

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, August 8, 2020 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 4

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (126 new fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires:***	33
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8

Nationally, there are 10 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.

NIMO (Houseman) has been assigned to COVID-19 support at Forest Service headquarters in Washington, D.C.

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

One MAFFS C-130 airtanker and support personnel each from the 152nd Airlift Wing (Nevada Air National Guard) and the 302nd Airlift Wing (Colorado Air Force Reserve) have been deployed to McClellan Airfield, CA, in support of wildland fire operations.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	13	15,539	67	60	17	1,990
ONCC	9	124,140	44	56	18	1,918
OSCC	6	44,189	78	334	29	4,232
NRCC	7	9,732	11	32	9	452
GBCC	19	63,009	51	83	28	2,001
SWCC	8	23,414	15	22	8	619
RMCC	6	23,357	14	56	7	827
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	5	12,413	4	10	1	111
Total	73	315,792	284	653	117	12,150

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	31
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Apple, Riverside Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (CA Team 2). One mile northeast of Cherry Valley, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Stagecoach, Central California District, BLM. IMT 2 (CA Team 15). Four miles southwest of Havilah, CA. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Numerous residences threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Trimmer, Sierra NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 10). Ten miles northeast of Piedra, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Pond, San Luis Obispo Unit, Cal Fire. Nine miles east of Santa Margarita, CA. Chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Chge	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Apple	CA-RRU	30,517	2,432	30	Ctn	8/17	2,845	181	42	276	18	13	24.1M	ST
Stagecoach	CA-CND	7,748	748	31	Ctn	8/17	819	48	22	32	9	29	5M	BLM
Trimmer	CA-SNF	600	75	20	Ctn	8/15	373	186	11	20	1	0	425K	FS
Pond	CA-SLU	1,962	0	97	Ctn	8/9	91	-123	2	4	0	14	5.6M	ST

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires:	18
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Phillips Creek, Sawtooth NF, USFS. IMT 2 (GB Team 3) mobilizing. Eight miles north of Fairfield, ID. Timber, brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with running, spotting and wind-driven runs. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

* **Pumpkin**, Southwest Area, Idaho Department of Lands. Eight miles southwest of Garden Valley, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and isolated torching. Structures and communication infrastructure threatened.

Baldy, Ely District, BLM. Fifty-two miles northeast of Ely, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, group torching and isolated torching. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Comet, Ely District, BLM. IMT 2 (GB Team 7). Five miles northwest of Pioche, NV. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Upper Provo, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF, USFS. Fifteen miles east of Kamas, UT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, isolated torching and backing. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Lost, Elko District, BLM. Twenty miles northwest of Wendover, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Energy and railroad infrastructure and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

North, Carson City District, BLM. Eleven miles north of Cold Springs, NV. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Philips Creek	ID-STF	1,600	1,120	5	Ctn	8/10	185	107	5	9	5	0	350K	FS
* Pumpkin	ID-SWS	250	---	0	Ctn	9/7	200	---	7	4	3	0	1M	ST
Baldy	NV-ELD	1,439	939	30	Ctn	8/13	183	112	4	8	2	0	400K	BLM
Comet	NV-ELD	754	-22	59	Ctn	8/12	188	3	7	4	4	0	776K	BLM
Upper Provo	UT-UWF	480	0	44	Ctn	9/30	202	-32	6	4	3	0	1.6M	FS
Lost	NV-EKD	7,115	0	75	Ctn	8/10	184	-86	5	14	1	0	850K	BLM
North	NV-CCD	6,882	-28	95	Ctn	8/8	68	-95	1	2	0	0	2.4M	BLM
Bishop	NV-ELD	13,008	0	100	Ctn	---	269	-70	4	7	2	0	5.6M	BLM
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Howell Peak	UT-RID	1,885	---	98	Comp	8/15	1	---	0	0	0	0	250K	BLM

RID – Richfield Field Office, BLM

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	8
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Red Salmon Complex (2 fires), Six Rivers NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 14). Fourteen miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber, chaparral and short grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, backing and creeping.

July Complex, Modoc NF, USFS. Thirty-six miles northwest of Canby, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area and road closures in effect.

Gold, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Five miles south of Adin, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Hog, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Ten miles west of Susanville, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Trail closures in effect.

Stump, Lassen NF, USFS. Fourteen miles west of Chester, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Red Salmon Complex	CA-SRF	4,617	339	12	Ctn	8/28	1,178	75	30	8	14	0	9.9M	FS
July Complex	CA-MDF	83,261	0	97	Ctn	8/22	104	-151	1	5	3	9	32.5M	FS
Gold	CA-LMU	22,634	0	98	Ctn	8/12	73	-50	1	3	0	13	34.1M	ST
Hog	CA-LMU	9,564	0	98	Ctn	8/10	39	-24	0	2	1	2	34.7M	ST
Stump	CA-LNF	684	0	85	Ctn	8/12	194	-7	5	11	0	0	2.4M	FS

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
S-4 Sheldon	CA-NOD	1,802	0	100	Ctn	---	10	-21	1	0	0	0	850K	BLM

NOD – Northern California District, BLM

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	18
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Neals Hill, Burns District, BLM. IMT 2 (NW Team 9). Twenty miles southeast of Princeton, OR. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and backing.

