

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, September 29, 2021 – 0730 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity:**

Initial attack activity:	Light (63 fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: ***	41
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	12

Nationally, there are 34 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.

Two MAFFS from the 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing (Colorado Air Force Reserve), one MAFFS from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing (Wyoming Air National Guard) and one from the 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing (California Air National Guard) have been deployed to McClellan, CA to support wildland fire operations nationally.

One RC-26 aircraft with Distributed Real-Time Infrared (DRTI) capability and support personnel from the 141<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing (Washington Air National Guard) has been deployed to Sacramento, CA in support of wildland fire operations. Also supporting this aircraft are four ground controllers from multiple U.S. Air National Guard squadrons.

Active Incident Resource Summary							
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel	Change in Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	13	614,356	56	93	14	2,636	-511
ONCC	7	1,854,110	150	490	57	7,444	-177
OSCC	3	162,588	110	213	36	4,259	35
NRCC	22	375,920	23	91	16	1,324	-2
GBCC	2	85,604	3	1	3	103	-36
SWCC	2	1,691	2	3	0	59	0
RMCC	3	10,112	1	3	4	75	-46
EACC	1	26,797	0	4	0	85	-20
SACC	9	3,899	1	42	1	110	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>3,135,077</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>16,095</b>	<b>-747</b>

**Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	5
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	7
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

**Fawn**, Shasta-Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Cal Fire Team 4) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Two miles northeast of Shasta Lake City, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Several communities, residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Caldor**, Eldorado NF, USFS. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (CA Team 12) to IMT 2 (CA Team 13) will occur today. Sixteen miles northeast of Plymouth, CA. Timber, light slash and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Several communities, numerous structures and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Dixie**, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 2 (RM Team Black) and IMT 2 (SA Gold Team). IMT 2 (GB Team 3) mobilizing. Fifteen miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

**River Complex**, Klamath NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 15). Nine miles southwest of Etna, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering, creeping and backing. Several communities, numerous structures and infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Monument**, Shasta-Trinity NF, USFS. IMT 1 (SA Red Team). One mile southwest of Del Loma, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Community of Trinity Village, numerous structures and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**McCash**, Six Rivers NF, USFS. IMT 1 (AK Team 1). Fourteen miles northeast of Somes Bar, CA. Timber, closed timber litter and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Antelope**, Klamath NF, USFS. Twenty miles northeast of McCloud, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and backing. Structures threatened. Area, 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			
Fawn	CA-SHU	8,595	18	70	Ctn	10/4	1,639	-157	46	160	8	185	18.7M	ST
Caldor	CA-ENF	221,774	0	76	Ctn	10/16	1,527	47	29	112	10	1,003	237M	FS
Dixie	CA-BTU	963,309	0	94	Ctn	10/30	1,618	-109	25	98	9	1,329	592M	ST
River Complex	CA-KNF	198,555	0	69	Ctn	11/1	938	36	23	27	15	122	77.2M	FS
Monument	CA-SHF	223,001	-1,102	72	Ctn	11/1	796	47	13	45	5	50	152M	FS
McCash	CA-SRF	93,244	0	53	Ctn	10/31	608	12	9	29	8	0	38.3M	FS
Antelope	CA-KNF	145,632	0	95	Ctn	10/7	318	-8	5	19	2	18	67.4M	FS

### **Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	6
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2

**KNP Complex** (2 fires), Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, NPS. IMT 1 (SW Team 2). Nine miles northeast of Three Rivers, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and isolated torching. Numerous residences and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Windy**, Tule River Fire Department, BIA. IMT 1 (CA Team 5). Twenty-two miles east of Porterville, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and single tree torching. Several communities, numerous structures and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, 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			
KNP Complex	CA-KNP	48,344	1,368	8	Ctn	10/15	1,802	-20	42	78	17	0	22.4M	NPS
Windy	CA-TIA	87,709	1,207	6	Ctn	10/14	2,393	-9	67	133	18	24	32.3M	BIA
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Tiltill	CA-YNP	2,350	---	90	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	290K	NPS

YNP – Yosemite NP, NPS

### **Northwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	2
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	13
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

