

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Thursday, July 16, 2020 – 0730 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity:**

Initial attack activity:	Light (138 new fires)
New large incidents:	4
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires:***	32
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

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.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	2	17,671	0	0	0	16
NWCC	1	9,330	1	18	0	92
ONCC	0	5,513	0	0	0	0
OSCC	2	15,700	16	112	13	1,063
NRCC	3	1,677	0	23	3	93
GBCC	12	206,734	31	63	21	1,216
SWCC	19	362,761	30	54	15	1,111
RMCC	11	15,317	10	34	4	481
EACC	1	204	0	0	0	0
SACC	8	28,587	0	25	0	137
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>663,495</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>4,209</b>

#### **Southwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	9
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	14
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Blue River 2**, San Carlos Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (SW Team 4). IMT is also managing Valley incident. Fifteen miles northeast of San Carlos, AZ. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Valley**, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Six miles northeast of San Carlos, AZ. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing, flanking and smoldering. Road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Cub**, Gila NF, USFS. Fifteen miles southeast of Mogollon, NM. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Polles**, Tonto NF, USFS. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (SW Team 2) back to the local unit will occur today. Thirteen miles west of Payson, AZ. Brush, short grass and slash. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Trementina Canyon**, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry Division. Fifteen miles northwest of Trementina, NM. Tall grass. Active fire behavior.

**Bighorn**, Coronado NF, USFS. Five miles northeast of Tucson, AZ. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Mangum**, Kaibab NF, USFS. Twenty-four miles southeast of Fredonia, AZ. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Vics Peak**, Cibola NF, USFS. Thirty miles north of Truth or Consequences, NM. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and creeping. Road, trail and area closure in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Tadpole**, Gila NF, USFS. Twelve miles north of Silver City, NM. Timber, brush and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Bringham**, Apache-Sitgreaves NF, USFS. Twenty-two miles north of Morenci, AZ. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Yankee Joe**, Tonto NF, USFS. Twenty miles north of Globe, AZ. Brush and tall grass. No new information.

**Ojo de Los Casos**, Cibola NF, USFS. Twenty miles southeast of Albuquerque, NM. Timber, brush and short grass. No new information.

**Monument**, Northern District, Arizona DOF. Thirty miles northwest of Ash Fork, AZ. Brush and short grass. No new information.

**Chiltepines**, Tucson District, Arizona DOF. Forty-six miles southwest of Tucson, AZ. 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			
Blue River 2	AZ-SCA	27,500	---	0	Ctn	7/19	65	---	3	2	1	0	150K	BIA
Valley	AZ-SCA	509	-472	45	Ctn	7/18	137	83	6	5	1	0	500K	BIA
Cub	NM-GNF	23,216	0	25	Ctn	7/25	44	10	3	0	0	0	200K	FS
Polles	AZ-TNF	628	0	92	Ctn	7/16	177	-58	3	2	7	0	4.9M	FS
Trementina Canyon	NM-N4S	825	325	30	Ctn	7/17	46	11	1	5	0	0	180K	ST
Bighorn	AZ-CNF	119,741	200	89	Ctn	7/21	68	2	0	5	1	2	44.2M	FS
Mangum	AZ-KNF	71,450	0	95	Ctn	7/24	12	-4	0	2	0	4	21.1M	FS
Vics Peak	NM-CIF	14,624	-24	53	Ctn	7/31	31	0	2	0	1	1	2.9M	FS
Tadpole	NM-GNF	11,159	0	95	Ctn	7/18	16	-3	0	2	1	0	3.9M	FS
Bringham	AZ-ASF	23,142	0	85	Ctn	7/31	0	-1	0	0	0	2	9.4M	FS
Yankee Joe	AZ-TNF	425	---	25	Ctn	7/20	16	--	0	2	0	0	20K	FS
Ojo de Los Casos	NM-CIF	180	---	59	Ctn	7/17	54	--	1	1	0	0	1.2M	FS
Monument	AZ-A1S	1,785	---	30	Ctn	7/20	42	--	1	2	0	0	390K	ST
Chiltepines	AZ-A3S	334	---	75	Ctn	UNK	1	--	0	0	0	0	50K	ST

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

Jackson	AZ-GID	2,436	293	10	Comp	7/24	154	20	5	2	2	0	523K	BLM
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GID –Gila District, BLM

### **Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	14
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Big Summit**, Ely District, BLM. IMT 2 (GB Team 5) mobilizing. Seventeen miles northeast of Panaca, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with running and flanking. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Turkey Farm Road**, Southwest Area, Utah DOF. Four miles north of St. George, UT. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running and torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Veyo West**, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. One mile west of Veyo, UT. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and smoldering. Communities of Veyo and Central threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**\* Pole Canyon**, Northwest Area, Utah DOF. Three miles southwest of Cedar Fort, UT. Timber, chaparral and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with running, crowning and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Big Summit	NV-ELD	5,076	1,076	10	Ctn	7/20	363	81	11	12	7	1	1.5M	BLM
Turkey Farm Road	UT-SWS	11,993	293	25	Ctn	7/31	142	47	4	4	9	1	5.6M	ST

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Veyo West	UT-CCD	2,618	-232	20	Ctn	7/20	275	72	9	17	0	7	894K	BLM
* Pole Canyon	UT-NWS	300	---	0	Ctn	7/31	72	---	1	9	1	0	150K	ST

### Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 34  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Fawn Creek**, White River Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (RM Team Blue). IMT is also managing Stewart incident. Twenty-six miles southwest of Meeker, CO. Timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and short-range spotting. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened.

