incidents:	20
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires:**	48
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

Nationally, there are 21 large fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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

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

The U.S. has mobilized 12 federal wildland firefighters to support fire suppression efforts in Ontario, Canada.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	1	2,810	3	0	0	59
NWCC	10	13,750	35	114	6	1,287
ONCC	7	132,562	24	63	7	1,103
OSCC	6	14,181	43	140	8	1,876
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	29	574,646	35	112	19	1,667
SWCC	9	19,451	4	19	1	203
RMCC	12	254,005	15	64	15	989
EACC	1	531	4	17	4	190
SACC	9	12,614	0	13	4	139
Total	84	1,024,549	163	542	64	7,513

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	100
New large incidents:	4
Uncontained large fires:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

* **Hendrix**, Rouge River-Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Harrod) mobilized. Three miles southwest of Ashland, OR. Timber and medium logging slash. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and short-range spotting. Residences threatened.

* **Natchez**, Rouge River-Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Ciraulo). Fifteen miles southeast of Cave Junction, OR. Timber, chaparral and hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with single-tree torching, flanking and backing.

* **Cemetery**, Prineville District, BLM. Thirty-two miles southeast of Prineville, OR. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with torching, spotting and running. Sage-grouse habitat threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

* **HWY 97 & MP 37**, Yakama Agency, BIA. Twenty-two miles north of Goldendale, WA. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Rocky Reach, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Five miles northwest of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Currey Canyon, Vale District, BLM. One mile northeast of Juntura, OR. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Rattlesnake, Colville Agency, BIA. Started on private land 20 miles northwest of Davenport, WA. Timber, brush, and tall grass. No new information

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Hendrix	OR-RSF	170	---	0	Ctn	UNK	173	---	6	14	0	0	200K	FS
* Natchez	OR-RSF	30	---	0	Ctn	UNK	48	---	2	2	0	0	35K	FS
* Cemetery	OR-PRD	300	---	0	Ctn	7/31	112	---	4	9	1	0	75K	BLM
* HWY 97 & MP 37	WA-YAA	630	---	70	Ctn	7/17	110	---	3	8	1	0	300K	BIA
Rocky Reach	WA-SES	3,386	-41	70	Ctn	7/19	241	0	7	21	0	0	1.4M	ST
Currey Canyon	OR-VAD	3,100	0	90	Ctn	7/20	159	21	4	12	1	0	900K	BLM
Rattlesnake	WA-COA	2,600	---	50	Ctn	7/19	276	---	6	27	2	0	225K	PRI

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 84

New large incidents: 0

Uncontained large fires: 3

Klamathon, Siskiyou Unit, Cal Fire. Two miles southeast of Hornbrook, CA. Timber, chaparral, and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching and smoldering. Trail closures in effect.

Eagle, Northern California District, BLM. Fifteen miles south of Cedarville, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Stoney, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Six miles northeast of Chico, CA. Chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Klamathon	CA-SKU	38,008	0	95	Ctn	UNK	629	-318	12	38	2	82	32.4M	ST
Eagle	CA-NOD	2,100	0	67	Ctn	7/20	209	-23	7	6	3	0	400K	BLM
Stoney	CA-BTU	962	6	85	Ctn	7/17	80	-103	3	4	0	0	998K	ST

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires:	39
New large incidents:	12
Uncontained large fires:	20
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Dollar Ridge, Northeast Area, Utah DOF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (DeMasters) to IMT 2 (Bird) will occur tomorrow. Thirty-six miles southeast of Heber City, UT. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Stag**, Elko District Office, BLM. Twenty-six miles northwest of Wells, NV. Brush and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with wind driven runs. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Silver State, Elko District Office, BLM. Four miles east of Elko, NV. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior with torching and smoldering.

