

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, August 5, 2019 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (117 new fires)
New large incidents:	5
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires:**	18
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

Nationally, there are 80 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.

[Link](#) to Understanding the IMSR.

One RC-26 aircraft with Distributed Real-Time Infrared (DRTI) capability and support personnel from the 141st Air Refueling Wing (Washington Air National Guard) have been deployed to Fairbanks, AK in support of wildland fire operations in Alaska.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	10	1,051,233	27	1	6	839
NWCC	9	20,927	78	124	38	2,672
ONCC	3	14,935	9	60	3	554
OSCC	8	975	27	43	4	897
NRCC	12	22,726	26	48	13	1,264
GBCC	13	14,774	13	45	10	590
SWCC	11	31,525	7	19	4	356
RMCC	4	762	4	2	0	85
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	3	6,992	0	3	0	18
Total	73	1,164,849	191	345	78	7,275

Northwest Area (PL 2)

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

Williams Flats, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (NW Team 8). Five miles southeast of Keller, WA. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and flanking. Structures threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

MP 97, South Unit, Oregon DOF. IMT 1 (ODF Team 3). One mile south of Canyonville, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with running and smoldering. Numerous residences threatened.

Devore Creek, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. NIMO (Phoenix). Three miles southwest of Stehekin, WA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, flanking and single tree torching. Trail closures in effect.

Left Hand, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (NW Team 7) back to the local unit will occur today. Seventeen miles northwest of Naches, WA. Timber and hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

* **Esquatzel**, Spokane District, BLM. Started on private land two miles northeast of Eltopia, WA. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

*** Granite Gulch**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Fifteen miles southwest of Joseph, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with spotting, flanking and creeping. Structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

E Evans Creek Fire, Medford Unit, Oregon DOF. Ten miles northwest of Sams Valley, OR. Timber, chaparral and brush. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Williams Flats	WA-COA	1,540	0	20	Ctn	8/16	455	300	11	16	7	0	1.9M	BIA
MP 97	OR-732S	13,119	0	55	Ctn	8/18	1,326	-45	47	42	18	0	16.9M	ST
Devore Creek	WA-OWF	189	9	0	Comp	11/30	83	0	2	0	3	0	637K	FS
Left Hand	WA-OWF	3,406	0	92	Ctn	8/9	380	-108	9	14	1	0	8M	FS
* Esquatzel	WA-SPD	500	---	40	Ctn	8/5	118	---	1	26	0	0	15K	PRI
* Granite Gulch	OR-WWF	700	---	0	Comp	12/31	4	---	0	0	1	0	20K	FS
E Evans Creek Fire	OR-711S	350	---	10	Ctn	8/15	208	---	6	13	7	1	750K	ST

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

Northern Rockies (PL 2)

New fires:	10
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Beeskove, Lolo NF. Eight miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and backing. Area and trail closures in effect.

Nevada Creek, Helena-Lewis and Clark NF. IMT 2 (NR Team 3). IMT is also managing the Black Diamond Creek incident. Ten miles southwest of Lincoln, MT. Timber and light logging slash. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, backing and flanking. Residences threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

* **Black Diamond Creek**, Helena-Lewis and Clark NF. Fifteen miles east of Lincoln, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, backing and flanking. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

North Hills, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (NR Team 3) back to the local unit will occur today. Started on BLM land 12 miles north of Helena, MT. Timber and medium logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Lick Creek, Idaho Panhandle NF. Started on private land six miles southwest of Avery, ID. Timber and heavy logging slash. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and backing.

Ridgetop, Petroleum County. Fifty-five miles north of Winnett, MT. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Beeskove	MT-LNF	337	18	0	Ctn	8/31	278	27	7	0	6	0	2.2M	FS
Nevada Creek	MT-HLF	55	0	0	Comp	9/30	113	8	2	0	1	0	800K	FS
* Black Diamond Creek	MT-HLF	36	---	0	Ctn	8/30	76	---	3	0	0	0	200K	FS
North Hills	MT-CES	5,019	0	85	Ctn	UNK	316	0	3	19	0	0	6.8M	BLM
Lick Creek	ID-IPF	300	100	0	Ctn	8/11	122	5	4	3	1	0	1.1M	PRI
Ridgetop	MT-LG55	11,128	1,428	50	Ctn	8/7	150	-4	3	17	1	0	690K	CNTY

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Barren Hill	ID-NCF	351	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FS
NCF – Nez-Perce-Clearwater NF														

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires:	33
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

* **Nethker**, Payette NF. IMT 2 (GB Team 3) mobilizing. Thirty miles northeast of McCall, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning and running. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Cove Creek, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (GB Team 7) mobilizing. Twenty-seven miles northwest of Salmon, ID. Timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior with backing, short crown runs and isolated torching. Structures threatened.

