

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, August 13, 2020 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 4**

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (93 new fires)
New large incidents:	4
Large fires contained:	8
Uncontained large fires:***	32
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

Nationally, there are 12 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.

Two MAFFS C-130 airtankers and support personnel from the 153rd Airlift Wing (Wyoming Air National Guard) have been deployed to McClellan Airfield, CA, in support of wildland fire operations.

On August 11th, an individual assigned to the Stagecoach fire passed away due to complications associated with an acute medical condition. The firefighting community extends condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	10	9,854	33	90	7	1,191
ONCC	6	126,106	36	45	16	1,585
OSCC	5	53,740	45	100	17	2,175
NRCC	8	13,111	10	21	12	429
GBCC	16	43,477	28	57	17	1,279
SWCC	8	29,197	11	21	4	571
RMCC	6	75,950	21	81	12	1,110
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	7	15,053	1	13	1	96
Total	66	366,488	185	428	86	8,436

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

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

Grizzly Creek, Garfield County. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (RM Blue Team) to IMT 1 (GB Team 1) will occur today. One mile east of Glenwood Springs, CO. Timber and brush. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, running and spotting. Energy and transportation infrastructure and numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Pine Gulch, Grand Junction Field Office, BLM. IMT 1 (RM Team 1) and IMT 2 (RM Black Team). Eighteen miles north of Grand Junction, CO. Timber and brush. Extreme fire behavior with running, long-range spotting and torching. Structures, energy infrastructure and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Bradley, Rawlins Field Office, BLM. Thirty miles north of Sinclair, WY. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering.

Lake Creek, Medicine Bow-Routt NF, USFS. Thirty miles south of Gillette, WY. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures, energy infrastructure and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

High Bull, Pine Ridge Agency, BIA. Seven miles northeast of Pine Ridge, SD. Tall grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

#6, Pine Ridge Agency, BIA. Forty-two miles northeast of Red Shirt, SD. 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			
Grizzly Creek	CO-GFX	4,624	2,124	0	Ctn	9/1	238	27	6	11	0	0	2.3M	CNTY
Pine Gulch	CO-GRD	58,836	16,614	7	Ctn	8/24	745	87	10	57	6	1	8.1M	BLM
Bradley	WY-RAD	1,785	0	80	Ctn	8/20	82	-7	5	2	0	0	1.4M	BLM
Lake Creek	WY-MRF	770	-430	40	Ctn	8/18	38	38	0	6	0	0	225K	FS
High Bull	SD-PRA	506	-64	65	Ctn	8/21	23	-4	0	6	0	0	40K	BIA
#6	SD-PRA	1,367	0	98	Ctn	8/13	6	-3	0	3	0	0	60K	BIA
Richard Mtn	WY-CPS	7,632	0	100	Ctn	---	16	-34	0	2	0	0	2.6M	ST
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

CPS – CPC Area, Wyoming State Forestry RGF – Rio Grande NF, USFS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	21
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

* **Lake**, Angeles NF, USFS. IMT 1 (CA Team 5) mobilizing. Seventeen miles west of Lancaster, CA. Timber, brush and chaparral. Extreme fire behavior with running and spotting. Multiple communities and numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Apple, Riverside Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (CA Team 2). One mile northeast of Cherry Valley, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Stagecoach, Central California District, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (CA Team 15) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Four miles southwest of Havilah, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

Trimmer, Sierra NF, USFS. Ten miles northeast of Piedra, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Lake	CA-ANF	10,000	---	0	Ctn	9/2	517	---	10	45	3	0	1.2M	FS
Apple	CA-RRU	33,424	0	70	Ctn	8/17	1,159	-287	22	42	11	13	44.5M	ST
Stagecoach	CA-CND	7,760	0	98	Ctn	8/13	416	-153	11	7	3	30	12.7M	BLM
Trimmer	CA-SNF	594	0	98	Ctn	8/15	75	-59	2	4	0	0	2.8M	FS

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	17
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1

Red Salmon Complex (2 fires), Six Rivers NF, USFS. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (CA Team 14) to IMT 1 (CA Team 4) occurred yesterday. Fourteen miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber, chaparral and short grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, flanking and torching.