**Schneider Springs**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NW Team 10). Eighteen miles northwest of Naches, WA. Short grass, timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Cougar Peak**, Fremont-Winema NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NW Team 12). Fifteen miles northwest of Lakeview, OR. Timber, brush and medium slash. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Devil's Knob Complex**, Umpqua NF, USFS. IMT 1 (PNW Team 2). Twenty miles northeast of Azalea, OR. Timber and hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Rough Patch Complex** (4 fires), Umpqua NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NW Team 7). IMT is also managing the Jack incident. Eighteen miles southwest of Oakridge, OR. Closed timber litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Jack**, Umpqua NF, USFS. Thirty-one miles east of Roseburg, OR. Closed timber litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Bull Complex**, Mt. Hood NF, USFS. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (NW Team 13) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Twenty-five miles northeast of Mill City, OR. Timber and closed timber litter. Minimal fire

behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Twenty-five Mile**, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF, USFS. Twelve miles northwest of Chelan, WA. Short grass, brush and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Middle Fork Complex** (2 fires), Willamette NF, USFS. Nine miles northeast of Oakridge, OR. Timber and light slash. No new information.

**The Bone Place**, Colville Agency, BIA. Fourteen miles east of Keller, WA. Timber and short 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			
Schneider Springs	WA-OWF	107,118	0	55	Ctn	10/31	393	-29	7	22	2	0	50.5M	FS
Cougar Peak	OR-FWF	91,730	0	80	Ctn	10/5	634	-172	17	21	1	10	23.5M	FS
Devils Knob Complex	OR-UPF	70,110	0	58	Ctn	10/31	442	-81	10	14	1	1	56.2M	FS
Rough Patch Complex	OR-UPF	50,426	0	64	Ctn	10/31	360	-120	9	9	3	0	45M	FS
Jack	OR-UPF	24,165	0	75	Ctn	10/31	4	0	0	1	0	0	43.9M	FS
Bull Complex	OR-MHF	24,894	0	20	Ctn	10/30	303	-59	5	3	2	1	30.8M	FS
Twenty-five Mile	WA-OWF	22,117	0	62	Ctn	10/30	64	-3	1	2	1	14	30.7M	FS
Middle Fork Complex	OR-WIF	30,928	---	55	Ctn	10/31	209	---	1	4	1	0	53.7M	FS
The Bone Place	WA-COA	300	---	65	Ctn	9/29	127	---	4	8	2	2	250K	BIA
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Pincer Creek	WA-MSF	980	---	0	Comp	10/1	1	---	0	0	0	0	92K	FS
Bear Creek	WA-NCP	857	---	10	Comp	10/1	2	---	0	0	0	0	95K	NPS
Moraine Lake	WA-NCP	164	---	10	Comp	10/1	1	---	0	0	0	0	20K	NPS
Nason	WA-OWF	1,321	98	90	Comp	10/15	2	0	0	0	0	0	300K	FS

MSF – Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF, USFS    NCP – North Cascades National Park, NPS

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

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

**Haystack**, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS. IMT 2 (GB Team 4). IMT is also managing the Placer incident. Ten miles northeast of Butte, MT. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

\* **Placer**, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS. Eleven miles east of Butte, MT. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching.

**Trail Creek**, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NR Team 4). IMT is also managing the Alder Creek incident. Twenty miles west of Wisdom, MT. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Alder Creek**, Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS. Seven miles west of Wise River, MT. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Horsethief**, Billings Field Office, BLM. Seven miles west of Roundup, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Residences threatened.

**Highway 16 North**, Roosevelt County. Five miles north of Culbertson, MT. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

\* **Four Sisters**, Chouteau County. Five miles south of Geraldine, MT. Short grass. Active fire behavior.

**Cougar Rock Complex** (3 fires), Clearwater Potlach Timber Protective Association, IDL. Seventeen miles northeast of Elk River, ID. Light slash and timber. Minimal fire behavior.

