

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

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (128 fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	24
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6
***Complex IMTs committed:	2

***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 Eugene, Oregon in support of wildland fire operations.

Active Incident Resource Summary							
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel	Change in Personnel
AICC	8	857,828	8	2	3	322	-55
NWCC	5	12,673	14	43	1	604	372
ONCC	4	61,296	54	243	15	2,474	992
OSCC	2	24,130	66	185	18	2,870	-339
NRCC	9	21,157	22	57	14	961	76
GBCC	8	83,152	26	62	14	1,171	-113
SWCC	4	345,076	10	12	1	556	-48
RMCC	4	26,764	12	70	13	772	21
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	22	40,697	0	25	5	234	-10
Total	66	1,472,772	212	699	84	9,964	896

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	19
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

McKinney, Klamath NF, USFS. IMT 1 (CA Team 2). Fifteen miles northwest of Yreka, CA. Timber, tall grass and brush. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and group torching. Several communities, numerous residences and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Yeti, Klamath NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 10). Previously reported as China 2. IMT is also managing the Alex fire. Eight miles northeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking, and short-range spotting. Several communities, numerous structures and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area and road closures in effect.

* **Alex**, Klamath NF, USFS. Twenty-two miles northwest of Yreka, CA. Timber and closed timber litter. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and group torching.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
McKinney	CA-KNF	56,459	966	0	Ctn	8/30	1,885	522	40	196	10	0	7M	FS
Yeti	CA-KNF	2,329	340	0	Ctn	8/31	479	367	9	41	5	0	1.6M	FS
* Alex	CA-KNF	140	---	0	Ctn	UNK	103	---	5	1	0	0	150K	FS

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires:	8
New large incidents:	0
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 today. Seventeen miles north of Salmon, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, running and group torching. Numerous structures and energy 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 smoldering.

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.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Moose	ID-SCF	58,168	2,119	20	Ctn	8/30	937	-118	22	48	10	6	22.9M	FS
Dodge Springs	NV-ELD	5,644	0	99	Ctn	UNK	24	0	1	0	0	0	4M	BLM
Heath Canyon	NV-ELD	423	0	55	Ctn	8/6	18	9	0	0	1	0	225K	BLM

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

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Woodtick	ID-SCF	4,230	100	18	Comp	9/15	112	-4	3	5	2	0	875K	FS
Dismal	ID-PAF	475	0	0	Comp	10/15	9	0	0	0	0	0	20K	FS
Halfway Hill	UT-SCS	11,701	---	83	Comp	9/15	31	---	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

PAF – Payette NF, USFS SCS – South Central Area, Utah DOF EKD – Elko District, BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:	9
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
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. Moderate fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

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

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

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Elmo	MT-FHA	16,226	3,251	16	Ctn	8/20	375	77	8	20	3	3	3.7M	BIA
Weasel	MT-KNF	155	5	0	Ctn	9/30	69	9	2	3	2	0	300K	FS
Hog Trough	MT-BRF	731	0	9	Comp	10/15	273	26	7	4	9	0	3M	FS
Hop Creek	MT-LG53	2,200	0	85	Ctn	8/3	94	0	0	24	0	0	400K	CNTY
Harms Rd	MT-LG53	800	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-18	0	0	0	0	10K	CNTY
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Clover	MT-BDF	955	0	24	Comp	10/30	62	-18	2	2	0	0	1.2M	FS

BDF – Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires:	7
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Complex IMTs committed:	2

Fish, Crook County. CIMT (RM Team 1). Seven miles south of Sundance, WY. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching, flanking and backing. Structures and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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 short crown runs, uphill runs and single tree torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Carter Canyon, Nebraska Forest Service. Seven miles southwest of Gering, NE. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, smoldering and creeping. Structures threatened. Evacuations have been lifted.

