

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, August 9, 2022 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (101 fires)
New large incidents:	0
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	30
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7
***Complex IMTs committed:	0

***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 61 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.

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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, OR in support of wildland fire operations.

Active Incident Resource Summary							
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel	Change in Personnel
AICC	3	735,394	1	1	0	34	-33
NWCC	11	39,208	67	122	19	2,671	342
ONCC	4	63,436	113	327	14	5,019	430
OSCC	2	24,237	9	18	4	661	33
NRCC	10	24,486	30	66	17	1,422	-18
GBCC	7	93,499	38	70	16	1,567	-33
SWCC	1	345,106	5	5	1	539	199
RMCC	5	28,696	3	25	5	239	-83
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	16	42,854	3	34	1	211	-60
Total	59	1,396,935	269	668	77	12,363	777

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	8
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	7
NIMOs committed	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

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

2022 SRF Lightning Complex (4 fires), Six Rivers NF, USFS. NIMO (NIMO Team 1) and IMT 2 (CA Team 11). One mile northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber and slash. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, group torching and spotting. Several communities, structures and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Yeti, Klamath NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 10). IMT is also managing the Alex fire. Eight miles northeast of Happy Camp, CA. Closed timber litter and timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Several communities, numerous structures and communication infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, road and trail closures in effect.

Alex, Klamath NF, USFS. Twenty-two miles northwest of Yreka, CA. Closed timber litter and timber. Minimal 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			
McKinney	CA-KNF	60,379	108	55	Ctn	8/30	3,528	262	73	263	5	185	31M	FS
2022 SRF Lightning Complex	CA-SRF	6,776	3,281	0	Ctn	8/27	525	294	15	20	6	0	NR	FS
Yeti	CA-KNF	7,885	7	50	Ctn	8/20	946	-42	24	42	3	0	8.2M	FS
Alex	CA-KNF	151	0	80	Ctn	8/10	20	-84	4	1	0	0	350K	FS

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	11
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	9
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Windigo, Umpqua NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NW Team 6). IMT is also managing the Potter fire. Twenty miles southwest of La Pine, OR. Closed timber litter, timber and medium slash. Moderate fire behavior with wind-driven runs, torching and spotting. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Potter, Willamette NF, USFS. Forty-six miles southwest of La Pine, OR. Closed timber litter, timber and medium slash. Moderate fire behavior with wind-driven runs, torching and spotting. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Cedar Creek, Willamette NF, USFS. IMT 1 (PNW Team 2). Fifteen miles east of Oakridge, OR. Timber and closed timber litter. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Vantage Highway, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. IMT 2 (NW Team 12). IMT is also managing the Cow Canyon fire. Five miles west of Vantage, WA. Short grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened. Area closure in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Cow Canyon, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Eleven miles north of Naches, WA. Short grass, timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Williams Lake, Northeast Region, Washington DNR. Twelve miles south of Cheney, WA. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Beech Creek, Malheur NF, USFS. Nine miles south of Long Creek, OR. Timber and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, backing and isolated torching. Structures threatened.

Griffin, Burns District, BLM. Thirty-six miles northeast of Burns, OR. Brush, tall grass and timber. Active fire behavior.

Miller Road, The Dalles Unit, Oregon DOF. Eight miles west of Maupin, OR. Short grass, brush and timber. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Windigo	OR-UPF	1,053	1	25	Ctn	10/1	565	5	11	16	4	0	5.4M	FS
Potter	OR-WIF	234	49	0	Ctn	10/30	236	122	7	8	6	0	1.7M	FS
Cedar Creek	OR-WIF	3,234	1,412	0	Ctn	10/1	445	209	13	3	5	0	2.4M	FS
Vantage Highway	WA-SES	30,659	-1,625	90	Ctn	8/11	155	38	2	5	0	4	6.8M	ST
Cow Canyon	WA-SES	5,832	86	40	Ctn	8/15	388	-72	14	14	1	4	3.7M	ST
Williams Lake	WA-NES	1,868	0	65	Ctn	8/11	225	-65	5	32	0	0	2.4M	ST
Beech Creek	OR-MAF	155	0	71	Ctn	8/10	151	-23	4	5	1	0	1.5M	FS
Griffin	OR-BUD	1,927	0	50	Ctn	8/9	129	0	3	8	1	0	2.2M	BLM
Miller Road	OR-954S	10,847	---	98	Ctn	UNK	274	---	8	9	0	40	3.5M	ST