**American Fork**, Helena-Lewis and Clark NF, USFS. Twenty-four miles southwest of Harlowton, MT. Short grass, timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Stateline Complex** (7 fires), Idaho Panhandle NF, USFS. Twenty-two miles southwest of Superior, MT. Closed timber litter, timber and light slash. Minimal fire behavior. Area, road and trail 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			
Haystack	MT-BDF	16,189	892	41	Comp	10/31	417	-25	9	13	4	3	5.6M	FS
* Placer	MT-BDF	107	---	57	Comp	10/31	3	---	0	0	0	0	115K	FS
Trail Creek	MT-BDF	57,325	0	75	Comp	11/1	478	3	11	27	4	0	30.8M	FS
Alder Creek	MT-BDF	36,538	218	45	Comp	11/1	39	0	0	3	4	1	31.3M	FS
Horsethief	MT-BID	305	0	95	Ctn	9/30	33	-5	0	6	0	1	120K	BLM
Highway 16 North	MT-LG17	2,210	10	95	Ctn	10/3	9	0	0	4	0	0	46K	CNTY
* Four Sisters	MT-LG19	400	---	0	Ctn	10/4	42	---	0	15	2	0	30K	CNTY
Cougar Rock Complex	ID-CTS	8,207	0	77	Ctn	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
American Fork	MT-HLF	21,892	0	77	Ctn	10/15	32	0	0	0	0	0	10.3M	FS
Stateline Complex	ID-IPF	13,199	0	50	Ctn	11/1	46	-6	0	0	0	0	21.3M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Robertson Draw	MT-CGF	29,885	---	95	Comp	10/1	8	---	0	0	0	30	14.3M	FS
Dry Cabin	MT-LNF	3,600	---	0	Comp	10/10	6	---	0	0	0	0	180K	FS
Swanson Creek	ID-NCF	1,010	---	40	Comp	10/10	4	---	0	1	0	0	300K	FS
Storm Theatre Complex	ID-NCF	22,370	---	65	Comp	10/15	5	---	0	0	0	0	1.8M	FS
Trestle Creek Complex	ID-IPF	6,631	---	79	Comp	10/15	25	---	0	0	0	0	14.1M	FS
Cabin Creek	ID-IPF	146	---	0	Comp	10/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	500K	FS
Dixie	ID-NCF	43,778	---	63	Comp	10/30	26	---	1	2	0	0	29.1M	FS
Lynx	ID-NCF	11,734	---	0	Comp	10/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	275K	FS
Jumbo	ID-NCF	3,269	---	46	Comp	10/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	100K	FS

CGF – Custer Gallatin NF, USFS    LNF – Lolo NF, USFS    NCF – Nez Perce-Clearwater NF, USFS

New fires:	8
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2

**Crater Ridge**, Bighorn NF, USFS. Thirty-one miles west of Sheridan, WY. Timber, heavy slash and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

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

CQX – Chautauqua County MRF – Medicine Bow-Routt NF and Thunder Basin National Grassland, USFS  
WRF – White River NF, USFS

New fires:	2
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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Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Boundary	ID-SCF	84,138	2,531	58	Comp	10/30	102	-28	3	1	3	4	10.6M	FS
Southern Bench	NV-NTE	21,000	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	DOE
Tamarack	NV-HTF	68,637	---	84	Comp	10/15	16	---	0	1	1	25	34.8M	FS
Rush Creek	ID-PAF	9,549	---	83	Comp	10/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	375K	FS
Club	ID-PAF	4,008	---	67	Comp	10/15	0	----	0	0	0	0	333K	FS
Vinegar	ID-PAF	2,998	---	84	Comp	10/15	5	---	0	0	0	0	276K	FS
Mud Lick	ID-SCF	20,856	---	70	Comp	10/19	1	---	0	0	0	0	25M	FS

NTE – Nevada National Security Site, DOD    HTF – Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, USFS    PAF – Payette NF, USFS

### **Eastern Area (PL 2)**

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

**Greenwood**, Superior NF, USFS. Ten miles southwest of Isabella, MN. Brush, closed timber litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, 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			
Greenwood	MN-SUF	26,797		80	Ctn	10/14	85	-20	0	4	0	71	21.8M	FS

### **Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 34  
New large incidents: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Irving**, Wewoka Agency, BIA. Five miles southwest of Cromwell, OK. Timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running and spotting. Structures threatened. 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			
Irving	OK-WEA	911	-189	60	Ctn	10/5	71	11	1	25	1	1	100K	BIA

