

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, August 23, 2019 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (110 new fires)
New large incidents:	6
Large fires contained:	7
Uncontained large fires:***	22
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

Nationally, there are 30 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.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	7	176,884	27	31	10	1,009
NWCC	6	66,471	25	20	3	822
ONCC	2	825	24	48	5	558
OSCC	3	6,051	6	12	2	294
NRCC	9	9,267	9	5	7	370
GBCC	17	46,196	23	64	11	1,020
SWCC	11	55,210	14	46	4	734
RMCC	2	1,454	0	3	1	25
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	23	42,967	0	102	4	494
Total	80	405,325	128	331	47	5,326

Alaska Area (PL 3)

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

Swan Lake, Kenai Kodiak Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 1 (GB Team 1). Started on FWS land five miles northeast of Sterling, AK. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with single tree torching, group torching and creeping. The communities of Sterling and Cooper Landing and numerous structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

McKinley, Mat-Su Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (AK Green Team). Started on private land 18 miles north of Willow, AK. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and single tree torching. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Deshka Landing, Mat-Su Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (NW Team 10). Seven miles southwest of Willow, AK. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Caribou Lake, Kenai-Kodiak Area, Alaska DOF. Seven miles northwest of Fox River, AK. Heavy logging slash, timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, group torching and backing. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Swan Lake	AK-KKS	142,542	1,262	20	Comp	8/31	398	82	12	10	3	0	26M	FWS
McKinley	AK-MSS	3,753	1	10	Ctn	8/26	318	45	5	20	6	80	900K	PRI
Deshka Landing	AK-MSS	1,543	-675	15	Ctn	8/31	165	12	5	1	0	0	321K	ST
Caribou Lake	AK-KKS	800	100	20	Ctn	9/4	37	9	1	0	0	0	450K	ST
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Levelock	AK-SWS	5,500	500	5	Comp	9/1	43	-1	2	0	0	0	206K	TRI
Tokaina 2	AK-CRS	2,930	0	0	Comp	9/30	4	0	0	0	1	0	476K	ST
Grouse Creek	AK-TAD	49,533	412	100	Comp	---	0	-24	0	0	0	0	2M	BLM

SWS – Southwest Area, Alaska DOF CRS – Valdez-Copper River Area, DOF TAD –Tanana Zone, BLM

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	14
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1

Copper Breaks, Texas A&M Forest Service. IMT 1 (SA Red Team). IMT is also managing the Vivian incident. Started on private land six miles south of Quanah, TX. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching and smoldering. Residences threatened.

Vivian, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land three miles west of Crowell, TX. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running, torching and long-range spotting. Numerous structures and energy infrastructure threatened.

Bird Ranch, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land six miles west of Paducah, TX. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Cush Branch, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles southeast of Miller, OK. Timber. No new information.

Caney Mountain Trail, Oklahoma DOF. Five miles southeast of Snow, OK. Timber. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Copper Breaks	TX-TXS	7,206	0	84	Ctn	8/23	228	79	0	41	3	0	951K	PRI
Vivian	TX-TXS	8,873	3,373	9	Ctn	8/30	41	2	0	9	0	0	45K	PRI
Bird Ranch	TX-TXS	9,931	0	85	Ctn	8/23	29	13	0	5	0	0	NR	PRI
Cush Branch	OK-OKS	120	---	80	Ctn	UNK	24	---	0	10	0	0	8K	ST
Caney Mountain Trail	OK-OKS	765	---	80	Ctn	UNK	33	---	0	15	0	0	28K	ST
Noelke	TX-TXS	3,554	0	100	Ctn	---	15	-10	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
Rocking Chair Ranch	TX-TXS	3,466	0	100	Ctn	---	25	4	0	2	1	0	NR	ST
Clauson	OK-OKS	1,080	0	100	Ctn	---	8	-64	0	4	0	0	23K	ST
Hitch	OK-OKS	865	0	100	Ctn	---	8	-45	0	4	0	0	21K	ST

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires:	12
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	6

* **MM122 I15**, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Twelve miles north of Beaver, UT. Chaparral and brush. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, crowning and spotting. Structures and communication infrastructure threatened. Road closures in effect.

* **Goose Point**, Northwest Area, Utah DOF. Four miles west of Benjamin, UT. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and single tree torching. Structures threatened.

Cove Creek, Salmon-Challis NF, USFS. Twenty-seven miles northwest of Salmon, ID. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Trail closures in effect.