Paint Mine, Richfield Field Office, BLM. Four miles north of Nephi, UT. Short grass. Active fire behavior with running. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened.

Alaska, Unita-Wasatch-Cache NF. Three miles southeast of Provo, UT. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Energy infrastructure threatened. Trail closures in effect.

River Breaks, Richfield Field Office, BLM. Fourteen miles west of Nephi, UT. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Nethker	ID-PAF	100	---	0	Ctn	10/1	88	---	2	4	4	0	150K	FS
Cove Creek	ID-SCF	750	635	0	Comp	8/30	47	36	1	2	1	0	100K	FS
Paint Mine	UT-RID	1,850	1,450	20	Ctn	8/8	83	64	2	9	0	0	200K	BLM
Alaska	UT-UWF	489	0	65	Ctn	8/15	5	-70	0	1	0	0	615K	FS
River Breaks	UT-RID	341	0	95	Ctn	8/5	80	30	2	9	1	0	50K	BLM
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Peavine Canyon	UT-MLF	3,904	0	20	Comp	8/15	105	14	3	4	0	0	2.1M	FS
Poison Canyon	UT-MLF	1,105	0	0	Comp	8/15	11	-21	0	0	0	0	150K	FS
Park Ridge	UT-FIF	120	---	25	Comp	9/15	35	---	1	1	0	0	120K	FS
Shady	ID-SCF	3,931	---	0	Comp	10/31	24	---	1	2	0	0	155K	FS
Skull Flat	UT-FIF	1,630	---	85	Comp	9/1	5	---	0	1	0	0	1.7M	FS
Mammoth	UT-MLF	260	---	10	Comp	10/1	31	---	1	0	0	0	75K	FS

MLF – Manti-La Sal NF FIF – Fishlake NF

Alaska Area (PL 2)

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

Chalkyitsik Complex (4 fires), Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. IMT 2 (AK Green Team). Fifteen miles east of Chalkyitsik, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

Cornucopia Complex (9 fires), Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. NIMO (Portland). Twenty-five miles west of Fort Yukon, AK. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Chalkyitsik Complex	AK-UYD	501,629	0	60	Comp	8/31	374	1	13	0	3	2	10.1M	N/A
Cornucopia Complex	AK-UYD	93,128	-596	80	Comp	8/31	180	-40	5	0	1	0	9.1M	N/A
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Swan Lake	AK-KKS	102,229	0	80	Comp	8/31	24	-15	0	0	1	0	25.2M	FWS

