

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, August 2, 2022 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (127 fires)
New large incidents:	7
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	22
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6
***Complex IMTs committed:	1

***Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMTs) are configured to respond to large, complex fires and can expand and reduce staffing in all functional areas as necessary to meet the needs of the incident.

Nationally, there are 59 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.

One RC-26 aircraft with Distributed Real-Time Infrared (DRTI) capability and support personnel from the 141st Air Refueling Wing (Washington Air National Guard) have been deployed to Boise, ID. One RC-26 aircraft with Distributed Real-Time Infrared (DRTI) capability and support personnel from the 162nd Operations Group (Arizona Air National Guard) have been deployed to St. George, UT in support of wildland fire operations.

Active Incident Resource Summary							
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel	Change in Personnel
AICC	9	857,827	9	2	6	377	-37
NWCC	4	6,525	6	30	2	232	147
ONCC	4	64,328	40	127	10	1,482	715
OSCC	2	24,130	77	215	16	3,209	-475
NRCC	9	17,900	19	74	12	885	66
GBCC	8	80,933	28	73	13	1,284	62
SWCC	5	345,452	12	11	1	604	-61
RMCC	6	36,314	13	68	14	751	258
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	21	39,884	0	27	2	244	-137
Total	68	1,473,294	204	627	76	9,068	538

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	30
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

McKinney, Klamath NF, USFS. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (CA Team 10) to IMT 1 (CA Team 2) will occur today. Fifteen miles northwest of Yreka, CA. Timber, tall grass and brush. Active fire behavior with flanking, short-range spotting and backing. Numerous residences and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

China 2, Klamath NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 10). Eight miles northeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and group torching. Numerous structures and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
McKinney	CA-KNF	55,493	2,995	0	Ctn	8/30	1,363	715	35	121	10	0	2.3M	FS
China 2	CA-KNF	1,989	337	0	Ctn	8/31	112	0	5	4	0	0	1.5M	FS

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires:	11
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2

Moose, Salmon-Challis NF, USFS. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (GB Team 2) to IMT 1 (GB Team 1) will occur tomorrow. Seventeen miles north of Salmon, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, flanking and torching. Numerous structures and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Dodge Springs, Ely District, BLM. Thirty-eight miles north of Mesquite, NV. Short grass, brush and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching.

Heath Canyon, Ely District, BLM. Twenty miles southwest of Lund, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Woodtick, Salmon-Challis NF, USFS. Twenty-seven miles northwest of Challis, ID. Timber, short grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping and backing. Structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Dismal**, Payette NF, USFS. Thirty-seven miles northeast of Yellow Pine, ID. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, flanking and torching. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

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		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Moose	ID-SCF	56,049	7,515	23	Ctn	8/30	1,055	95	24	59	10	6	18.3M	FS
Dodge Springs	NV-ELD	5,644	0	99	Ctn	8/2	24	-10	1	0	0	0	3.9M	BLM

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		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Heath Canyon	NV-ELD	423	0	45	Ctn	8/8	9	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														
Woodtick	ID-SCF	4,130	1,130	18	Comp	9/15	116	11	3	5	2	0	800K	FS
* Dismal	ID-PAF	475	---	0	Comp	10/15	9	---	0	0	0	0	20K	FS
Halfway Hill	UT-SCS	11,701	0	83	Comp	9/15	31	-29	0	3	0	2	11.5M	ST
Goshute	NV-EKD	1,966	---	90	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	3.2M	BLM
Wolf Fang	ID-SCF	768	---	0	Comp	10/1	1	---	0	0	0	0	30K	FS

SCS – South Central Area, Utah DOF EKD – Elko District, BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

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

Elmo, Flathead Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (NR Team 7). Eight miles west of Elmo, MT. Grass and timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, backing and flanking. Residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

* **Weasel**, Kootenai NF, USFS. Fourteen miles northeast of Eureka, MT. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, group torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

Hop Creek, Golden Valley County. Forty miles northwest of Billings, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened.