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:	5
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 flanking, backing and group torching. Residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area and 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. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and torching. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Busman Road, Treasure County. Fifty-eight miles east of Billings, MT. Short grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Elmo	MT-FHA	21,345	18	55	Ctn	8/20	608	-8	14	33	9	8	11.4M	BIA
Hog Trough	MT-BRF	798	0	44	Comp	10/15	420	92	6	4	3	0	5.6M	FS
Busman Road	MT-LG33	13,000	114	90	Ctn	8/9	40	-7	1	5	0	0	510K	CNTY
Matt Staff Road	MT-LG05	1,587	0	100	Ctn	---	100	-90	2	8	1	0	2.6M	CNTY
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Redhorn	MT-FHA	398	55	0	Comp	10/1	56	0	2	0	3	0	475K	BIA
Weasel	MT-KNF	1,260	80	0	Comp	9/30	74	-2	2	3	0	0	850K	FS
Clover	MT-BDF	1,099	0	37	Comp	10/30	78	-1	3	3	1	0	1.6M	FS
Diamond Watch	ID-IPF	120	---	0	Comp	9/30	24	---	1	1	0	0	153K	FS

MT-LG05 – Lewis and Clark County KNF – Kootenai NF, USFS BDF – Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS

IPF – Idaho Panhandle NF, USFS

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

Moose, Salmon-Challis NF, USFS. IMT 1 (GB Team 1). Seventeen miles north of Salmon, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with flanking, group torching and isolated torching. Numerous structures and energy infrastructure 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			
Moose	ID-SCF	71,346	2,993	18	Ctn	9/15	1,340	22	33	65	10	7	31.6M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Woodtick	ID-SCF	5,162	191	18	Comp	9/15	83	-25	2	4	2	0	2M	FS
Dismal	ID-PAF	772	---	0	Comp	10/15	9	---	0	0	1	0	26K	FS
Halfway Hill	UT-SCS	11,666	---	90	Comp	10/1	30	---	0	3	0	2	11.6M	ST
Goshute	NV-EKD	1,966	---	90	Comp	9/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	3.2M	BLM
Wolf Fang	ID-SCF	871	---	0	Comp	10/1	1	---	0	0	0	0	31K	FS

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

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires:	12
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2

Fish, Crook County. Seven miles south of Sundance, WY. Short grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering, creeping and isolated torching. Area closures in effect.

Sugarloaf, Medicine Bow-Routt NF, Thunder Basin National Grassland, USFS. Twenty-five miles northwest of Wheatland, WY. Timber, short grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Fish	WY-CRX	6,793	0	98	Ctn	8/20	178	-73	3	13	3	0	5.3M	CNTY
Sugarloaf	WY-MRF	839	0	60	Ctn	8/17	33	-10	0	2	2	0	NR	FS
Chat Canyon	NE-NBF	724	0	100	Ctn	---	17	0	0	6	0	0	150K	FS

NBF – Nebraska NF, USFS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:	14
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1

Oak, Mariposa-Merced Unit, Cal Fire. Five miles northeast of Mariposa, CA. Tall grass, chaparral and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Oak	CA-MMU	19,244	0	96	Ctn	8/10	597	33	9	14	2	194	86.7M	ST

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	35
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires	6

Burns Creek, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 13 miles northwest of Brenham, TX. Timber, hardwood litter and short grass. Moderate fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Big Sky, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 10 miles north of Fredericksburg, TX. Grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Ranger Creek, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 12 miles southwest of Throckmorton, TX. Grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Sarco, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 19 miles northeast of Beeville, TX. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Shell Rock Creek, Ouachita NF, USFS. Fifteen miles northwest of Broken Bow, OK. Hardwood litter and timber. No new information.

Bickley Highway, Georgia Forestry Commission. Five miles south of Tifton, GA. Timber. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Burns Creek	TX-TXS	498	398	60	Ctn	8/10	48	6	1	7	1	5	NR	PRI

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Big Sky	TX-TXS	1,459	0	95	Ctn	8/10	81	2	1	14	0	3	NR	PRI
Ranger Creek	TX-TXS	3,231	-6	95	Ctn	UNK	58	4	1	10	0	0	NR	PRI
Sarco	TX-TXS	515	165	95	Ctn	8/9	8	-30	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
Shell Rock Creek	AR-OUF	230	---	85	Ctn	8/12	4	---	0	1	0	0	4K	FS
Bickley Highway	GA-GAS	235	---	97	Ctn	8/11	1	----	0	0	0	0	17K	ST
Smoke Rider	TX-TXS	1,210	0	100	Ctn	---	1	-35	0	0	0	4	NR	PRI

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 3). 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	539	199	5	5	1	903	288M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Keystone	AZ-FTA	461	---	20	Comp	10/1	2	---	0	1	0	0	20K	BIA
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