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Grouse Creek	AK-TAD	52,000	0	70	Comp	8/10	50	1	1	0	1	0	2.4M	BLM
Rainbow 2	AK-DAS	19,757	0	43	Comp	12/31	118	1	6	0	0	0	2.8M	ST
Garnet Creek	AK-TAD	8,073	0	70	Comp	8/10	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	TRI
Hess Creek	AK-UYD	189,369	---	75	Comp	9/1	24	---	0	0	0	3	3M	ST
Hodatic River	AK-GAD	11,169	---	0	Comp	8/29	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FWS
East Stoney River	AK-SWS	2,246	---	0	Comp	9/2	0	---	0	0	0	0	7K	ST
Pete Andrews Creek	AK-SWS	5,485	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	338K	TRI
Jump Peak	AK-SWS	2,207	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	8K	TRI
Beaver	AK-MID	14,316	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	2	345K	PRI
Swift Creek	AK-SWS	3,288	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	9K	ST
Chilchitna Headwaters	AK-SWS	304	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	9K	ST
Horn Foothills	AK-SWS	3,907	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
Page Mountain	AK-SWS	46,897	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	218K	ST
Sunshine Mountains	AK-SWS	21,850	---	8	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	ST
Holokuk Ridge	AK-SWS	447	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Tundra Lake	AK-SWS	1,051	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	130K	TRI
Hoholitna	AK-SWS	548	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Beaver House Hill	AK-SWS	420	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	TRI
Devil's Elbow	AK-SWS	8,126	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	51K	ST
Little Titnuk	AK-SWS	2,966	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Door Mountains	AK-SWS	3,660	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	ST
Swift River	AK-SWS	839	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	4K	ST
Molybdenum Mountains	AK-SWS	659	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
Stony River Flats	AK-SWS	372	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	4K	BLM
Aghaluk Creek	AK-SWS	1,513	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	55K	TRI
Iditarod River	AK-SWS	446	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	BLM
Fuller Creek	AK-SWS	8,549	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	19K	BLM
Cotton Village	AK-SWS	757	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Old Grouch Top	AK-SWS	307,969	---	0	Comp	9/2	0	---	0	0	0	0	28K	ST
Little Kasigluk	AK-SWS	4,409	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	FWS
Chetaslina	AK-CRS	2,125	---	0	Comp	8/30	16	---	0	0	1	0	168K	NPS
Tokaina 2	AK-CRS	1,100	---	0	Comp	8/31	11	---	0	0	0	0	60K	ST
Garfield Creek	AK-GAD	414	---	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	ST
Wolf Creek Mountain	AK-GAD	674	---	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FWS
North River	AK-GAD	110,451	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	40K	BLM
McArthur Creek	AK-TAS	25,174	---	1	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	1	510K	ST
South Fork Buckland River	AK-GAD	3,237	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	BLM

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		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Kugruk River 1	AK-GAD	2,707	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	15K	BLM
Buckland 3	AK-GAD	2,338	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Kateel River	AK-GAD	1,887	---	0	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Koyuk River	AK-GAD	892	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
East Fork Dennison	AK-TAS	400	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST

KKS – Kenai-Kodiak Area, Alaska DOF TAD – Tanana Zone, BLM DAS – Delta Area, Alaska DOF GAD – Galena Zone, BLM
 SWS – Southwest Area, Alaska DOF MID – Military Zone, BLM CRS – Valdez-Copper River Area, Alaska DOF
 TAS – Tok Area, Alaska DOF

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 17
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Marsh, Santa Clara Unit, Calfire. Nine miles southeast of Clayton, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road 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			
Marsh	CA-SCU	655	0	85	Ctn	8/5	124	-231	4	15	0	0	600K	ST

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 22
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Mill, Los Padres NF. Five miles east of Lucia, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail 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			
Mill	CA-LPF	310	0	70	Ctn	8/5	383	0	12	16	3	0	4.2M	FS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 18
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Museum, Coconino NF. One mile north of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber and logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

* **Verde**, Tonto NF. Sixteen miles east of Scottsdale, AZ. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with running and backing. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Bagnal, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. One mile east of Show Low, AZ. Timber and brush. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Total	Chge				Crw	Eng	Heli					
Museum	AZ-COF	1,961	0	95	Ctn	8/15	48	-30	0	2	1	0	9.6M	FS
* Verde	AZ-TNF	500	---	0	Comp	8/8	19	---	0	2	1	0	100K	FS
Bagnal	AZ-ASF	2,243	---	50	Ctn	8/5	21	---	1	2	0	0	45K	FS

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Castle	AZ-KNF	11,900	300	60	Comp	9/15	143	-16	2	7	1	0	3.3M	FS
Huck	AZ-SCA	11,784	---	95	Comp	UNK	10	---	0	2	0	0	150K	BIA
Cedar	AZ-TNF	575	---	90	Comp	8/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	20K	FS
White Springs	AZ-FTA	2,880	---	50	Comp	8/15	2	---	0	0	0	0	500K	BIA
Roberts	NM-CIF	5,020	---	0	Comp	8/30	4	---	0	1	0	0	1.1M	FS
Bear	NM-GNF	832	---	71	Comp	8/10	0	---	0	0	0	0	350K	FS
Newman	AZ-COF	4,907	---	75	Comp	UNK	5	---	0	0	0	0	1M	FS
Black	NM-GNF	1,235	---	74	Comp	UNK	1	---	0	0	0	0	40K	FS
Skid	NM-GNF	165	---	41	Comp	UNK	1	---	0	0	0	0	25K	FS