Cow Creek, Wyoming State Forestry. Sixty-one miles northeast of Casper, WY. Tall grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping. 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			
Fish	WY-CRX	6,476	5,726	10	Ctn	8/20	233	91	4	29	4	0	1.2M	C&L
Sugarloaf	WY-MRF	699	146	19	Ctn	8/17	433	-21	8	16	7	0	4.6M	FS
Carter Canyon	NE-NES	15,592	0	50	Ctn	8/8	85	-6	0	20	2	12	816K	ST
Cow Creek	WY-WYS	3,997	-2,003	75	Ctn	8/3	21	1	0	5	0	0	NR	ST

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:	16
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. 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.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Oak	CA-MMU	19,244	0	79	Ctn	8/6	2,806	-332	64	181	16	194	67.4M	ST
Washburn	CA-YNP	4,886	0	97	Ctn	8/6	64	-7	2	4	2	0	36.1M	NPS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	43
New large incidents:	0
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 creeping, isolated torching and short-range spotting. 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. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, uphill runs and backing. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Vantage Highway, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Five miles west of Vantage, WA. Brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, running and uphill runs. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Windigo	OR-UPF	1,200	-100	0	Ctn	10/1	164	164	3	4	0	0	100K	FS
Potter	OR-WIF	300	-100	0	Ctn	10/30	135	92	5	4	1	0	80K	FS
Vantage Highway	WA-SES	10,500	6,000	18	Ctn	8/8	165	56	2	26	0	0	1.5M	ST

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires:	24
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires	5

Chalk Mountain, Texas A&M Forest Service. IMT 1 (SA Blue Team). Transfer of command back to the local unit occurred yesterday. 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.

* **Smoke Rider**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 10 miles southwest of Dripping Springs, TX. Brush, short grass and timber. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Shell Rock Creek**, Ouachita NF, USFS. Fifteen miles northwest of Broken Bow, OK. Hardwood litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

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

115 Meers, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles northwest of Meers, OK. Brush, timber 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			
Chalk Mountain	TX-TXS	6,755	0	96	Ctn	UNK	82	-68	0	0	0	17	3.9M	PRI
* Smoke Rider	TX-TXS	600	---	10	Ctn	8/3	30	---	0	2	3	1	NR	PRI
* Shell Rock Creek	AR-OUF	226	---	60	Ctn	8/12	12	---	0	3	0	0	4K	FS
Boldt	TX-TXS	327	0	95	Ctn	8/3	4	-10	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
115 Meers	OK-OKS	7,542	---	90	Ctn	UNK	11	---	0	5	0	0	120K	ST

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires:	0
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 tomorrow. 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	0	98	Comp	10/1	51	-30	0	0	0	0	11.7M	ST
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Dalton Highway Complex	AK-TAD	91,680	0	57	Comp	8/31	0	-6	0	0	0	0	7M	BLM
Clear	AK-FAS	72,191	0	77	Comp	UNK	129	2	4	2	3	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	0	7	6	1	903	288M	F
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Dragon	AZ-GCP	1,362	---	0	Comp	9/1	27	---	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	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	1,050	0	0	0	0	1,050
Northwest Area	FIREs	1	3	2	0	6	31	43
	ACRES	0	50	0	0	4,502	4	4,556
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	15	4	19
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	67	2	69
Southern California Area	FIREs	1	1	0	0	12	2	16
	ACRES	8	10	0	0	46	10	74
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	7	2	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	5.5
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	4	2	8
	ACRES	0	2,175	0	0	2	61	2,238
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	0	5	7
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	9	0	0	0	14	1	24
	ACRES	460	0	0	0	73	230	763
TOTAL FIRES:		11	8	2	0	58	49	128
TOTAL ACRES:		468	3,287	0	0	4,696	306	8,756