Canyon, Carson City District, BLM. Thirty miles southeast of Carson City, NV. Chaparral, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching and smoldering. Residences and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Nethker, Payette NF, USFS. Thirty miles northeast of McCall, ID. Timber and closed timber litter. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Avintaquin Ridge, Uintah and Ouray Agency, BIA. Fifteen miles southeast of Fruitland, UT. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
* MM122 I15	UT-CCD	1,500	---	25	Ctn	8/24	51	---	0	7	0	0	150K	BLM
* Goose Point	UT-NWS	6,451	---	50	Ctn	8/30	103	---	3	2	1	0	86K	ST

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Cove Creek	ID-SCF	5,063	50	65	Ctn	8/30	87	2	2	3	2	0	4.3M	FS
Canyon	NV-CCD	440	-360	58	Ctn	8/24	175	0	5	7	2	0	300K	BLM
Nethker	ID-PAF	2,355	0	98	Ctn	10/1	145	35	5	3	1	0	12.2M	FS
Avintaquin Ridge	UT-UOA	111	0	85	Ctn	8/25	16	0	0	1	1	0	310K	BIA
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Little Bear	UT-DIF	1,350	50	0	Comp	9/14	71	33	2	6	0	0	120K	FS
Trumbull	AZ-ASD	2,611	71	0	Comp	9/5	50	-21	1	2	1	0	290K	BLM
Mammoth	UT-MLF	600	0	50	Comp	10/1	66	-3	2	4	0	0	170K	FS
Park Ridge	UT-FIF	186	0	35	Comp	9/15	15	0	0	2	0	0	150K	FS
Chippean	UT-MLF	227	0	85	Comp	10/1	1	-77	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
Shady	ID-SCF	4,186	77	0	Comp	10/31	0	-6	0	0	0	0	250K	FS

DIF – Dixie NF, USFS ASD – Arizona Strip District, BLM MLF – Manti-La Sal NF, USFS FIF – Fishlake NF, USFS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	4
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

204 Cow, Malheur NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NW Team 9). Seventeen miles southwest of Unity, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, single tree torching and creeping. Structures threatened. Area and road closures in effect.

Williams Flats, Colville Agency, BIA. Five miles southeast of Keller, WA. Timber, closed timber litter and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Area and road closures in effect.

163 HK Complex (2 fires), Umatilla NF, USFS. Fifteen miles north of Monument, OR. Timber, brush and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and isolated torching. Area and road closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
204 Cow	OR-MAF	1,100	200	0	Comp	10/15	289	158	9	1	1	0	189K	FS
Williams Flats	WA-COA	44,446	167	92	Ctn	8/25	433	56	13	14	1	3	18.3M	BIA
163 HK Complex	OR-UMF	2,705	0	96	Ctn	8/31	64	0	2	1	0	0	6.5M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Granite Gulch	OR-WWF	3,800	---	0	Comp	10/31	15	---	0	0	1	0	180K	FS
South Fork Creek	WA-OWF	160	---	10	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	15K	FS
Devore Creek	WA-OWF	450	---	0	Comp	11/30	3	---	0	0	0	0	1.1M	FS

WWF – Wallowa-Whitman NF, USFS OWF – Okanogan-Wenatchee NF, USFS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	11
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	1

* **Black Mesa**, Phoenix District, BLM. Five miles south of Cordes Junction, AZ. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Sheridan, Prescott NF, USFS. Previously reported incident. Twenty-five miles northwest of Prescott, AZ. Timber, brush and chaparral. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, running and group torching. Communication infrastructure threatened. Area closures in effect. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Triple Nickle**, Cibola NF, USFS. Twenty-three miles northeast of Grants, NM. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and smoldering. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Saber, Coconino NF, USFS. Previously reported incident. Fifteen miles northwest of Munds Park, AZ. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing and flanking. Energy infrastructure threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Black Mesa	AZ-PHD	349	---	30	Ctn	8/24	60	---	2	4	0	0	20K	BLM
Sheridan	AZ-PNF	9,100	3,600	0	Comp	9/1	184	31	2	9	2	0	729K	FS
* Triple Nickle	NM-CIF	2,800	---	0	Comp	9/30	99	---	3	3	1	0	346K	FS
Saber	AZ-COF	3,279	1,186	50	Comp	9/15	75	0	1	3	0	0	662K	FS
New River	AZ-A4S	844	0	100	Ctn	---	2	-206	0	0	0	0	112K	ST

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

Rawhide	NM-LNF	9,214	665	80	Comp	8/31	12	0	0	2	0	0	385K	FS
Ikes	AZ-GCP	5,932	170	76	Comp	9/15	86	-7	1	8	1	0	1.7M	NPS
Castle	AZ-KNF	19,368	0	96	Comp	9/15	64	32	1	6	0	0	5.2M	FS
Cueva	NM-SNF	1,011	0	76	Comp	8/31	37	0	1	2	0	0	70K	FS
Pemberton	AZ-PNF	1,173	0	75	Comp	UNK	0	-72	0	0	0	0	318K	FS
Boulin	AZ-KNF	3,903	---	60	Comp	9/15	37	---	1	3	0	0	105K	FS

A4S – Central District, Arizona DOF LNF – Lincoln NF, USFS GCP – Grand Canyon NP, NPS KNF – Kaibab NF, USFS
SNF – Santa Fe NF, USFS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

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

Broder, Sequoia NF, USFS. Twelve miles west of Haiwee, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing and creeping.