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.

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

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Red Salmon Complex	CA-SRF	8,024	0	35	Ctn	8/28	1,369	130	32	33	12	0	17.7M	FS
July Complex	CA-MDF	83,261	0	98	Ctn	8/22	98	-5	1	5	3	9	33.3M	FS
Hog	CA-LMU	9,564	0	98	Ctn	UNK	31	0	0	2	1	2	35.4M	ST
Gold	CA-LMU	22,634	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-4	0	0	0	13	35.9M	ST

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:	13
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Bear Creek, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NR Team 5). Twenty-nine miles east of Salmon, ID. Timber and brush. Extreme fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Residences threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Judith River Road 2, Fergus County. Six miles west of Winifred, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Bear Creek	MT-BDF	5,000	4,150	0	Ctn	9/30	139	0	3	3	5	0	65K	FS
Judith River Road 2	MT-LG08	1,036	0	80	Ctn	8/14	81	-15	1	7	4	0	250K	CNTY
Magpie Rock	MT-FHA	3,539	0	100	Ctn	---	24	-34	1	0	0	0	2.2M	BIA
Shearing Pen	MT-LG29	817	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-45	0	0	0	0	45K	PRI
East Armells	MT-LG29	540	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-35	0	0	0	0	15K	PRI

FHA – Flathead Agency, BIA LG29 – Rosebud County

Southwest Area (PL 3)

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

Cassadore Springs, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (SW Team 4) back to local unit will occur today. Eleven miles north of San Carlos, AZ. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Dark Canyon, Lincoln NF, USFS. Previously reported incident. Nine miles northeast of Nogal, NM. Timber. Active fire behavior with single tree torching.

Klaus, Coronado NF. Eleven miles south of Portal, AZ. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, backing and flanking.

Winters, Tonto NF, USFS. Twelve miles northeast of Globe, AZ. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Residences threatened.

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

Bumble Bee, Phoenix District, BLM. Seven miles east of Crown King, AZ. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road closures in effect.

Pig, Coconino NF, USFS. Four miles northeast of Rim Rock, AZ. Chaparral and short grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Cassadore Springs	AZ-SCA	21,258	178	83	Ctn	8/18	295	-30	5	5	2	1	5M	BIA
Dark Canyon	NM-LNF	939	439	10	Ctn	8/23	41	0	0	3	0	0	35K	FS
Klaus	AZ-CNF	1,100	600	15	Ctn	8/18	61	30	2	2	1	0	500K	FS
Winters	AZ-TNF	395	0	40	Ctn	8/13	46	0	1	4	0	0	500K	FS
Pine	AZ-PNF	2,184	0	90	Ctn	8/14	0	0	0	0	0	0	60K	FS
Bumble Bee	AZ-PHD	2,993	0	95	Ctn	8/13	44	0	1	1	1	0	1.2M	BLM
Pig	AZ-COF	495	---	80	Ctn	8/15	18	---	0	1	0	0	458K	FS
* Goldfield	AZ-A4S	1,970	---	100	Ctn	---	12	---	0	3	0	0	300K	ST

A4S – Central District, Arizona DOF

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires:	13
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	2

* **Poodle**, Winnemucca District, BLM. Twenty-three miles northwest of Empire, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, torching and spotting. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Pumpkin, Southwest Area, Idaho Department of Lands. Eight miles southwest of Garden Valley, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with torching and creeping. Structures and communication infrastructure threatened. Road closures in effect.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Poodle	NV-WID	1,700	---	0	Ctn	8/15	50	---	1	4	0	0	7.5M	BLM
Pumpkin	ID-SWS	438	0	30	Ctn	8/17	353	22	11	8	10	0	4.1M	ST
Phillips Creek	ID-STF	2,112	0	100	Ctn	---	233	-136	5	8	2	5	2.4M	FS
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Upper Provo	UT-UWF	480	0	84	Comp	9/30	82	0	3	3	2	0	2.2M	FS