KNF – Kaibab NF SCA – San Carlos Agency, BIA FTA – Fort Apache Agency, BIA CIF – Cibola NF
GNF – Gila NF

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 10
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Total	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
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441	CO-SJF	325	---	10	Comp	8/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	174K	FS
Reveille	CO-PSF	219	---	5	Comp	8/30	4	---	0	0	0	0	2.6M	FS

SJF – San Juan NF PSF – Pike and San Isabel NF

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

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	2	4	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Northern California Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	14	2	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	1	19	2	22
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	32	1	33
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	2	0	0	0	3	5	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10	28	38
Great Basin Area	FIREs	1	11	1	0	9	11	33
	ACRES	0	673	0	0	23	994	1,690
Southwest Area	FIREs	5	3	0	0	0	10	18
	ACRES	1	10	0	0	0	505	516
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	1	3	0	0	4	2	10
	ACRES	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FIRES:		10	17	1	1	51	37	117
TOTAL ACRES:		2	685	0	0	77	1,530	2,294

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	233	0	0	330	29	592
	ACRES	0	1,512,500	0	0	758,272	10	2,270,782
Northwest Area	FIREs	175	97	8	10	780	320	1,390
	ACRES	9,679	25,356	84	1	2,443	2,853	40,417
Northern California Area	FIREs	14	18	3	2	1,430	181	1,648
	ACRES	11	540	23	1	19,989	15,354	35,919
Southern California Area	FIREs	9	62	7	11	2,171	209	2,469
	ACRES	97	261	2,726	5	13,537	3,397	20,023
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	579	18	11	2	436	229	1,275
	ACRES	10,307	207	1,424	0	6,508	2,304	20,750
Great Basin Area	FIREs	17	418	4	19	492	232	1,182
	ACRES	20	90,169	1	8	122,061	15,083	227,341
Southwest Area	FIREs	536	156	7	25	458	594	1,776
	ACRES	50,395	5,785	11	1,179	21,847	251,760	330,977
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	176	186	1	9	317	176	865
	ACRES	1,566	1,339	5,048	29	14,474	7,907	30,364
Eastern Area	FIREs	301	0	8	29	3,326	272	3,936
	ACRES	569	0	52	520	25,775	5,572	32,488
Southern Area	FIREs	215	0	32	41	11,562	208	12,058
	ACRES	22,199	0	1,458	2,192	187,448	13,100	226,396
TOTAL FIRES:		2,022	1,188	81	148	21,302	2,450	27,191
TOTAL ACRES:		94,843	1,636,157	10,827	3,936	1,172,354	317,339	3,235,456

Ten Year Average Fires (2009 – 2018 as of today)	39,706
Ten Year Average Acres (2009 – 2018 as of today)	4,121,286

***Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.

***Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <https://gacc.nifc.gov/>

Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO- DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	8	9	705	12,698
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	108	252,877
ALBERTA	2	1	894	869,249
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	4	1,874	139	93,523
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	222	44,681
MANITOBA	1	6	246	101,422
ONTARIO	3	677	345	265,508
QUEBEC	9	585	247	10,815
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	2	79	713
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	2	148	187
NOVA SCOTIA	2	0	100	126
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	9
NATIONAL PARKS	1	8,017	66	117,820
TOTALS	33	11,173	3,300	1,769,629

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: A strong cold front will move into the Columbia Basin by late afternoon, focusing convection along and east of the frontal boundary. A steady, continuous stream of monsoonal moisture will continue to feed northward from Mexico along and west of the Continental Divide, producing scattered, wet convection as far north as central British Columbia and Alberta. The Four Corners high will begin to migrate westward in the afternoon, leading to a gradual warmup across Southern California. In the East, the trough of low pressure will weaken considerably and will refocus over the mid-Atlantic States and the Southeast. This will lead to widespread showers and storms across the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama. In Alaska, a breezy and wet westerly flow will continue across much of the state.

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



Mann Gulch – August 5th

This Day in History Category

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:

August 4th, 1949 – Lightning started many fires on the Helena National Forest including one near the top of a ridge between Meriwether and Mann Gulches. At 12:55 pm August 5th, the fire was observed at six acres. At 1:30 pm the call went out for smokejumpers from the Missoula jumpbase. By the time the jump plane flew over at 3 pm the fire was 60 acres. The crew jumped and was scattered by a nearby thunder cell.