* **East Fork**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Thirty-three miles southwest of Twin Falls, ID. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind driven runs. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

* **Boulder Creek**, Eureka County. Seventeen miles west of Carlin, NV. Brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with wind driven runs. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

* **Otter**, Boise District, BLM. Six miles east of Riddle, ID. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Residences and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Lodgepole, Boise NF. Sixteen miles northeast of Garden Valley, ID. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with torching, flanking and creeping. Structures threatened.

* **Garat**, Boise District, BLM. Twenty miles west of Riddle, ID. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running and flanking. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

* **West Duck**, Boise District, BLM. Fifteen miles southwest of Riddle, ID. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running and flanking. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

* **Indian Head**, Payette NF. Started on BLM land 10 miles west of Weiser, ID. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running, backing and flanking. Structures, energy infrastructure and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

* **Spud Butte**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Nine miles southeast of Carey, ID. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with wind driven runs, creeping and smoldering.

* **East White**, Boise District, BLM. Thirty miles south of Mountain Home, ID. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior with running and flanking. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

* **Tucker**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Twenty-eight miles southeast of Owyhee, NV. Brush and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with wind driven runs and uphill runs. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

* **Brown**, Mountain Home Air Force Base. Ten miles south of Hammett, ID. Short grass. Moderate fire behavior with running. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

* **Berger Butte**, Twin Falls District, BLM. Twelve miles south of Buhl, ID. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind driven runs. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

West Valley, Dixie NF. Ten miles north of St. George, UT. Timber, chaparral and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Trail Mountain, Manti-La Sal NF. Fifteen miles northwest of Orangeville, UT. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Martin, Humboldt County. Four miles northeast of Paradise Valley, NV. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Deer Creek, Northeast Area, Utah DOF. Ten miles southwest of Heber City, UT. Brush, chaparral, and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Hogan, Elko District Office, BLM. Twenty-five miles southeast of Wells, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

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		Acres	Chge				Tot al	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Dollar Ridge	UT-NES	56,734	0	85	Ctn	7/25	474	-174	11	13	6	438	15.2M	ST
* Stag	NV-EKD	500	---	0	Ctn	7/23	105	---	2	10	1	0	150K	BLM
Silver State	NV-EKD	3,778	0	65	Ctn	7/19	184	-224	6	7	1	0	401K	BLM
* East Fork	ID-TFD	4,000	---	0	Ctn	7/17	46	---	1	5	0	0	90K	BLM
* Boulder Creek	NV-EURX	1,017	---	80	Ctn	UNK	27	---	0	5	0	0	65K	BLM
* Otter	ID-BOD	400	---	0	Ctn	7/18	17	---	0	3	0	0	25K	BLM
Lodgepole	ID-BOF	1,600	0	20	Ctn	9/1	183	25	5	4	3	0	910K	FS
* Garat	ID-BOD	1,300	---	0	Ctn	7/18	27	---	0	2	1	0	75K	BLM
* West Duck	ID-BOD	3,000	---	0	Ctn	7/18	23	---	0	3	0	0	100K	BLM
* Indian Head	ID-PAF	400	---	0	Ctn	7/18	18	---	0	2	0	0	100K	BLM
* Spud Butte	ID-TFD	4,093	---	70	Ctn	UNK	34	---	0	7	0	0	150K	BLM
* East White	ID-BOD	1,000	---	10	Ctn	7/17	23	---	0	5	0	0	100K	BLM
* Tucker	NV-HTF	350	---	80	Ctn	7/20	60	---	1	0	3	0	75K	FS
* Brown	ID-MHQ	470	---	90	Ctn	UNK	14	---	0	3	0	0	50K	DOD
* Berger Butte	ID-TFD	1,700	---	80	Ctn	UNK	19	---	0	5	0	0	60K	BLM
West Valley	UT-DIF	11,771	0	85	Ctn	7/27	20	0	0	1	1	1	8.3M	FS
Trail Mountain	UT-MLF	18,080	-231	95	Ctn	8/1	44	0	1	2	1	4	14.6M	FS
Martin	NV-HUMX	435,569	0	95	Ctn	7/18	27	-249	0	4	0	1	10M	CNTY
Deer Creek	UT-NES	384	3	56	Ctn	UNK	8	0	0	2	0	0	175K	ST
Hogan	NV-EKD	10,882	0	90	Ctn	7/18	6	-6	0	0	0	5	2.6M	BLM
North Butte	ID-IFD	827	-173	100	Ctn	---	11	-48	0	3	0	0	100K	BLM
MM21 HWY22	ID-SWS	685	-1,115	100	Ctn	---	82	-50	3	4	0	0	250K	CNTY

Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Willow Creek	UT-UWF	1,311	---	96	Comp	10/11	2	---	0	0	0	0	835K	FS

UWF – Uinta/Wasatch-Cache NF

IDF – Idaho Falls District, BLM

SWS – Southwest Area Office, IDL

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:	16
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Ferguson, Sierra NF. IMT 2 (Strawhun). Ten miles north of Mariposa, CA. Chaparral and short grass. Active fire behavior with spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Valley, San Bernardino NF. Two miles west of Forest Falls, CA. Timber and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Area and trail closures in effect.

Georges, Inyo NF. Nine miles northwest of Lone Pine, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Ferguson	CA-SNF	9,266	4,956	2	Ctn	7/31	1,486	1,254	35	118	4	0	2.5M	FS
Valley	CA-BDF	1,348	0	29	Ctn	7/21	174	0	2	5	3	0	6.9M	FS
Georges	CA-INF	2,888	0	42	Ctn	7/23	80	-2	2	6	1	0	4.4M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires:	14
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	4

Lake Christine, Eagle County. One mile northwest of Basalt, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Energy and communication infrastructure threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Spring Creek, Costilla County. Nine miles northeast of Fort Garland, CO. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Badger Creek, Medicine Bow-Routt NF. Two miles northwest of Mountain Home, WY. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

416, San Juan NF. Thirteen miles north of Durango, CO. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Weston Pass, Pike-San Isabel NF. Nine miles southwest of Fairplay, CO. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last narrative 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			
Lake Christine	CO-EAX	6,822	0	59	Ctn	7/31	214	-49	4	9	3	3	7.1M	CNTY
Spring Creek	CO-CTX	108,045	0	91	Ctn	7/31	132	-161	0	5	1	225	31.9M	CNTY
Badger Creek	WY-MRF	21,310	0	93	Ctn	7/18	121	-3	1	15	2	3	10.3M	FS
416	CO-SJF	54,129	0	50	Ctn	7/31	21	0	0	0	1	0	31.3M	FS
* Reno	WY-CMX	300	---	100	Ctn	---	49	---	1	10	0	0	NR	CNTY
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Weston Pass	CO-PSF	13,023	0	93	Comp	7/29	44	0	1	3	1	1	9.6M	FS
Tabeguache	CO-GMF	497	---	90	Comp	UNK	16	---	0	2	0	0	362K	FS
Sugarloaf	CO-ARF	1,280	---	35	Comp	8/31	37	---	0	1	2	0	560K	FS

ARF – Arapaho-Roosevelt NF GMF – Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF CMX – Campbell County

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	28
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3

Emily, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. Twenty-five miles north of Las Vegas, NM. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Morris Creek, Cimarron District, New Mexico State Forestry. Fifteen miles west of Miami, NM. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Trail closure in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Chediski, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. Twelve miles northeast of Young, AZ. Brush. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Emily	NM-N4S	8,432	0	85	Ctn	7/18	35	-19	1	2	0	0	1.8M	ST
Morris Creek	NM-N2S	1,671	0	90	Ctn	7/31	40	0	0	3	0	0	4.2M	ST
Chediski	AZ-FTA	628	0	90	Ctn	7/20	17	-6	1	1	0	0	20K	BIA

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	17
New large incidents:	3
Uncontained large fires:	6

Archer City Complex (4 fires), Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land four miles west of Archer City, TX. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with spotting, running and flanking.