STF – Sawtooth NF, USFS UWF – Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF, USFS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	18
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	6

*** Mosier Creek**, The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF. Two miles south of Mosier, OR. Timber, brush, and grass. Active fire behavior with running, group torching and short-range spotting. Energy infrastructure and numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

Lower Coyote Creek, Colville Agency, BIA. Two miles southwest of Nespelem, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing and creeping. Area and road closures in effect.

Neals Hill, Burns District, BLM. Twenty miles southeast of Princeton, OR. Short grass. No new information.

Mud Creek, Burns District, BLM. Ten miles east of Frenchglen, OR. Brush and short grass. No new information.

Fir Mountain, The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF. Five miles southeast of Odell, OR. Timber. No new information.

Worthington, Medford District, BLM. Five miles northeast of Eagle Point, OR. Timber, hardwood litter and brush. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Mosier Creek	OR-954S	791	---	5	Ctn	8/19	240	---	5	56	4	0	500K	ST
Lower Coyote Creek	WA-COA	2,426	0	40	Ctn	8/16	382	19	12	19	0	0	900K	BIA
Neals Hill	OR-BUD	3,391	---	95	Ctn	UNK	115	---	1	5	0	0	948K	BLM
Mud Creek	OR-BUD	236	---	95	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	281K	BLM
Fir Mountain	OR-954S	313	---	85	Ctn	UNK	130	---	5	5	0	0	3.2M	ST
Worthington	OR-MED	761	---	98	Ctn	8/14	89	---	3	2	0	0	4.8M	BLM

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

Chikamin	WA-OWF	391	0	70	Comp	10/31	142	15	5	0	2	0	2.5M	FS
North Brownstown 2	WA-YAA	884	---	95	Comp	UNK	12	---	0	1	1	0	150K	BIA

OWF – Okanogan-Wenatchee NF, USFS YAA – Yakama Agency, BIA

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	3
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2

Pennington Creek, Texas A&M Forest Service. Three miles northwest of Graford, TX. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Marsh, Florida Forest Service. One miles northeast of Bayport, FL. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

South, Lake Woodruff NWR, FWS. Three miles west of DeLand, FL. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. 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			
Pennington Creek	TX-TXS	2,654	0	95	Ctn	UNK	18	-32	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Marsh	FL-FLS	300	0	60	Ctn	8/21	6	-17	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
All Hands	TX-TXS	619	0	100	Ctn	---	5	-69	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
South	FL-LWR	760	-240	0	Comp	8/14	5	0	0	0	1	0	10K	FWS

Alaska Area (PL 1)

New fires: 1

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														
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
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
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

GAD – Galena Zone, BLM

UYD – Upper Yukon 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	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	16	2	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	308	2	310
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	12	3	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	1,120	1,121
Southern California Area	FIREs	1	2	0	0	18	0	21
	ACRES	0	13,044	0	7	23	0	13,074
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	6	1	0	0	3	3	13
	ACRES	8	1	0	0	1	2	12
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	7	0	0	5	1	13
	ACRES	0	38	0	0	100	0	138
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	2,116	2	0	0	0	630	2,748
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	3	1	6
	ACRES	0	300	0	0	13	0.1	313
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	2	1	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	10	12
TOTAL FIRES:		7	15	0	0	60	11	93
TOTAL ACRES:		2,124	13,385	0	7	448	1,764	17,728