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	1,504,303	0	0	1,560,000	10	3,064,313
Northwest Area	FIREs	108	116	17	15	461	241	958
	ACRES	1,150	43,328	25	1	6,292	847.5	51,644
Northern California Area	FIREs	6	16	4	7	1,967	168	2,168
	ACRES	2	248	20	43	13,819	59,099	73,231
Southern California Area	FIREs	20	33	7	20	2,596	313	2,989
	ACRES	114	295	102	5,267	18,142	2,022	25,942
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	241	17	3	1	540	154	956
	ACRES	9,424	2,103	207	0	6,327	952	19,013
Great Basin Area	FIREs	22	387	4	25	506	169	1,113
	ACRES	42	36,592	58	29	35,291	90,846	162,858
Southwest Area	FIREs	375	179	3	23	525	689	1,794
	ACRES	42,933	13,308	0	2,711	159,632	759,643	978,228
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	243	220	12	17	910	206	1,608
	ACRES	17,556	5,871	130	596	174,931	9,386	208,470
Eastern Area	FIREs	88	0	20	10	4,912	305	5,335
	ACRES	253	0	680	12	38,637	2,886	42,468
Southern Area	FIREs	694	4	24	61	20,942	579	22,304
	ACRES	99,445	88	5,763	2,925	1,022,634	38,485	1,169,339
TOTAL FIRES:		1,797	1,150	94	179	33,694	2,853	39,767
TOTAL ACRES:		170,919	1,606,136	6,985	11,584	3,035,705	964,175	5,795,506

Ten Year Average Fires (2012 – 2021 as of today)	34,613
Ten Year Average Acres (2012 – 2021 as of today)	3,665,550

***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	37	3,703	498	24,220
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	271	175,204
ALBERTA	6	29	723	111,686
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	184	361,205
SASKATCHEWAN	2	1,843	302	217,111
MANITOBA	2	379	117	134,346
ONTARIO	2	1	169	2,415
QUEBEC	1	0	324	29,573
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	3	63	2,719
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	165	132
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	106	3,366
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	2	0
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	49	6,630
TOTALS	51	5,959	3,010	1,068,607

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Elevated to critical conditions will develop along and east of the Divide in Montana with elevated conditions likely into northeast Wyoming and western South Dakota as westerly winds of 15-25 mph continue amid RH of 15-25%. Elevated conditions will develop in the Columbia Basin and Cascade Gaps as well. Isolated to scattered mixed wet and dry thunderstorms will develop in far northeast California into much of central and eastern Oregon this afternoon with isolated thunderstorms possibly continuing overnight into central Idaho. Meanwhile scattered wet thunderstorms will continue over the southern Great Basin, Southwest, and central Rockies.

Hot, dry, unstable, and breezy conditions are likely across the southern Plains, with elevated conditions most likely across portions of central Texas into southwest Oklahoma. Scattered wet thunderstorms are expected to develop from the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles extending northeast through southern and eastern Kansas to the Great Lakes ahead of a cold front. Additionally, thunderstorms are likely in the Southeast, especially on the central Gulf Coast.

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



Hazard Tree Secure Felling Area

Felling Safety Category

The following fundamental safety principles for tree felling operations have been established based on repeated lessons learned following serious accidents. To protect sawyers, swampers, and operational personnel from exposure to potential traumatic injury or death during tree felling operations, the following safety procedures should be applied to all felling activities. Fireline supervisors should continue to monitor all felling operations to ensure the following safe job procedures are consistently applied:



- A secure felling area, **MINIMUM OF TWO AND ONE HALF (2.5) TIMES THE HEIGHT OF THE MATERIAL BEING FELLED IN ALL DIRECTIONS**, needs to be established and maintained by the faller during all tree felling operations. In addition, the entire downhill side on slopes must be secured if materials can fall/role for a long, unpredictable distance.
- No one shall be permitted in the secured felling area without the authorization of the faller.
- The faller shall establish a safety zone outside the secured area and direct **EVERYONE** to remain there until all felling is completed and an "all clear" has been communicated.
- Safety zones should be established, whenever practical, in the opposite direction of the planned fall, and at a distance of at least 2.5 times the height of the trees being felled.
- The faller shall assign lookout(s). The lookout(s) shall have reliable communications with the faller, and other personnel adjacent to the secure areas.
- Competent lookouts shall be established and maintained by the faller at all major access points of roads and trails that afford access to the secured felling area.
- The faller will ensure that no hazards remain such as hang-ups, unstable logs, or other dangers before approving access or leaving the secured area.

Resources:

Hazard Tree Safety Website, <https://www.nwcg.gov/committees/hazard-tree-subcommittee/resources>
NWCG Incident Response Pocket Guide (IRPG), PMS 461, <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/461>
Interagency Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Operations (Red Book),
<https://www.nifc.gov/standards/guides/red-book>