* **Cow**, Inyo NF, USFS. Thirteen miles west of Olancha, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and creeping. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Total	Chge				Crw	Eng	Heli					
Broder	CA-SQF	140	40	0	Ctn	9/9	83	10	3	1	1	0	100K	FS
* Cow	CA-INF	180	---	1	Comp	10/11	39	---	0	0	1	0	475K	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Springs	CA-INF	3,104	26	41	Comp	9/1	183	-68	3	5	5	0	3.9M	FS

Northern California Area (PL 2)

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

* **Mountain**, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Twelve miles northeast of Redding, CA. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior. The community of Bella Vista and numerous residences threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Total	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Mountain	CA-SHU	600	---	20	Ctn	8/26	535	---	23	47	5	0	1.5M	ST

Northern Rockies (PL 2)

New fires: 10
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

McClusky, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS. Ten miles east of Butte, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Total	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
McClusky	MT-BDF	112	-11	14	Ctn	11/1	131	38	3	2	2	0	205K	FS
Victor	MT-LG29	1,100	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-19	0	0	0	0	30K	PRI

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

Beeskove	MT-LNF	430	0	73	Comp	8/31	44	-4	1	1	1	0	7M	FS
Horsefly	MT-HLF	1,352	0	60	Comp	9/30	86	0	2	0	1	0	6.3M	FS
Crab	ID-NCF	198	0	40	Comp	10/31	50	-18	1	1	0	0	2.6M	FS
Snow Creek	MT-FNF	1,815	0	3	Comp	10/31	10	-15	0	0	0	0	75K	FS
Barren Hill	ID-NCF	581	0	0	Comp	10/31	8	0	0	0	0	0	16K	FS

LG29 – Rosebud County LNF – Lolo NF, USFS HLF – Helena-Lewis and Clark NF, USFS

NCF – Nez-Perce-Clearwater NF, USFS FNF – Flathead NF, USFS

Rocky Mountain (PL 1)

New fires:	23
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1

Boulder Lake, Pinedale Field Office, BLM. Previously reported as the Tannerite incident. Six miles east of Pinedale, WY. Brush. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Boulder Lake	WY-PDD	1,359	0	80	Ctn	8/30	24	-46	0	3	1	1	1.6M	BLM
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Reveille	CO-PSF	219	0	5	Comp	8/30	5	1	0	0	0	0	2.6M	FS

PSF – Pike and San Isabel NF, USFS

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	0	4	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	200	200
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	13	5	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	140	0	140
Southern California Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	14	2	17
	ACRES	30	0	0	0	23	77	130
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	4	5	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	153	76	229
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	8	2	12
	ACRES	0	1,116	0	0	6,554	153	7,823
Southwest Area	FIREs	3	1	0	1	0	6	11
	ACRES	2	28	0	655	0	1,430	2,115
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	6	8	0	0	7	2	23
	ACRES	0	167	0	0	9	9	185
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	14	0	14
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	84	0	84
TOTAL FIRES:		11	11	0	1	61	26	110
TOTAL ACRES:		32	1,311	0	655	6,963	1,945	10,906

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	233	0	0	378	39	650
	ACRES	0	1,712,735	0	0	810,404	14	2,523,153
Northwest Area	FIREs	199	155	12	11	1,397	657	2,431
	ACRES	14,707	27,936	87	1	20,265	11,068	74,064
Northern California Area	FIREs	17	29	4	5	1,796	307	2,158
	ACRES	12	1,840	25	1	22,205	15,409	39,492
Southern California Area	FIREs	11	67	9	14	2,524	242	2,867
	ACRES	127	414	2,727	6	15,795	7,069	26,138
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	672	31	19	8	607	362	1,699
	ACRES	10,433	814	10,022	35	12,772	4,781	38,857
Great Basin Area	FIREs	26	547	8	23	643	308	1,555
	ACRES	133	205,863	18	8.1	145,199	25,170	376,391
Southwest Area	FIREs	568	173	9	41	518	679	1,988
	ACRES	48,871	6,200	41	6,389	23,540	284,524	369,564
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	224	242	1	9	378	205	1,059
	ACRES	2,026	2,089	5,048	29.1	17,327	8,023	34,541
Eastern Area	FIREs	301	0	8	30	3,464	286	4,089
	ACRES	569	0	52	520	25,933	5,134	32,208
Southern Area	FIREs	231	0	33	44	12,871	217	13,396
	ACRES	22,438	0	2,483	2,303	311,907	13,119	352,251
TOTAL FIRES:		2,249	1,477	103	185	24,576	3,302	31,892
TOTAL ACRES:		99,315	1,957,892	20,503	9,292	1,405,348	374,309	3,866,659