**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	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	82	4,681	4,763
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	1	6
	ACRES	2,548	0	0	0	0	13,115	15,663
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3,057	3,057
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	292	0	292
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	2	4	8
	ACRES	9	0	0	0	5	83	97
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	30	1	34
	ACRES	49	0	0	0	50	0	99
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>2,606</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>20,936</b>	<b>23,973</b>

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	116	0	0	249	19	<b>384</b>
	ACRES	0	157,619	0	0	95,732	6	<b>253,357</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	209	289	33	17	2,124	642	<b>3,314</b>
	ACRES	148,049	6,116	13,294	1,041	167,345	758,468	<b>1,094,313</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	61	38	5	23	2,956	517	<b>3,600</b>
	ACRES	286	296	351	12,566	448,686	1,187,734	<b>1,649,919</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	20	117	12	87	3,709	547	<b>4,492</b>
	ACRES	14,998	6,804	199	56,754	20,424	141,657	<b>240,836</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	1,293	99	23	5	1,466	778	<b>3,664</b>
	ACRES	121,489	31,692	2,755	51	459,595	398,287	<b>1,013,869</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	51	761	54	30	858	567	<b>2,321</b>
	ACRES	3,324	78,640	10	1,703	91,561	184,266	<b>359,504</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	656	199	10	35	357	971	<b>2,228</b>
	ACRES	26,509	83,982	1,748	3,367	33,335	494,041	<b>642,982</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	681	443	6	27	703	377	<b>2,237</b>
	ACRES	10,428	26,280	1,260	1,118	119,521	33,683	<b>192,290</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	566	0	51	32	7,541	469	<b>8,659</b>
	ACRES	12,730	0	14,381	1,174	35,189	43,795	<b>107,269</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	462	0	59	43	14,216	412	<b>15,192</b>
	ACRES	30,200	0	11,882	8,497	274,708	27,658	<b>352,945</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,999</b>	<b>2,062</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>34,179</b>	<b>5,299</b>	<b>46,091</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>368,013</b>	<b>391,429</b>	<b>45,881</b>	<b>86,271</b>	<b>1,746,097</b>	<b>3,269,596</b>	<b>5,907,288</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2011 – 2020 as of today)</b>	<b>46,489</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2011 – 2020 as of today)</b>	<b>6,568,191</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/>

**Predictive Services Discussion:** An upper-level trough over the Intermountain West will weaken with a cut-off low beginning to form over the Southwest. Another upper trough is forecast to arrive in the Northwest in the afternoon and evening. Upper ridging will extend from the Southeast through the western Great Lakes with an upper low near New England and troughing into the Mid-Atlantic. A cold front will slowly move east across the Plains with the front stalling over the Southwest. A Pacific cold front will move into western Washington overnight. Brisk north to northwest winds are expected behind the cold front over the Front Range of the Rockies into eastern Montana, eastern Wyoming, and the adjacent High Plains. Locally gusty northeast winds are also likely in Santa Barbara County in southern California. Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms are likely across the Plains to the Mississippi River along and ahead of the cold front. Scattered thunderstorms are forecast over the Four Corners area, most numerous over the Colorado Rockies. Rain will move into western Washington overnight with heavy rain possible for the Olympics.

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



## ESCAPE ROUTES – Part 3

Operational Engagement Category

A primary objective of every operational fire plan is to keep firefighters out of entrapment situations. However, firefighters must always be prepared to escape quickly to a safety zone or deployment area. Consider the following while discussing escape from possible entrapment.

- Have a plan that includes trigger points.
  - **Trigger Point:** An observable event that triggers a pre-determined action. Example: If the temperature reaches 98 °F and relative humidity (RH) goes into single digits, the crew will follow the established escape route to the safety zone.
- Reassess escape routes throughout the operational period.
  - Does access to escape routes become more difficult as the day progresses?
  - Do you have more than one escape route?
  - Are all escape routes clearly marked?
  - Are all firefighters familiar with the escape routes?
- During an escape, time will be short. Describe considerations in this situation such as:
  - Maintain all critical equipment such as personal protective equipment (PPE) and radio. Discard gear that will not aid in your escape.
  - Maintain contact with all other crewmembers.
- Describe a good safety zone. How is that different from a deployment area?
- You should always know the location of your escape routes leading to safety zones and deployment areas.

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