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

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
 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														
Clear	AK-FAS	73,284	0	91	Comp	8/31	18	-33	0	1	0	33	27.1M	ST
Bean Complex	AK-TAD	212,503	---	98	Comp	10/1	3	---	0	0	0	0	11.7M	ST
Tolstine Creek	AK-SWS	6,652	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
Hardscrabble Creek	AK-SWS	2,514	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
Goose	AK-UYD	6,357	---	0	Comp	10/1	8	---	0	0	0	0	60K	FWS
Christian	AK-UYD	4,696	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	TRI
Kocacho	AK-UYD	5,758	---	0	Comp	10/1	7	---	0	0	0	0	60K	TRI
Dalton Highway Complex	AK-TAD	91,680	---	57	Comp	8/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	7M	BLM

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Slathtouka	AK-TAD	7,789	---	90	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	2M	BLM
Paradise Complex	AK-TAD	275,703	---	65	Comp	9/1	6	---	1	0	1	0	2.8M	BLM
Minnkohwin	AK-TAD	7,450	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	30K	FWS
Bearman	AK-UYD	649	---	0	Comp	10/1	0	---	0	0	0	0	80K	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
AK-TAD-0000532	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 TAD – Tanana Zone, BLM SWS – Southwest Area, Alaska DOF
 UYD – Upper Yukon Zone, BLM DAS – Delta Area, Alaska DOF GAD – Galena Zone, BLM

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	8,587	0	0	1,221	0	9,808
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	4	5	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	6	2	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	28	1	29
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	1	12	1	14
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	3	3	7
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	153	144	297
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	4	0	0	3	2	9
	ACRES	0	354	0	0	678	630	1,662
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	6	5	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10	1	11
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	21	0	21
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	35	0	35
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	399	0	399
TOTAL FIRES:		1	6	0	1	75	18	101
TOTAL ACRES:		0	8,941	0	1	2,517	780	12,238

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	179	0	0	339	29	547
	ACRES	0	1,526,365	0	0	1,560,263	10	3,086,638
Northwest Area	FIREs	120	150	19	17	510	278	1,094
	ACRES	1,164	45,170	255	2	12,949	2,4340	61,980
Northern California Area	FIREs	6	18	4	15	2,036	215	2,294
	ACRES	2	248	20	44	14,009	59,856	74,179
Southern California Area	FIREs	20	34	7	23	2,673	327	3,084
	ACRES	114	295	102	5,269	18,391	2,048	26,219
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	256	17	3	1	575	174	1,026
	ACRES	24,465	2,103	207	0	7,684	2,649	37,107
Great Basin Area	FIREs	22	415	5	28	520	182	1,172
	ACRES	42	26,425	58	29	36,006	113,804	176,364
Southwest Area	FIREs	380	181	3	24	528	704	1,820
	ACRES	42,946	13,325	0	2,712	159,635	759,647	978,265
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	244	241	12	19	935	229	1,680
	ACRES	17,556	5,893	130	596	175,103	10,627	209,905
Eastern Area	FIREs	88	0	20	10	4,917	307	5,342
	ACRES	253	0	680	12	38,658	2,886	42,490
Southern Area	FIREs	724	4	24	63	21,112	598	22,525
	ACRES	99,741	88	5,763	2,929	1,024,131	38,715	1,171,367
TOTAL FIRES:		1,860	1,239	97	200	34,145	3,043	40,584
TOTAL ACRES:		186,282	1,619,912	7,215	11,594	3,046,829	992,680	5,864,512

Ten Year Average Fires (2012 – 2021 as of today)	35,905
Ten Year Average Acres (2012 – 2021 as of today)	4,046,163

***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/>

Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO- DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	8	32	554	31,191
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	271	175,204
ALBERTA	5	100	735	111,920
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	3	189	381,044
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	304	223,349
MANITOBA	1	0	120	134,361
ONTARIO	0	0	175	2,415
QUEBEC	0	0	331	29,574
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	1,315	67	12,948
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	170	133
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	113	3,369
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	2	0
NATIONAL PARKS	6	0	49	6,785
TOTALS	22	1,449	3,125	1,112,292

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: Isolated dry thunderstorms are likely to be ongoing across northwest Oregon and move into western Washington through the morning. Moisture will increase across the Northwest and Idaho, with scattered afternoon thunderstorms expected across much of the Northwest, Nevada, and western Idaho. Thunderstorms will be wet for eastern Oregon into southwest Idaho and Nevada but will be mixed wet and dry for central Oregon and much of Washington. Isolated to scattered thunderstorms will continue overnight for much central and eastern Oregon and Washington, with thunderstorms gradually becoming wetter as moisture increases.

One more day of very warm to hot temperatures will continue across inland Washington, the Idaho Panhandle, and western Montana, with low afternoon relative humidity of 8-20% but winds will be light away from thunderstorms. Elevated fire weather conditions are likely for portions of southwest Oregon and northern California due to breezy southwest winds and relative humidity as low as 9%. The cold front across the Plains will sink south into Texas, with scattered showers and thunderstorms across northern Texas and Oklahoma stretching through the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys into the Northeast. Scattered thunderstorms will continue across much of the Gulf Coast as well.