The crew gathers at the bottom of the gulch up-canyon of the fire. Jumper Foreman goes to scout the fire and meets up with a fire guard working alone near the head of the fire. Observing increased fire activity, the decision is made to start from the toe. While hiking to the toe, the foreman noted that there was fire below them in the gulch and that it had crossed to the other side of the canyon blocking their ability to escape to the river. They reversed direction and headed up toward the NW ridge. The fire is 500 feet behind them crowning in timber and doghair thickets.

The foreman knows that they will not outrun the fire and starts to burn off some grass for a “refuge”. He gives the order for his crew to come into the black with him. The foreman stayed in his black and survived the fire passing over. It is not clear how many of the crew heard the orders over the roar of the fire or understood what the foreman was trying to do (burning out was neither taught nor common practice at this time). The crew continued running up the steep slope for the ridge. Two made it to safety in rocks at the top. 5:56 pm marks the time on one firefighter’s watch that stopped when the 15 Missoula Smokejumpers and one Meriwether Fire Guard were burned over. Only five would survive the blow-up. Two would die from their burns the next day.

This Day in Wildland Fire History is dedicated to all those at Mann Gulch August 5th, 1949.

Discussion Points:

Predicted Fire Danger was “low” but readings from a nearby ranger station were RH=22%, fuel sticks = 5%, and wind=16 mph indicating more severe fire danger. No weather was recorded at the fire, but steady SW winds were observed at the time of the jump. The Gulch runs SW down to the Missouri River. Also note the thunder cell that was in the area.

- Open your [IRPG](#) to page 1. Based on the above information coupled with the increase in fire size, use the Risk Management Process and the map (below) to discuss some of the actions you will take to ensure crew safety: as the FFT2, squad boss, crew boss, etc.

Based on initial aerial size-up, the strategy was to hold the fire on the ridge by anchoring the head of the fire and flanking down both sides to the toe. The fire was noted as “appearing relatively quiet”.

- Discuss other tactics that your crew could use if presented with a similar situation. Look at the different options available at different steps of the initial attack.

Though his ability as a firefighter was well respected by his peers, the Foremen was not known by this young group of smokejumpers.

When we find ourselves in this position (such as a Crew Boss assignment) what can we do to create and encourage crew cohesion?

References:

[Mann Gulch Fire Investigation and other resources](#)

Additional Resources:

[Incident Management Situation Report \(IMSR\)](#)

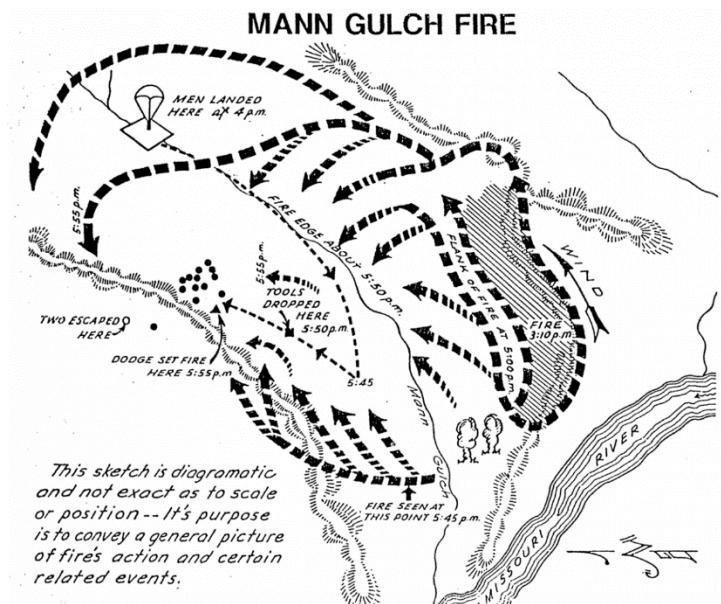
[Incident Response Pocket Guide \(IRPG\), PMS 461](#)

[NWCG Standards for Helicopter Operations, PMS 510](#)

[RT-130, Wildland Fire Safety Training Annual Refresher \(WFSTAR\)](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations \(Red Book\)](#)

[Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center](#)



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