Hog Trough, Bitterroot NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NR Team 5) mobilizing. Seventeen miles southeast of Hamilton, MT. Closed timber litter, timber and heavy slash. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and isolated torching. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

* **Harms Rd**, Golden Valley County. Eighteen miles northeast of Ryegate, MT. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Elmo	MT-FHA	12,975	2,052	10	Ctn	8/20	298	5	5	30	2	0	894K	BIA
* Weasel	MT-KNF	150	---	0	Ctn	9/30	60	---	1	4	2	0	30K	FS
Hop Creek	MT-LG53	2,200	0	80	Ctn	8/3	94	22	0	24	0	0	350K	CNTY
Hog Trough	MT-BRF	731	96	9	Comp	10/15	247	28	7	4	8	0	2.5M	FS
* Harms Rd	MT-LG53	800	---	50	Ctn	8/2	18	---	0	6	0	0	10K	CNTY

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

Clover	MT-BDF	955	121	24	Comp	10/30	80	-25	3	2	0	0	1.1M	FS
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BDF – Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires:	12
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	4
Complex IMTs committed:	1

* **Fish**, Crook County. Seven miles south of Sundance, WY. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, torching and spotting. Structures and infrastructure threatened.

Sugarloaf, Medicine Bow – Routt NF, Thunder Basin National Grassland, USFS. CIMT (RM Team 3). Twenty-five miles northwest of Wheatland, WY. Timber, short grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and single tree torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Carter Canyon, Nebraska Forest Service. Seven miles southwest of Gerling, NE. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching, backing and smoldering. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Cow Creek**, Wyoming State Forestry. Sixty-one miles northeast of Casper, WY. Tall grass and brush. Active fire behavior with running.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Fish	WY-CRX	750	---	0	Ctn	8/20	142	---	2	19	4	0	1M	C&L
Sugarloaf	WY-MRF	553	30	19	Ctn	8/17	454	36	9	16	7	0	3.9M	FS
Carter Canyon	NE-NES	15,592	2,541	30	Ctn	8/8	91	91	0	20	3	12	750K	ST
* Cow Creek	WY-WYS	6,000	---	5	Ctn	8/2	20	---	0	4	0	0	NR	ST

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:	12
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1

Oak, Mariposa-Merced Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Cal Fire Team 5). Five miles northeast of Mariposa, CA. Tall grass, chaparral and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Several communities, residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Washburn, Yosemite NP, NPS. Three miles southeast of Wawona, CA. Timber, closed timber litter and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Oak	CA-MMU	19,244	0	74	Ctn	8/6	3,138	-475	75	211	16	194	53.6M	ST
Washburn	CA-YNP	4,886	0	97	Ctn	8/6	71	0	2	4	0	0	35.9M	NPS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	30
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Windigo, Umpqua NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NW Team 6). IMT is also managing the Potter fire. Twenty miles southwest of LaPine, OR. Timber, medium slash and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, creeping and single tree torching. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Potter, Willamette NF, USFS. Forty-six miles southwest of LaPine, OR. Timber and medium slash. No new information.

* **Vantage Highway**, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Five miles west of Vantage, WA. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, flanking and uphill runs. Residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Windigo	OR-UPF	1,300	-200	0	Ctn	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3M	FS
Potter	OR-WIF	400	---	0	Ctn	10/30	43	---	2	0	2	0	NR	FS
* Vantage Highway	WA-SES	4,500	---	10	Ctn	8/8	109	---	3	14	0	0	150K	ST
* Big Rattlesnake	OR-VAD	425	---	100	Ctn	---	38	---	1	5	0	0	250K	BLM

VAD – Vale District, BLM

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires:	16
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1

Chalk Mountain, Texas A&M Forest Service. IMT 1 (SA Blue Team). Started on private land five miles southwest of Glen Rose, TX. Timber, tall grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering, creeping and backing. Residences and energy infrastructure threatened.

115 Meers, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles northwest of Meers, OK. Brush, timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Residences threatened.