* **Waggoner Ranch**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Thirteen miles north of Seymour, TX. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with running and flanking.

* **Yows Lane**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 36 miles west of Waco, TX. Tall grass. Moderate 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			
Archer City Complex	TX-TXS	4,575	1,225	95	Ctn	7/18	49	7	0	3	4	1	NR	PRI
* Waggoner Ranch	TX-TXS	400	---	20	Ctn	7/20	48	---	0	6	0	0	NR	ST
* Yows Lane	TX-TXS	300	---	5	Ctn	7/18	14	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* FM 2384	TX-TXS	450	---	100	Ctn	---	9	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Alaska Area (PL 1)

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

Tiechovun Lake, Upper Yukon Fire Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land 16 miles south of Chalkyitsik, AK. Timber and short grass. 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			
Tiechovun Lake	AK-UYD	2,709	0	65	Ctn	UNK	59	-34	3	0	0	0	2.2M	FWS

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Zitziana River	AK-TAD	37,524	---	4	Comp	10/1	5	---	0	0	0	2	2.6M	ST
Kevinjik	AK-UYD	10,230	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Little Melozitna River	AK-TAD	21,000	---	0	Comp	7/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Dulby Hot Springs	AK-GAD	44,364	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	31K	BLM
Denikta Ridge	AK-GAD	21,376	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	448K	PRI
Kilolitna River	AK-TAD	11,370	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Webber Creek	AK-UYD	6,659	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	NPS
White Mountain Creek	AK-TAD	5,873	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Swift Fork	AK-TAD	3,430	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Lynx Creek	AK-TAD	2,535	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Bear Paw	AK-TAD	421	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	7K	NPS
Door Mountains	AK-SWS	10,454	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Bella Creek	AK-SWS	2,631	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	6K	ST
Trimokish Hills	AK-SWS	1,427	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	4K	PRI
Gweek	AK-SWS	446	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FWS
Our Creek	AK-SWS	181	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Devils Elbow	AK-SWS	180	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	PRI

GAD – Galena Fire Zone, BLM

TAD - Tanana Fire Zone, BLM

SWS – Southwest Area Forestry, Alaska DOF

Eastern Area (PL 1)

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

Flat Rock, New York Forest Rangers. One mile south of Altona, NY. Chaparral and dormant brush. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, backing and creeping. Road and area closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Flat Rock	NY-NYS	531	5	75	Ctn	7/17	190	43	4	17	4	0	570K	ST

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

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	12	0	2	16	70
	ACRES	0	342	0	0	13	278
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	1	47	36
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	537	164
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	14	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	9	4,216
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3
Great Basin Area	FIREs	1	29	0	1	3	5
	ACRES	0	16,584	0	0	1,029	100
Southwest Area	FIREs	6	1	0	2	1	18
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	1	2
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	2	5	0	1	3	3
	ACRES	0	154	0	0	1	156
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	17	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	244	244
TOTAL FIRES:		9	47	0	7	102	137
TOTAL ACRES:		2	17,080	0	0	1,834	4,764
							23,680

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	103	0	0	170	21	294
	ACRES	0	260,155	0	0	18,917	59	279,131
Northwest Area	FIREs	140	122	19	12	641	326	1,260
	ACRES	3,473	125,032	1,532	6	13,653	1,208	144,905
Northern California Area	FIREs	49	15	2	23	1,430	246	1,765
	ACRES	25	2,865	0	2	176,489	1,738	181,119
Southern California Area	FIREs	16	33	4	12	2,134	176	2,375
	ACRES	847	987	4	265	34,806	18,417	55,325
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	534	5	0	1	181	70	791
	ACRES	2,515	18	0	0	1,802	48	4,383
Great Basin Area	FIREs	16	388	3	25	774	155	1,361
	ACRES	121	236,392	0	39.1	273,652	30,456	540,660
Southwest Area	FIREs	600	166	6	32	658	728	2,190
	ACRES	31,008	3,362	216	3,977	280,153	124,332	443,048
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	220	233	8	17	524	240	1,242
	ACRES	2,660	65,284	1,712	78	314,006	102,319	486,059
Eastern Area	FIREs	433	0	4	23	3,449	334	4,243
	ACRES	4,141	0	22	186	18,182	7,226	29,757
Southern Area	FIREs	413	67	43	50	17,777	310	18,660
	ACRES	115,114	310	8,212	20,045	1,072,951	28,035	1,244,667
TOTAL FIRES:		2,421	1,132	89	195	27,738	2,606	34,181
TOTAL ACRES:		159,904	694,404	11,698	24,598	2,204,611	313,839	3,409,055