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



This Day in History is a brief summary of a powerful learning opportunity and is not intended to second guess or be judgmental of decisions and actions. Put yourself in the following situation as if you do not know the outcome. What are the conditions? What are you thinking? What are YOU doing?

Sadler Fire (Nevada) – August 9, 1999

Incident Summary:

On August 5, 1999, a dry lightning storm passed through northern Nevada, igniting numerous fires. Due to a wet winter and spring, the fuels were abnormally heavy. Now, deep into summer, these fuels are measuring less than 80% live fuel moisture. Normal fire suppression tactics have not been effective on previous fires, particularly direct attack and burning operations during the heat of the day. The weather and fire behavior forecasts predicted extreme burning conditions. The same day as the lightning storm, a Type 2 crew—the Golden Gate 3 (GNP3)—was assembled in California. This crew consisted of 21 members, 17 of them Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2), from fuels and suppression modules as well as non-fire and overhead positions from various home units. The following day, they were dispatched to the Sadler Complex south of Elko, Nevada. For the next two days, they worked on the fireline. On day 3, August 9, while conducting a burnout operation, six firefighters from the GNP3 crew were entrapped by wildfire.

0600 – Briefing started unannounced, and several crews and overhead missed some and/or all of it. Briefing placed little emphasis on a red flag warning that had been issued for high winds, low relative humidity (RH), and unstable atmospheric conditions. The Incident Action Plan (IAP) forecast called for extreme fire behavior with high rates of spread, south winds increasing in afternoon, minimum RH 6 - 12%, Haines Index of 6, maximum temperatures of 85 - 91 °F, and a Fine Dead Fuel Moisture (FDFM) of 3%. However, there were not enough IAPs for everyone, including the GNP3 Crew Boss and a Division Supervisor (DIVS). Extreme fire behavior was discussed at the GNP3 crew briefing and characterized as “normal.”

0900 – GNP3 was assigned to support two interagency hotshot crews (IHCs). The crews were asked to burnout from Big Safety Zone to the northwest and the dozer line to Black Safety Zone. The dozer line was about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of the head of the fire.

1100 – After a recon, the IHC superintendents refused to accept the burnout assignment until the line south of Big Safety Zone was secure. The DIVS and the two IHCs leave to do the other burnout. GNP3 wait.

1300 – GNP3 accepted the assignment to burn out across the head of the fire from Black Safety Zone east to the Y.

1400 – Ignition was delayed due to unfavorable winds. Overhead felt if they “didn’t attempt a burn, the fire would get away.” The plan was changed to burnout from the east to the west instead — **the very plan the IHCs refused**.

1430 – Due to concerns regarding GPN3’s lack of experience and fitness, only three members and the Crew Boss were used for the firing operation.

1500 – This squad began firing from the Y, without an anchor point, supported by an engine. The fireline behind them was unsecured. Due to hills, no one on the burnout squad could see the main fire. There were no aircraft to assist as lookout. Because of occasional wind shifts, the igniters must walk very fast and occasionally trot to keep ahead of their fire. They were unable to use the black as a safety zone. For the burning conditions, safety zones along the dozer line were too small and too far apart.

1515 – Back behind the firing squad, the engine was very busy picking up multiple spot fires and slop overs. The Engine Boss radioed to stop ignition. There was no response. The same tactical channel was also being used by the other burnout and was overloaded with traffic.

1530 – Halfway through the 1.3-mile burnout, two more GNP3 members joined the firing squad.

1540 – Overhead watching the burnout saw the main fire become visible and take off down the hill toward the squad. They attempted to warn the squad but were unable to make radio contact. Shortly after, the main fire became visible to the squad as it crested the ridge to the south. It was described as a “river of fire” as it made a run at the dozer line and the crew at speeds in excess of 300 chains per hour with 15-foot flame lengths.

The engine was cut off from the squad and they retreated to a safety zone. The order to run was given to the firing squad. Tools and gear were dropped on the way to the safety zone, almost 600 feet. away. Several crew members unsuccessfully attempted to deploy their fire shelters.

Crew members received 1st and 2nd degree burns and smoke inhalation. An injured crew member, an EMT suffering from smoke inhalation, was asked to provide first aid for the others.

Discussion:

- What are your responsibilities if you are asking another resource to take an assignment that was previously turned down?
- The burnout was a potentially dangerous assignment. What will you do to size up your resource’s capabilities and experience and assign them to appropriate tasks?
- As a crew/crew member, you have a responsibility to look after your own safety, which includes the right to accept or reject an assignment. Using the [Incident Response Pocket Guide \(IRPG\), PMS 461](#), have everyone discuss how to properly refuse risk.
- Discuss how you and your crew would apply LCES throughout the day on this incident.

Resources:

[Sadler Fire Entrapment Investigation Report](#)
[Incident Response Pocket Guide \(IRPG\), PMS 461](#)