

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Monday, August 24, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (85 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 4  
 Uncontained large fires : \*\* 6  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

Nationally, there are 107 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment that are not shown on today's report.

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents. \*\*

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Molumby) is assigned to the Terrace Mountain fire north of Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. Twenty smokejumpers are assigned to Fort St. John, British Columbia.

**Northern California Area (PL 4)**

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

**Red Rock**, Klamath NF. IMT2 (Paul). Fifteen miles west of Fort Jones, CA. Timber with heavy dead and down fuels. Creeping fire with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

**Yuba**, Nevada-Yuba Placer Unit, Cal Fire. Three miles northeast of Dobbins, CA. Timber, chaparral and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Red Rock	CA	KNF	735	-34	10	10/20	342	0	11	0	10	0	100K	FS
Yuba	CA	NEU	3,891	0	99	8/24	149	-574	2	2	0	2	11.5M	ST
Lockheed	CA	CZU	7,817	18	100	---	819	-521	8	14	2	13	26.6M	ST

CZU – San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit, Cal Fire

### Northwest Area (PL 2)

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

**Dry Creek Complex**, Hanford FD. Washington IMT2 (Lafave). Started on FWS land fifteen miles northeast of Sunnyside, WA. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

\* **Oden Road**, Northeast Area, Washington DNR. Washington IMT2 (Johnson). Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with torching and short-range spotting.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Dry Creek Complex	WA	HANN	40,000	0	80	8/26	210	-19	0	27	3	2	850K	FWS
* Oden Road	WA	NES	8,447	---	30	UNK	400	---	10	35	7	2	700K	ST
Buffalo Lake	WA	COA	330	19	100	---	25	-77	1	1	0	0	NR	BIA

COA - Colville Agency, BIA

### Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

**Hoyt**, Carson City District, BLM. IMT2 (Suwyn). Forty-five miles northeast of Fallon, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, sagebrush and grass. Smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Hoyt	NV	CCD	10,670	570	85	8/24	194	-166	3	2	2	0	1.1M	BLM

### Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 6  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 0

**Sawmill Canyon**, Fishlake NF. Previously reported confine/contain management strategy. Four miles south of Scipio, UT. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Sawmill Canyon	UT	FIF	4,600	---	N/A	N/A	145	---	3	12	1	0	NR	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 18  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

**Wildcat**, Yosemite National Park, NPS. Previously reported confine/contain management strategy. Twenty miles west of Lee Vining, CA. Mixed timber and chaparral. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Wildcat	CA	YNP	1,100	---	N/A	N/A	23	---	0	0	0	0	NR	NPS

**Southwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 12  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Taylor**, Coconino NF. Twenty-two miles southwest of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Taylor	AZ	COF	3,545	---	95	8/30	298	---	6	7	1	0	2.7M	FS

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 9  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Blakemore Ranch	TX	TXS	400	0	100	---	6	0	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
* Segno Road	TX	TXS	125	---	100	---	9	---	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI

TXS – Texas Forest Service

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered wet thunderstorms are expected today over the southern Sierra, Great Basin, western Colorado and Southwest areas. Northern California and the Pacific Northwest will be dry and warm.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### Falling Snags

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) 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.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags 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 may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
  - Strong winds
  - Night operations
  - Steep slopes
  - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green 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
  - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
  - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
  - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
  - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
  - Establish lookouts.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				0	1		1
	ACRES				20	0		20
Northwest	FIRES	3				1	1	5
	ACRES	1				1	0	2
Northern California	FIRES					8	5	13
	ACRES					15	21	36
Southern California	FIRES		1			15	2	18
	ACRES		0			2	1	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				6	2	9
	ACRES	0				3	0	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			0	2	6
	ACRES		168			14	200	382
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		570				0	570
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			2	8	12
	ACRES	4	0			1	2	7
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3			4	2	9
	ACRES		0			99	3	102
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES			2		7		9
	ACRES			91		98		189
TOTAL	FIRES	5	10	2	0	45	23	85
	ACRES	5	738	91	20	233	227	1,314

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	41	20	375	25	511
	ACRES	1	759,030	754,406	101,615	1,319,699	9	2,934,760
Northwest	FIRES	388	282	12	72	839	1,044	2,637
	ACRES	6,205	20,823	124	1,918	6,475	10,220	45,765
Northern California	FIRES	97	59	3	24	1,883	776	2,842
	ACRES	92	1,533	4	1,661	37,910	28,777	69,977
Southern California	FIRES	33	127	13	27	2,513	458	3,171
	ACRES	82	917	25	823	9,427	100,214	111,488
Northern Rockies	FIRES	652	92	15	20	549	629	1,957
	ACRES	2,235	1,092	393	2	16,705	5,613	26,040
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	45	439	2	24	408	348	1,266
	ACRES	114	58,228	186	2,120	18,866	16,225	95,739
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	338	9	9	94	109	569
	ACRES	2,440	29,137	150	20	286	278	32,311
Southwest	FIRES	669	256	10	43	828	1,025	2,831
	ACRES	44,255	93,086	3,843	7,039	287,753	119,087	555,063
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	462	381	15	18	562	271	1,709
	ACRES	2,007	9,210	533	65	70,913	6,900	89,628
Eastern Area	FIRES	433		30	28	12,487	529	13,507
	ACRES	1,240		809	110	110,880	6,601	119,640
Southern Area	FIRES	298		227	53	31,689	565	32,832
	ACRES	35,259		43,747	43,957	913,588	30,748	1,067,299
TOTAL	FIRES	3,088	2,023	377	338	52,227	5,779	63,832
	ACRES	93,930	973,056	804,220	159,330	2,792,502	324,672	5,147,710

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>60,279</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>5,447,769</b>

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

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					500		500
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	500	10	510

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					3,338		3,338
Northwest	FIRES	15	107	19	2	1	88	232
	ACRES	7,122	7,946	4,068	31	1	12,361	31,529
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	20	46	19	153	280
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,582	1,450	2,512	7,822	41,105
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	6	1	115	138
	ACRES		564	748	1,118	195	8,627	11,252
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	26	76	2	24	183	334
	ACRES	2,062	4,106	18,988	345	2,241	17,489	45,231
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	4	7	22	84	141
	ACRES	8	11,058	1,225	282	180	13,940	26,693
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9	2			5	16
	ACRES		1,957	62			219	2,238
Southwest	FIRES	27	33	3	4		222	289
	ACRES	2,093	59,850	501	530		109,828	172,802
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	47	112	10	45	123	402
	ACRES	7,304	4,974	19,099	5,851	1,564	28,306	67,098
Eastern Area	FIRES	68		438	44	2,162	179	2,891
	ACRES	72,232		68,178	9,221	124,440	46,960	321,031
Southern Area	FIRES	6		270	83	806	1,085	2,250
	ACRES	2,450		144,090	92,802	295,856	988,439	1,523,637
TOTAL	FIRES	231	268	953	204	3,089	2,237	6,982
	ACRES	93,495	92,970	283,541	111,630	430,327	1,233,991	2,245,954

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	25	16,057	2,526	164,372
Yukon Territory	0	26,065	118	294,907
Alberta	10	22	1,377	64,268
Northwest Territory	0	0	39	1,872
Saskatchewan	0	0	478	37,748
Manitoba	0	0	140	2,691
Ontario	1	0	329	20,621
Quebec	0	0	433	122,622
Newfoundland	0	0	165	52,593
New Brunswick	0	0	170	244
Nova Scotia	0	0	156	930
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	117	36,267
Total	36	42,143	6,048	799,134

Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***