Ten Year Average Fires (2008 – 2017 as of today)	35,906
Ten Year Average Acres (2008 – 2017 as of today)	3,280,322

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	3	3
	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	4	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
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	12	1	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	177	160	337
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	12	8	20
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	177	164	341

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

Areas		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	3	0	11	1	15
	ACRES	0	0	56	0	36,158	70	36,284
Northwest Area	FIREs	23	29	10	7	0	173	242
	ACRES	4,567	5,546	4,607	414	0	46,015	61,149
Northern California Area	FIREs	1	3	9	16	1	128	158
	ACRES	10	1,792	5,627	1,938	35	18,067	27,469
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	2	3	2	0	130	137
	ACRES	0	90	405	48	0	12,622	13,165
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	9	14	39	3	4	114	183
	ACRES	3,006	12,437	10,191	12,203	257	14,035	52,129
Great Basin Area	FIREs	2	18	2	4	31	72	129
	ACRES	75	2,239	40	67	2,315	23,125	27,861
Southwest Area	FIREs	10	15	7	4	1	102	139
	ACRES	1,676	12,963	204	836	51	70,738	86,468
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	18	38	24	9	85	112	286
	ACRES	2,198	4,070	15,594	263	7,973	46,189	76,287
Eastern Area	FIREs	57	0	150	29	1,090	228	1,554
	ACRES	31,884	0	23,485	7,669	92,313	71,805	227,156
Southern Area	FIREs	73	0	164	38	60,969	986	62,230
	ACRES	18,960	0	141,214	120,830	2,369,207	976,658	3,626,869
TOTAL FIRES:		193	119	411	112	62,192	2,046	65,073
TOTAL ACRES:		62,376	39,137	201,423	144,268	2,508,309	1,279,324	4,234,837

*** 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/>

Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTACRES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO- DATE	HECTACRES YEAR- TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	20	262	634	50,761
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	33	20,722
ALBERTA	2	0	909	46,045
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	23	2,700
SASKATCHEWAN	1	30	364	88,216
MANITOBA	17	4,367	362	128,078
ONTARIO	45	4,376	670	115,886
QUEBEC	8	1,616	453	77,419
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	82	473
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	216	272
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	141	243
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	0	0
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	64	56,845
TOTALS	97	10,650	3,951	587,660

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: The upper ridge will gradually drift east over the Four Corners region. A weakening upper wave will cross the northern Great Basin, pushing thunderstorm activity into Idaho, northern Nevada, northern Utah, southwestern Montana, and western Wyoming. Most of this activity will produce a few tenths of an inch of rain but some storms will produce lightning with little to no rainfall. Scattered thunderstorms will continue across the Southwest and the southern Rockies where heavy rain is possible. A front moving into the eastern half of the country will produce scattered showers and thunderstorms across a broad area east of the Mississippi River. High pressure will drop into the Upper Midwest and Mid-Mississippi Valley bringing drier and slightly cooler conditions. Hot weather will remain over much of the West and South. In Alaska, scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue and temperatures will remain seasonal to cool.

<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?