\* **Stewart**, White River Field Office, BLM. Twenty-two miles southwest of Meeker, CO. Timber, brush and slash. Moderate fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

**Neiber**, Wind River/Bighorn Basin District, BLM. Seven miles south of Worland, WY. Brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior. Energy infrastructure and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

**CO-RGD-001206**, Royal Gorge Field Office, BLM. Four miles west of Canon City, CO. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Goose Creek**, Rio Grande NF, USFS. Fourteen miles southeast of Creede, CO. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Sand Creek**, San Juan NF, USFS. Twenty miles northwest of Pagosa Springs, CO. Timber and slash. Minimal fire behavior. Trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Streeter**, Moffat County. Thirteen miles northeast of Meeker, CO. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Sage-grouse habitat threatened. Last 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			
Fawn Creek	CO-WRD	3,130	530	5	Ctn	7/20	85	4	2	2	0	0	500K	BLM
* Stewart	CO-WRD	212	---	0	Ctn	7/21	73	---	3	4	0	0	100K	BLM
Neiber	WY-WBD	8,000	7,250	0	Ctn	7/18	188	122	2	11	3	0	150K	BLM
CO-RGD-001206	CO-RGD	303	0	90	Ctn	7/17	35	0	1	1	0	0	800K	BLM
Goose Creek	CO-RGF	171	0	75	Ctn	8/15	16	-1	0	1	1	0	1.5M	FS
Sand Creek	CO-SJF	107	0	20	Ctn	8/31	10	0	0	0	0	0	3M	FS
Streeter	CO-MFX	1,639	0	90	Comp	UNK	6	0	0	2	0	0	360K	C&L

### Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 32  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Mineral**, Fresno-Kings Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Cal Fire Team 2). Nine miles west of Coalinga, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with running and short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closure in effect.

\* **Coyote**, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Ten miles west of Panoche, CA. Brush and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with long-range spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Mineral	CA-FKU	14,300	6,400	15	Ctn	7/24	922	367	13	94	11	0	1.6M	ST
* Coyote	CA-BEU	1,400	---	20	Ctn	7/22	141	---	3	18	2	2	150K	ST

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires:	5
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	2

**Seventy-Six**, Big Horn County. Started on private land 40 miles south of Ashland, MT. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and backing.

\* **Black Butte**, Rosebud County. Started on private land four miles north of Rosebud, MT. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running and spotting. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Seventy-Six	MT-LG22	1,010	610	50	Ctn	7/17	35	12	0	10	1	0	65K	PRI
* Black Butte	MT-LG29	423	---	0	Ctn	7/17	6	---	0	2	0	0	300K	PRI

### Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	11
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4

**Buffalo Creek**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Seventeen miles south of Brownwood, TX. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened.

**Gate 5**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Eighteen miles northeast of Brady, TX. Brush and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior with running, torching and spotting. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened.

**Blue Creek**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on NPS land 20 miles southeast of Dumas, TX. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

**Game Ranch**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Twenty-six miles southwest of Abilene, TX. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with creeping and single tree torching.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Buffalo Creek	TX-TXS	3,507	1,007	80	Ctn	7/18	15	-40	0	3	0	4	NR	ST
Gate 5	TX-TXS	4,500	700	40	Ctn	7/18	60	7	0	12	0	0	NR	ST
Blue Creek	TX-TXS	4,355	0	90	Ctn	7/17	21	-62	0	3	0	0	NR	NPS

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Game Ranch	TX-TXS	3,000	1,500	80	Ctn	7/17	22	-22	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Lighting West	TX-TXS	6,510	0	100	Ctn	---	16	6	0	5	0	0	NR	PRI
Waldrop	TX-TXS	1,097	597	100	Ctn	---	0	-30	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

### Alaska Area (PL 1)

New fires: 4  
 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			
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Sheenjek River	AK-UYD	5,505	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	143K	FWS
Bearpaw Mountain	AK-TAD	700	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	NPS
Coleen	AK-UYD	1,542	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	BLM
Billy Hawk Creek	AK-GAD	2,240	---	95	Comp	9/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	6K	FWS
Wapoo Creek 2	AK-GAD	1,693	---	95	Comp	9/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
Tivehvun Lake	AK-UYD	829	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	FWS
Old Lost	AK-UYD	477	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FWS
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