Fir Mountain, The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF. Five miles southeast of Odell, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Worthington, Medford Unit, Oregon DOF. Started on BLM land five miles northeast of Eagle Point, OR. Timber, hardwood litter and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Buckhorn Creek, John Day Unit, Oregon DOF. Twelve miles northwest of Dayville, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

Canyon Creek, Burns District, BLM. Seventeen miles southwest of Fields, OR. Short grass. 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			
Neals Hill	OR-BUD	3,391	391	60	Ctn	8/10	149	40	4	5	0	0	500K	BLM
Fir Mountain	OR-954S	313	0	70	Ctn	8/12	396	-6	14	12	1	0	2.4M	ST
Worthington	OR-711S	761	0	90	Ctn	8/14	284	-20	9	8	0	0	3.2M	BLM
Buckhorn Creek	OR-952S	310	0	80	Ctn	8/8	78	0	4	0	3	0	200K	ST
Canyon Creek	OR-BUD	500	---	0	Ctn	8/8	0	---	0	0	0	0	200K	BLM

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

Chikamin	WA-OWF	347	20	30	Comp	10/31	149	-61	4	2	4	0	1.2M	FS
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OWF – Okanogan-Wenatchee NF, USFS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires:	10
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Pine Gulch, Grand Junction Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (RM Black Team). Eighteen miles north of Grand Junction, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and short-range spotting. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Road closures in effect.

Richard Mtn, CPC Area, Wyoming State Forestry. Forty miles west of Rock Springs, WY. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and backing. Structures, energy infrastructure and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Area and road closures in effect.

#6, Pine Ridge Agency, BIA. Forty-two miles northeast of Red Shirt, SD. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Pine Gulch	CO-GRD	13,680	1,072	0	Ctn	8/18	466	17	7	23	4	0	3.4M	BLM
Richard Mtn	WY-CPS	7,633	587	40	Ctn	8/11	227	-23	5	14	3	0	1.5M	ST
#6	SD-PRA	1,367	1,067	61	Ctn	8/13	19	-12	0	7	0	0	60K	BIA
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Goose Creek	CO-RGF	171	---	75	Comp	8/15	3	---	0	1	0	0	1.6M	FS

RGF – Rio Grande NF, USFS

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	6
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Cassadore Springs, San Carlos Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (SW Team 4). Eleven miles north of San Carlos, AZ. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

* **Bumble Bee**, Phoenix District, BLM. Seven miles east of Crown King, AZ. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running, backing and uphill runs. Structures threatened. Evacuations in affect.

Pine, Prescott NF, USFS. Sixteen miles east of Cordes Lakes, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area and trail closures in effect.

Pig, Coconino NF, USFS. Four miles northeast of Rim Rock, AZ. Chaparral and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and isolated torching.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Cassadore Springs	AZ-SCA	19,142	755	25	Ctn	8/18	369	-38	7	10	4	1	2.7M	BIA
* Bumble Bee	AZ-PHD	1,000	---	0	Ctn	8/10	139	---	5	3	3	0	500K	BLM
Pine	AZ-PNF	2,184	0	90	Ctn	8/10	0	0	0	0	0	0	60K	FS
Pig	AZ-COF	495	0	59	Ctn	8/8	17	-64	0	2	0	0	427K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

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

Magpie Rock, Flathead Agency, BIA. Eight miles east of Dixon, MT. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

* **Old Baldy**, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS. Eight miles east of Twin Bridges, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Magpie Rock	MT-FHA	3,539	0	62	Ctn	8/15	200	0	6	10	3	0	2M	BIA
* Old Baldy	MT-BDF	129	---	50	Ctn	9/1	111	---	3	2	4	0	874K	FS
* Acorn Flats	MT-LG29	5,368	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	25K	PRI
Pumpkin	MT-MCD	1,289	-1,211	100	Ctn	---	96	---	1	16	5	0	250K	BLM
Mullins	MT-LG14	500	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-31	0	0	0	0	85K	PRI

LG29 – Rosebud County MCD – Miles City District, BLM LG14 – Custer County

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	9
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2

Mays, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 16 miles east of Brady, TX. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened.