Battlement Creek Fire

Incident Summary: It's 1976 and western Colorado is experiencing an unusually severe fire season caused partly by unusual fuel conditions and heavy lightning activity during dry weather. A severe frost in June kills a high percentage of the leaves on Gambel oak which remain on the branches and is considered one of Colorado's most flammable fuels. 10 hour fuels are at 3-5%. A large scale high pressure weather pattern sits over western Colorado allowing for local weather to be influenced by terrain and diurnal winds averaging 10-15 mph in the afternoon with higher gusts. The weather is fair and hot with the temperatures at Grand Junction and Rifle reaching into the mid and upper 90's. A fire is reported 40 miles northeast of Grand Junction, in the Battlement Creek drainage. The fire is burning over an elevation range of 6200-8400 ft on a steep west-facing slope. Friday July 16, 0630, two hotshot crews from the Coconino NF Arizona arrive at the Battlement Creek fire. This is the seventeenth fire of the first season for the newly formed Mormon Lake Hotshot Crew. The strategy is to prevent western and southern spread. The crews begin a major burnout of the catline (dozer line) from the rocky bluffs (Point A) at about 1615, downhill along the catline toward the Battlement Creek road at the bottom (Point C) ending about 2030. The fire makes an uphill run in oak brush burning out a large portion of the drainage (from the road east to the ridgeline) in about 20 minutes. Two "impressive" fire whirls are observed between 1600-1700. The night shift continues the burn out (Point C-D and beyond along the road) but is spotty with considerable unburned fuel remaining. Other night shift crews construct line along the ridgeline (Point E to G). Based on Friday's fire behavior, the E-G line is a crucial spot on the fire. Saturday July 17th, 0700, at morning briefing the Mormon Lake crew is assigned to burn out this section of line.

Saturday morning, July 17th – Due to a delay with the helicopter, the Mormon Lake crew does not get to the base of the rock bluff (Point E) until 1100. They are instructed to improve and burn out the line from the rocky bluff to the helispot (Point E-G). The burnout squad consisted of the crew boss, squad boss, and 2 crewmembers. The rest of the crew is improving the handline down the ridgeline.

At this same time another crew is burning out in the bottom of the draw (Point C-D). The draw burns readily, uphill toward the ridge and the Mormon Lake crew. Neither crew knew of the specific location or assignment of the other.

1400 – 1/3 the way from the rock bluff to the upper helispot, there is a noticeable increase in smoke from the draw below (where the other crew had been burning). The crew boss is instructed to speed up the line improvement squad on toward the safety zone (Point G) and to narrow down and speed up his burnout on down the ridgeline to join the remainder of the crew in the safety zone when his burnout was done. Upslope winds have increased to 25-35 mph.

1425-1440 – The line improvement squad just makes it into the safety zone when the flame front hits the ridge. 200 yards back, the burnout squad radios that they are "trapped". Their escape is blocked by heavy smoke and flames.

1440-1445 – The squad removes their canvas vests to cover their head and face, moistened the vests and their clothes with water from their canteens, and lays face down in the mineral soil of the fireline.

1448 – All four firefighters are very badly burned.

Three will lose their lives.

Discussion Points

The day prior to the burnover, an airtanker crashed during a retardant dropping mission on the Battlement Creek fire killing the pilot.

✓ Discuss how incidents and distractions can affect our judgment and situational awareness.

The crew all wore aluminum hardhats, canvas vests, Nomex shirts and non-fire-resistant work pants. Fire shelters were not used. Fire shelters may have prevented serious burns and death at this incident. Policy on issuing and carrying shelters had not been established yet. This incident became the catalyst for the mandatory use of fire shelters and fire resistant clothing.

✓ *Take this opportunity to inspect, repair or replace your PPE and fire shelter if needed to ensure that it protects you as well as possible.*

Resources

- [Staff Ride to the Battlement Creek Fire](#)
- [Google Earth Fly Around of Battlement Creek Fire](#)
- [Sequence of Events PowerPoint](#)
- [Battlement Creek Fire Investigation Report](#)

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