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	135	0	0	171	16	322
	ACRES	0	45,255	0	0	135,452	25	180,732
Northwest Area	FIREs	198	158	46	14	1,262	567	2,245
	ACRES	10,098	7,427	10,274	85	11,767	1,440	41,092
Northern California Area	FIREs	13	43	2	31	2,239	417	2,745
	ACRES	252	4,316	0	10,005	47,402	88,628	150,603
Southern California Area	FIREs	21	98	4	22	3,080	426	3,651
	ACRES	33	17,812	1	1,171	52,344	29,324	100,684
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	1,001	47	4	3	654	236	1,945
	ACRES	17,591	1,857	780	1	42,908	1,351	64,488
Great Basin Area	FIREs	35	669	18	35	796	274	1,827
	ACRES	399	337,254	64	66	95,113	39,473	472,369
Southwest Area	FIREs	762	203	20	27	477	946	2,435
	ACRES	145,214	20,639	1,842	744	43,997	523,325	735,760
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	320	300	11	9	846	390	1,876
	ACRES	4,606	56,367	367	98	98,775	3,820	164,032
Eastern Area	FIREs	329	0	33	15	6,179	406	6,962
	ACRES	297	0	3,278	52	20,589	1,590	25,806
Southern Area	FIREs	252	86	24	46	10,396	309	11,113
	ACRES	18,491	404	4,179	32,913	326,778	22,853	405,618
TOTAL FIRES:		2,931	1,739	162	202	26,100	3,987	35,121
TOTAL ACRES:		196,980	491,329	20,785	45,135	875,125	711,828	2,341,183

Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)	38,423
Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)	4,528,603

***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	65	0	0	0	0	65
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	8	1	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	118	355	473
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	8	1	9
TOTAL ACRES:		0	65	0	0	118	355	538

***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	4	2	383	845
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	21	15,136
ALBERTA	4	0	514	753,633
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	69	21,477
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	106	42,072
MANITOBA	1	4	127	49,503
ONTARIO	11	282	532	11,725
QUEBEC	4	56	647	68,424
NEWFOUNDLAND	5	202	73	2,329
NEW BRUNSWICK	3	1	349	1,146
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	121	654
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	1	0	12	9
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	56	1,656
TOTALS	33	547	3,010	968,610

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: The previous day's front will move into the Dakotas taking most of the convective activity with it. However, isolated storms will be possible across southwestern Montana. Isolated storms will also be possible across the southern Sierra as a weak disturbance moves north along the back side of the Four Corners High. Monsoonal moisture will remain trapped in the ridge over the Four Corner States and will lead to the development of scattered wet storms in the afternoon. Breezy and dry conditions will continue across the Pacific Northwest as a cool, post frontal northwesterly flow continues. In the East, a weak but hot high pressure ridge will linger. Hot and humid conditions will lead to the redevelopment of scattered storms in the afternoon from the Virginias south to the Gulf Coast.

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



SAFETY ZONES 1 (LCES)

Operational Engagement Category

A safety zone is a location where the threatened firefighter can find adequate refuge from an approaching fire.

- What is the difference between a safety zone and a deployment site?
 - The safety zone is the area where a firefighter can survive without using a fire shelter. The deployment site is used when fire conditions are such that escape routes and safety zones have been compromised.
- How do you identify a good safety zone?
 - Consider the distance from the escaped fire as well as topography, winds, fire behavior, and fuels in the area.
 - The best locations are usually “in the black;” those with a minimum of, or devoid of, ground/aerial vegetation; or large bodies of water.
 - Location is scouted and marked well for visibility at all times.
 - Location has been reassessed in relation to line work progress, fatigue, changes in fire behavior, and arrival of additional resources.
 - For radiant heat only, the distance separation between the firefighter and the flames must be at least four times the maximum flame height. This distance must be maintained on all sides; if the fire has ability to burn completely around the safety zone. Convective heat from wind and/or terrain influences will increase this distance requirement.
 - Take advantage of heat barriers such as lee side of ridges, large rocks, or solid structures.
- What should you avoid in selecting a safety zone?
 - Avoid locations that are downwind from the fire.
 - Avoid locations that are in chimneys, saddles, or narrow canyons.
 - Avoid locations that require a steep uphill escape route.

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