Boldt, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 10 miles northwest of Victoria, TX. Grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Chalk Mountain	TX-TXS	6,755	0	93	Ctn	8/2	150	-51	0	4	1	17	6.5M	PRI
115 Meers	OK-OKS	7,542	0	90	Ctn	8/2	11	-78	0	5	0	0	120K	ST
Boldt	TX-TXS	327	0	90	Ctn	UNK	14	0	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI

Alaska Area (PL 2)

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

Bean Complex (3 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (NR Team 4) back to the local unit will occur on 8/4. Started on state land 100 miles west of Fairbanks, AK. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Bean Complex	AK-TAD	197,661	406	98	Comp	10/1	81	-22	0	0	3	0	11.6M	ST
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Dalton Highway Complex	AK-TAD	91,680	0	57	Comp	8/31	6	-15	0	0	0	0	6.8M	BLM
Clear	AK-FAS	72,191	---	77	Comp	UNK	127	---	4	2	2	33	2.6M	ST
Slathtouka	AK-TAD	9,927	---	90	Comp	9/30	14	---	0	0	0	0	2M	BLM
Paradise Complex	AK-TAD	279,326	---	65	Comp	9/1	23	---	1	0	1	0	3M	BLM
Kocacho	AK-UYD	4,135	---	0	Comp	10/1	7	---	0	0	0	0	50K	TRI
Middle Tanana Complex	AK-DAS	62,861	---	0	Comp	10/31	1	---	0	0	0	0	3.4M	ST
Poorman Complex	AK-GAD	140,356	---	0	Comp	UNK	65	---	1	0	0	0	135K	BLM
Tolstine Creek	AK-SWS	6,527	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	20K	ST
Christian	AK-UYD	990	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	TRI
Minnkohwin	AK-TAD	7,382	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Bearman	AK-UYD	596	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	TRI
Goose	AK-UYD	5,533	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Hardscrabble Creek	AK-SWS	2,514	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
AK-TAD-000532	AK-TAD	5,482	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Contact Creek	AK-SWS	10,654	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	25K	NPS
Minto Lakes	AK-FAS	37,554	---	53	Comp	UNK	10	---	0	0	2	0	9.2M	ST
Chalatna	AK-TAD	661	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
East Henshaw	AK-TAD	440	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Little Mud	AK-TAD	10,673	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	TRI
Fort Hamlin Hills	AK-TAD	468	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Middle Fork	AK-FAS	1,245	---	0	Comp	8/15	2	---	0	0	0	0	60K	ST
Eddy Creek	AK-GAD	3,355	---	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	BLM
Tagagawik 2	AK-GAD	620	---	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	BLM
Apoon Pass	AK-GAD	84,138	---	0	Comp	8/10	0	---	0	0	0	0	55K	FWS
Fish Creek	AK-TAD	1,054	---	0	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Adak	AK-SWS	919	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS

FAS – Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF UYD – Upper Yukon Zone, BLM DAS – Delta Area, Alaska DOF
 SWS – Southwest Area, Alaska DOF GAD – Galena Zone, BLM

Southwest Area (PL 2)

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

Hermits Peak, Santa Fe NF, USFS. IMT 2 (SW Team 5). Twelve miles northwest of Las Vegas, NM. Hardwood litter and timber. 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			
Hermits Peak	NM-SNF	341,735	0	98	Ctn	UNK	389	-14	7	3	1	903	289M	F
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Dragon	AZ-GCP	1,362	0	0	Comp	9/1	27	-22	1	1	0	0	900K	NPS
C-3	AZ-TCA	1,378	---	75	Comp	UNK	136	---	2	3	0	0	1.1M	BIA
Keystone	AZ-FTA	451	---	10	Comp	10/1	4	---	0	2	0	0	100K	BIA
Pine Peak	AZ-CRD	1,631	---	25	Comp	8/15	14	---	0	1	1	0	370K	BLM

GCP – Grand Canyon NP, NPS TCA – Truxton Canyon Agency, BIA FTA – Fort Apache Agency, BIA

CRD – Colorado River District, 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	49	0	0	102	0	151
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	2	0	4	11	13	30
	ACRES	0	4	0	0	2	135	141
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	19	9	30
	ACRES	0	68	0	0	9	28,007	28,084
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	2	8	2	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	54	2	56
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	2	0	0	0	9	2	13
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	813	1	815
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	2	1	0	5	3	11
	ACRES	0	8,559	58	0	39	363	9,019
Southwest Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	3	0	0	9	0	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6,697	30	6,727
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	15	1	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	114	58	172
TOTAL FIRES:		3	9	1	6	77	31	127
TOTAL ACRES:		1	8,680	58	0	7,832	28,597	45,169