Pocket Complex, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 52 miles southwest of Sonora, TX. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Mays	TX-TXS	9,813	213	90	Ctn	8/9	34	-41	0	3	1	0	NR	PRI
Pocket Complex	TX-TXS	625	0	90	Ctn	UNK	43	0	3	2	0	0	NR	PRI

Alaska Area (PL 1)

New fires:	0
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			
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Coleen	AK-UYD	1,542	0	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5K	FWS
Sheenjek River	AK-UYD	5,736	0	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	474K	FWS
Billy Hawk Creek	AK-GAD	2,240	0	95	Comp	9/15	0	0	0	0	0	0	9K	FWS
Wapoo Creek 2	AK-GAD	1,693	0	95	Comp	9/15	0	0	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
Wapoo Creek	AK-GAD	600	---	0	Comp	9/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	ST
Iwaktok Hill	AK-SWS	13,030	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FWS
Clear Creek	AK-MID	1,285	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	BLM
Tivehvun Lake	AK-UYD	829	0	100	Comp	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	3K	FWS
Old Lost	AK-UYD	452	0	100	Comp	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	5K	FWS

UYD – Upper Yukon Zone, BLM GAD – Galena Zone, BLM SWS – Southwest Area, Alaska DOF MID – Military Zone, BLM

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	2	1	0	0	10	5	18
	ACRES	0	6	0	0	6	0	12
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	7	1	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	58	6	64
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	25	6	31
	ACRES	0	0	0	5	12	221	238
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	5	6	11
	ACRES	0	26	0	0	5,374	6	5,406
Great Basin Area	FIREs	1	4	0	1	7	5	18
	ACRES	9	1,025	0	0	88.3	517	1,639
Southwest Area	FIREs	1	3	0	1	1	0	6
	ACRES	5,842	2,003	0	0	11	102	7,958
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	7	3	10
	ACRES	1,067	0	0	0	3.7	0	1,071
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	5	10	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	8	1	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	14	0	14
TOTAL FIRES:		4	8	0	2	75	37	126
TOTAL ACRES:		6,918	3,060	0	5	5,569	855	16,407

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	135	0	0	169	16	320
	ACRES	0	45,264	0	0	135,455	26	180,745
Northwest Area	FIRES	178	141	43	14	1,095	491	1,962
	ACRES	7,597	7,321	10,271	85	28,176	1,114	54,563
Northern California Area	FIRES	8	40	2	30	2,158	403	2,641
	ACRES	102	4,116	0	10,005	47,038	83,548	144,809
Southern California Area	FIRES	18	94	3	21	2,992	416	3,544
	ACRES	28	2,475	1	1,144	52,267	28,999	84,913
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	729	46	4	2	632	216	1,629
	ACRES	10,617	1,856	780	1	40,019	444	53,717
Great Basin Area	FIRES	33	637	17	33	757	252	1,729
	ACRES	399	334,115	64	66	94,661	39,458	468,762
Southwest Area	FIRES	749	199	20	27	477	930	2,402
	ACRES	136,862	19,590	1,842	744	43,997	520,847	723,882
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	329	249	11	9	806	371	1,775
	ACRES	4,997	47,098	366.6	98	95,519	3,858	151,936
Eastern Area	FIRES	329	0	33	15	6,076	405	6,858
	ACRES	297	0	3,278	52	20,460	1,590	25,677
Southern Area	FIRES	252	86	23	44	9,921	307	10,633
	ACRES	18,491	404	3,419	32,849	319,514	22,837	397,514
TOTAL FIRES:		2,625	1,627	156	195	25,083	3,807	33,493
TOTAL ACRES:		179,389	462,236	20,022	45,044	877,105	702,721	2,286,517

Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)	37,318
Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)	4,216,680

***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 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	26	0	26
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	8	1	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	13	30	43
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	8	1	9
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	39	30	69

***Prescribed fire acres are for reference only and may not reflect the most up-to-date information.

***Official prescribed fire accomplishment reporting occurs through agency specific systems of record.

Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO- DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	2	5	365	837
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	21	15,136
ALBERTA	6	1	481	753,629
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	1,701	68	21,409
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	96	42,060
MANITOBA	3	4	117	49,479
ONTARIO	5	6	486	6,611
QUEBEC	1	185	635	68,162
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	61	2,080
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	0	335	1,142
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	121	654
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	10	8
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	56	1,656
TOTALS	20	1,901	2,852	962,861

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: A cold front will push through the northern Plains with a stalled-out surface front stretching across northern Utah into northern California. Another Pacific cold front will move into the Pacific Northwest. Dry and breezy post-frontal conditions will continue in portions of southern Idaho and southwest/central/northern Montana. Thunderstorms are expected to develop over the northern and central Plains and into the Great Lakes ahead of the cold front. Showers and thunderstorms are also likely near a surface front moving through the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic. Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms will remain possible over far eastern Arizona, much of New Mexico, and into southern Colorado. More rain is expected along the Alaska coast with isolated to scattered coverage in the interior.

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



Wildland/Urban Interface Watch Outs

Operational Engagement Category

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

Consider the "Wildland/Urban Interface Watch Outs" in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

Wildland/Urban Interface Watch Outs:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or "chimneys" on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
- Extreme fire behavior:
 - Situations involving crowning, large flame heights, and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel.
 - Strong winds of 25+ miles per hour: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.
- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation.
- Power lines and poles:
 - What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations:
 - Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide, PMS 461](#)
[Interagency Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Operations](#)
[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210](#)

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