Ten Year Average Fires (2009 – 2018 as of today)	43,409
Ten Year Average Acres (2009 – 2018 as of today)	5,331,818

***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/>

Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week (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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	153	153
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	450	0	0	75	525
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	179	0	0	0	0	0	179
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	1	0	1	1	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	130	131
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	38	613	651
Southern Area	FIREs	2	0	1	1	594	8	606
	ACRES	32	0	15	14,819	6,224	1,954	23,044
TOTAL FIRES:		2	0	3	1	596	15	617
TOTAL ACRES:		211	0	465	14,819	6,263	2,927	24,685

Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO- DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	3	0	846	21,102
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	111	252,902
ALBERTA	2	0	949	882,596
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	145	101,416
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	228	47,248
MANITOBA	0	0	275	101,452
ONTARIO	6	131	472	266,942
QUEBEC	3	0	297	10,284
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	85	774
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	2	159	193
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	119	131
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	2	9
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	46	106,003
TOTALS	15	133	3,734	1,791,052

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: A breezy westerly flow will continue across the northwestern states as the previous days' front moves east toward the Great Lakes. To the south, the Four Corners High will begin to re-strengthen a little further west, allowing for monsoonal moisture to work its way a little further into Arizona. A cold front along the East Coast will move offshore by afternoon. However, its tail end will stall out over the Deep South, serving as a focus for scattered afternoon storm activity. In Alaska, a cold front will move east across the Interior and south central Alaska. This will provide scattered showers to the areas surrounding Cook Inlet and the Kenai Peninsula.

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



Working Around Pack Stock

Misc Fireline Hazards Category

Fire crews often receive supplies that are transported by pack stock. While these animals provide fire crews a valuable service, they can cause injury to themselves and personnel, and severely damage food, gear, and fire equipment if not handled properly.

Much like adding aviation resources to a fire incident, having pack stock around is adding an additional hazard to the fire environment which increases the difficulty in maintaining situational awareness. Fire personnel must be aware that human activity, aircraft, wildlife, and weather conditions can and will affect the behavior of the pack animals, often unpredictably.

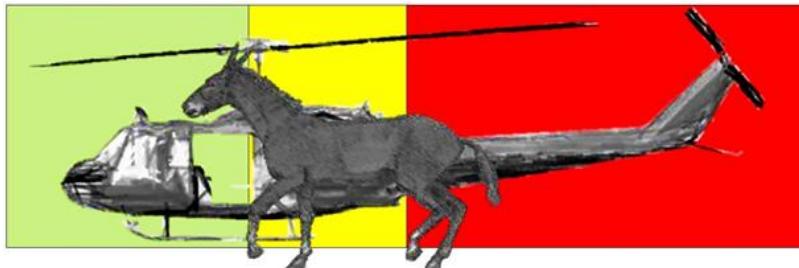
Avoid making any sudden or abrupt moves or making any loud or unusual noises around the stock. Be calm, relaxed, steady, and smooth around the animals at all times.

When passing pack stock on the trail, know your escape routes at all times. Move off the trail before the stock passes. Calmly move to the **same** side, preferably the downhill side, with all of your gear. Be far enough off the trail that no one could get kicked, but close enough for the stock to see everyone. Talk to the packer and the stock as they approach and pass...this helps the stock know that you and your crew are not something to be afraid of.

Packers, like all fire personnel, must maintain communications at all times. Ensure that the communication plan is known to everyone. Individual forest and park units will have the specific safety-related guidelines identified for Packers in regards to required fire training, personal protective equipment, communications, etc.

Work around pack stock in the same manner you would work around many types of helicopters:

- Stay outside of the safety circle unless invited or escorted in.
- Only approach from the front.
- Never approach from the tail or walk around the tail.
- Don't run, wave arms, throw tarps, or anything else.
- Put your gear where directed and in an orderly manner.
- Weigh everything. Weight and balance are important on mules and helicopters!



References:

Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210

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 \(Red Book\)](#)

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