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	178	0	0	335	29	542
	ACRES	0	1,508,211	0	0	1,560,007	10	3,068,228
Northwest Area	FIREs	107	111	15	15	455	210	913
	ACRES	1,150	43,191	25	1	1,790	890	47,048
Northern California Area	FIREs	6	16	4	7	1,952	163	2,148
	ACRES	2	248	20	43	13,752	59,096	73,162
Southern California Area	FIREs	19	32	7	20	2,584	311	2,973
	ACRES	105	285	102	5,267	18,097	2,011	25,868
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	240	17	3	1	531	151	943
	ACRES	9,424	2,103	207	0	6,321	947	19,003
Great Basin Area	FIREs	22	388	4	26	501	167	1,108
	ACRES	42	34,423	58	29	35,285	90,783	160,621
Southwest Area	FIREs	375	179	3	23	525	687	1,792
	ACRES	42,933	13,308	0	2,711	159,632	759,642	978,228
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	243	217	12	17	910	201	1,600
	ACRES	17,556	4,429	130	596	178,373	9,384	210,469
Eastern Area	FIREs	88	0	20	10	4,898	306	5,322
	ACRES	254	0	680	12	38,630	2,886	42,463
Southern Area	FIREs	685	4	24	61	20,742	578	22,094
	ACRES	98,985	88	5,763	2,924	986,394	38,254	1,132,410
TOTAL FIRES:		1,785	1,142	92	180	33,433	2,803	39,435
TOTAL ACRES:		170,452	1,606,287	6,986	11,584	2,998,284	963,909	5,757,504

Ten Year Average Fires (2012 – 2021 as of today)	34,337
Ten Year Average Acres (2012 – 2021 as of today)	3,621,137

***Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.

***Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <https://qacc.nifc.gov/>

Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO- DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	20	172	461	20,517
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	271	175,204
ALBERTA	14	1	717	111,657
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	184	361,205
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	300	215,268
MANITOBA	0	0	115	133,967
ONTARIO	3	1	167	2,414
QUEBEC	0	0	323	29,573
NEWFOUNDLAND	2	1	63	2,715
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	165	132
NOVA SCOTIA	3	0	106	3,366
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	2	0
NATIONAL PARKS	0	6	49	6,630
TOTALS	43	180	2,959	1,062,648

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Isolated to scattered mixed wet and dry thunderstorms are expected across far northern California, much of Oregon, southern and central Idaho, and southwest Montana into Wyoming. Some thunderstorms and showers are likely to be ongoing early in the morning across these areas and may limit some afternoon thunderstorm development. Relative humidity recovery will be moderate to good as well. Isolated to scattered wetter thunderstorms will develop in the eastern Sierra and across portions of the central Great Basin and greater Four Corners region, but coverage and rainfall are likely to be less than in recent days.

Elevated to critical fire weather conditions are expected this afternoon as gusty westerly sustained winds of 15-25 mph amid minimum relative humidity of 10-25% develop in portions of central and eastern Washington into north-central Oregon and across central and eastern Montana. Winds will likely turn more to the northwest in northern Montana, and dry and breezy conditions may extend into the western Dakotas and northeast Wyoming. Hot, dry, unstable, and potentially breezy conditions are expected on the Plains and in Texas, with widespread temperatures exceeding 100°F.

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



Parking Safely on Slopes

Vehicle/Roads Category

In 2005, three fireline fatalities occurred related to improper parking on slopes.

One each involved a water tender, a fire engine, and a command vehicle. In wildland fire operations, we frequently exit vehicles quickly, but it is imperative that anytime a vehicle is left unattended, time is taken to assure it is parked safely and will not present a hazard to ourselves or others.

Standard operating procedures for parking vehicles safely on slopes are:

- Turn the front wheels uphill or into the inside/embankment.
- Firmly set the emergency brake.
- Put the vehicle in park (if automatic transmission) or in forward gear (if manual transmission); do not leave it in neutral.
- Turn off the engine.
- Chock the wheels. When utilizing chocks, make sure they are on the correct side in reference to the slope. Assure the chocks are approved to hold the weight of the vehicle and will grip on the road surface.
- Be aware of safe parking on slopes during an incident when moving a vehicle frequently. When using engines in pumping operations along a roadway, it is easy to get complacent with procedures. Realize when the vehicle is on a slightly different slope and requires placing chocks differently. It is the driver's responsibility to assure not only that the vehicle is operated safely but is positioned and parked safely.

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