UYD – Upper Yukon Zone, BLM    TAD – Tanana 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	1	0	0	3	0	4
	ACRES	0	16	0	0	37	0	53
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	4	3	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	6	7
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	17	2	19
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	30	2	32
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	22	0	22
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,026	0	1,026
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	5	1	0	7	1	14
	ACRES	0	32	63	0	352	1	448
Southwest Area	FIREs	4	0	0	0	0	5	9
	ACRES	5	0	0	0	0	7	12
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	1	16	0	0	10	7	34
	ACRES	0	8,895	0	0	99	2	8,996
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	290	0	290
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>8,943</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10,882</b>

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	130	0	0	156	15	301
	ACRES	0	45,057	0	0	131,467	25	176,548
Northwest Area	FIREs	149	93	36	2	536	239	1,055
	ACRES	2,146	3,338	9,848	0	12,123	263	27,718
Northern California Area	FIREs	7	19	1	15	1,742	196	1,980
	ACRES	2	1,822	0	2	19,056	540	21,422
Southern California Area	FIREs	17	72	3	11	2,487	305	2,895
	ACRES	28	695	1	1,094	20,056	1,850	23,724
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	583	20	4	0	418	121	1,146
	ACRES	3,876	133	780	0	17,543	375	22,707
Great Basin Area	FIREs	25	431	16	31	560	126	1,189
	ACRES	121.5	259,837	64	65	69,005	32,298	361,391
Southwest Area	FIREs	543	163	14	20	424	761	1,925
	ACRES	40,791	12,714	1,803	87	41,293	513,727	610,415
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	274	188	10	7	554	285	1,318
	ACRES	3,149	17,529	365	47	79,132	3,184	103,406
Eastern Area	FIREs	329	0	33	9	6,051	382	6,804
	ACRES	297	0	3,278	52	20,619	1,585	25,831
Southern Area	FIREs	244	86	23	41	8,929	295	9,618
	ACRES	18,479	404	3,419	32,835	280,240	22,785	358,162
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2,171</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>21,857</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>28,231</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>68,889</b>	<b>341,529</b>	<b>19,558</b>	<b>34,182</b>	<b>690,533</b>	<b>576,633</b>	<b>1,731,324</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)</b>	<b>31,322</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)</b>	<b>3,217,510</b>

\*\*\*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	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	40	0	40
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>

\*\*\*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	1	3	204	676
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	18	6,979
ALBERTA	0	0	393	753,589
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	2	56	14,158
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	86	42,056
MANITOBA	0	0	82	45,349
ONTARIO	1	1	362	5,358
QUEBEC	5	2,338	609	67,533
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	43	1,013
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	315	1,138
NOVA SCOTIA	1	0	118	643
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	9	8
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	26	77
TOTALS	9	2,344	2,321	938,576

\*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Predictive Services Discussion:** With the Four Corners High elongated and positioned over the southern Great Plains and the Southeast, stronger monsoonal surges of moisture will move into Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, North Texas, and Oklahoma and will allow for scattered storms to develop. On the periphery of the plume, isolated dry storms will continue across central Utah. Isolated dry storms will also be possible across the Northern Sierra and in northeastern Nevada. Breezy and dry conditions will continue across the Columbia Basin as another weak and dry cold front passes. In the East, hot and humid conditions will continue as the Four Corners high lingers. Scattered storms will be possible along the Appalachian Mountains as a cold front passes.

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



## Managing Vehicle Traffic In Smoke

Vehicles/Roads Category

Smoke has the potential to cause safety hazards to vehicle traffic in the vicinity of active fires (both wildfires and prescribed), especially at night. The following traffic-related items should be considered and addressed in local unit planning documents prior to an incident/project.

- Identification, location, and phone numbers of local units that have law enforcement and traffic control responsibilities in the smoke-impacted areas. Review any local agreements with those agencies presently in place.
- Identification of important, public roads that may be impacted by smoke.
- Identification of adequate equipment and trained personnel to control traffic. This may include warning signs, communications equipment (preferably not using the active fire frequency), and vehicles equipped with warning or flashing lights.
- Identification and phone numbers of radio and television stations that can issue traffic advisories for the smoke-impacted area.
- Identification of alternative traffic routes as part of the incident/project traffic plan.
- Identification of traffic routes subject to temperature inversions, as well as contributory factors such as fog and ice.
- When potential smoke-related problems are identified:
  - Advise the Incident Commander, Burn Boss, or Agency Administrator that severe smoke exists.
  - Notify local law enforcement units and highway departments of a potential problem.
  - Implement preplanned actions such as posting smoke warning signs.
  - Ensure that proper equipment is ready and appropriate personnel are briefed on contingency plans and are available to control traffic.

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

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