

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, September 27, 2006 - 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (74 new fires)

New large fires: 3 (*)

Large fires contained: 2

Uncontained large fires: 11

Area Command Teams: 1

Type 1 IMTs committed: 4

Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Fire Use Teams:

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

Australia and New Zealand assisting with 24 fire specialists and managers.

Southern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 10

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 1

Area Command Teams: 1

Type 1 IMTs committed 2

Area Command Team (Waterbury) assigned to manage the Day fire.

Day, Los Padres NF. IMT 1 (Custer, Dietrich). Twenty-two miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. Chaparral and timber. Rapid rates of spread, short crown runs, spotting and backing fire. Structures, power and gas lines, communication and archeological sites threatened. Structure protection in place. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

King, Yosemite NP. Twenty-eight miles northeast of Mariposa, CA. Mixed conifer. Minimal fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Day	CA	LPF	144,884	42	UNK	3,801	91	226	30	6	45.5M	FS
* King - WFU	CA	YNP	151	N/A	N/A	NR	2	0	0	0	92K	NPS

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 13

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 3

Type 1 IMTs committed: 2

Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Bar Complex (four fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 1 (Molumby) and IMT 2 (Johnson). Fourteen miles northwest of Weaverville, CA. Timber and brush. Crowning and spotting. Structures and power lines threatened. Structure protection and road closures in place.

Uncles Complex (three fires), Klamath NF. Eighteen miles northeast of Orleans, CA. Old growth timber and brush. Active fire behavior. Historic structures and cultural resources threatened.

Noble, Mendocino Unit, CDF. CDF IMT 1 (Lutts). Eight miles east of Piercy, CA. Timber. Running and spotting. Watershed threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Bar Complex	CA	SHF	87,580	36	10/15	890	20	14	10	0	49.9M	FS
Uncles Complex	CA	KNF	25,185	50	10/31	34	1	0	2	0	15M	FS
* Noble	CA	MEU	440	10	9/30	610	25	36	4	0	785K	ST
Bassetts	CA	TNF	2,114	100	---	647	13	20	4	0	6.46M	FS

TNF Tahoe NF

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Tripod Complex, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Gormley). IMT also managing the Tatoosh Complex and Van Peak fires. Seven miles northeast of Winthrop, WA. Mixed conifer. Creeping and torching. Area-wide closure in effect.

Tatoosh Complex, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Twenty-four miles northwest of Mazama, WA. Timber. Creeping and isolated torching. Monitoring by air. Area-wide closure in effect.

Van Peak, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Thirty-one miles north of Winthrop, WA. Timber and dead and down fuels. Creeping and isolated torching. Monitoring by air. Area-wide closure in effect.

Columbia Complex, Southeast, Washington DNR. Fifteen miles northeast of Walla Walla, WA. Grass, brush and timber. Smoldering. Road closures in effect.

Cedar Creek, Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. Eight miles southwest of Mazama, WA. Timber. No new information reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Tripod Complex	WA	OWF	175,114	70	10/31	572	11	12	4	2	83.3M	FS
Tatoosh Complex	WA	OWF	51,761	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	33K	FS
Van Peak	WA	OWF	1,813	0	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	5K	FS
Columbia Complex	WA	SES	109,422	85	10/15	105	0	14	3	28	35.4M	ST
Cedar Creek	WA	OWF	1,661	90	UNK	28	0	2	1	0	2.94M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Derby (two fires), Gallatin NF. IMT 2 (Reid). Fifteen miles south of Big Timber, MT. Timber, grass and heavy dead and down fuels. Smoldering and creeping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Derby	MT	GNF	232,927	90	10/15	217	2	5	1	47	21.9M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Red Mountain, Boise NF. Sixteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Subalpine fir and lodgepole pine. Confine and contain. No new information reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Red Mountain	ID	BOF	35,482	95	10/1	28	1	1	0	0	NR	FS

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 4
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

SUF East Zone Complex (four fires), Superior NF. Thirty miles north of Tofte, MN. Timber and blow down. Minimal fire behavior. Monitoring by air. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SUF - East Zone Complex	MN	SUF	5,898	50	10/1	27	1	0	1	0	1.5M	FS

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 25
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* County Line 25	OK	OKS	200	100	---	11	0	6	0	0	NR	ST

OKS Oklahoma Division of Forestry

Predictive Services Discussion

Warm, dry weather with light winds will continue over California for the next few days. High pressure will bring warm weather with light winds to most of the West through Saturday. A low pressure trough is expected into the Pacific Northwest on Sunday. This will bring cooler weather and higher humidity to California. Dry weather is expected for northern Florida for the next several days.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Hazard Trees

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Air operations - cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use saw teams and falling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					3		3
Northern California	FIRES		1			11	1	13
	ACRES		10			1,166	6,080	7,256
Southern California	FIRES					5	5	10
	ACRES					1	3	4
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				3	1	5
	ACRES	15				3	0	18
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	2	5
	ACRES		36			1	1	38
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		22					22
Southwest	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	0					1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					10		10
Southern Area	FIRES					25		25
	ACRES					298		298
TOTAL	FIRES	2	6	0	0	56	10	74
	ACRES	15	68	0	0	1,483	6,085	7,651

Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	16	9	3	242	1	276
	ACRES	67	3,942	82,654	1,322	181,505	0	269,490
Northwest	FIRES	213	424	41	34	1,182	1,506	3,400
	ACRES	8,222	387,337	528	5,561	144,038	392,054	937,740
Northern California	FIRES	132	71	17	26	3,113	928	4,287
	ACRES	234	5,822	135	10	98,339	187,435	291,975
Southern California	FIRES	86	82	13	53	2,006	763	3,003
	ACRES	307	4,403	7	6,471	69,669	222,049	302,906
Northern Rockies	FIRES	933	60	47	19	1,096	1,225	3,380
	ACRES	53,867	124,006	83,915	17,677	313,242	356,997	949,704
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	76	1,094	3	54	868	796	2,891
	ACRES	6,605	746,583	3	14,417	163,962	279,934	1,211,504
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	800	33	24	166	160	1,188
	ACRES	28	1,001,911	41,289	505	232,366	30,678	1,306,777
Southwest	FIRES	932	342	12	128	2,192	1,840	5,446
	ACRES	15,914	32,694	10,161	7,647	512,748	181,958	761,122
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	874	747	44	58	1,232	598	3,553
	ACRES	36,977	27,984	1,975	688	348,771	37,846	454,241
Eastern Area	FIRES	587		46	61	11,897	649	13,240
	ACRES	5,856		1,452	255	76,059	47,878	131,500
Southern Area	FIRES	1,112		175	48	40,200	1,041	42,576
	ACRES	170,414		16,803	19,212	2,149,701	53,681	2,409,811
TOTAL	FIRES	4,955	3,636	440	508	64,194	9,507	83,240
	ACRES	298,491	2,334,682	238,922	73,765	4,290,400	1,790,510	9,026,770

Ten Year Average Fires	63,672
Ten Year Average Acres	5,032,288

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Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		0	5			1	6
	ACRES		3,150	85			300	3,535
Northern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			60				60
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					247		247
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1			1		1	3
	ACRES	2			160		25	187
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		104					104
Southwest	FIRES	1	2				1	4
	ACRES	50	125				103	278
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						653	653
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		1	1	3
	ACRES			26		18	2	46
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						12	12
TOTAL	FIRES	2	2	7	1	5	7	24
	ACRES	52	3,379	171	160	265	1,095	5,122

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		7		8
	ACRES			9,610		2,429		12,039
Northwest	FIRES	15	123	61	1	1	238	439
	ACRES	6,852	12,496	6,793	98	180	31,814	58,233
Northern California	FIRES	17	23	21	4	13	104	182
	ACRES	207	2,991	27,010	66	18	4,717	35,009
Southern California	FIRES		6	8	6	2	65	87
	ACRES		870	320	909	21	2,689	4,809
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	20	143	2	37	309	512
	ACRES	40	4,344	24,529	268	3,424	36,800	69,405
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	7	24	7	4	5	60	107
	ACRES	1,613	3,331	2,464	2,030	129	23,336	32,903
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	4	3		2	19
	ACRES		2,709	14	183		1,110	4,016
Southwest	FIRES	37	23	5	11		143	219
	ACRES	5,400	13,395	8,456	4,081		51,283	82,615
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	31	22	111	15	34	100	313
	ACRES	4,424	5,896	22,433	8,996	1,767	29,747	73,263
Eastern Area	FIRES	40		562	35	1,545	150	2,332
	ACRES	15,175		62,234	4,959	76,135	29,051	187,554
Southern Area	FIRES	22		169	64	14,927	870	16,052
	ACRES	6,639		74,090	33,331	943,724	684,066	1,741,850
TOTAL	FIRES	170	251	1,092	145	16,571	2,041	20,270
	ACRES	40,350	46,032	237,953	54,921	1,027,827	894,613	2,301,696

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WFU Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			3		1		4
	ACRES			300		10		310
Northwest	FIRES		1		4		3	8
	ACRES		3		3,000		9,248	12,251
Northern California	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				0		1,495	1,495
Southern California	FIRES				32		13	45
	ACRES				9,280		12,166	21,446
Northern Rockies	FIRES				6		111	117
	ACRES				2,205		28,141	30,346
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1			4		76	81
	ACRES	105			1,095		37,084	38,284
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		7			13
	ACRES		3,026		323			3,349
Southwest	FIRES				19		33	52
	ACRES				315		35,927	36,242
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		6		1		6	13
	ACRES		0		0		10,230	10,230
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1,697	1,697
Southern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				63		3,739	3,802
TOTAL	FIRES	1	13	3	77	1	254	349
	ACRES	105	3,029	300	16,281	10	139,727	159,452

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR to DATE	HECTARES YEAR to DATE
British Columbia	6	521	2,493	131,599
Yukon Territory	0	0	78	109,724
Alberta	10	0	1,853	117,204
Northwest Territory	0	0	158	53,335
Saskatchewan	3	82	496	1,162,602
Manitoba	4	12	668	151,996
Ontario	113	96,921	2,247	148,069
Quebec	13	6	673	124,233
Newfoundland	0	0	89	3,434
New Brunswick	3	0	305	377
Nova Scotia	4	2	222	1,626
Prince Edward Island	0	0	34	47
National Parks	1	0	134	27,677
Total	157	97,544	9,450	2,031,924

*** Canada report updated weekly. ***

Resources Status: Committed Resources

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	6	6	18	75	11	3			187	237
Northern California	40	37	27	64	10	13	7		354	349
Southern California	49	49	45	195	21	18	12		339	595
Northern Rockies	3	1	5	4	1	1			112	57
Eastern Great Basin	5		17		2				17	
Western Great Basin			8	2	2					
Southwest			1						2	
Rocky Mountain			7	2					6	3
Eastern Area	1				2				28	4
Southern Area			3	3						
Total	104	93	131	345	49	35	19	0	1045	1245

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