

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY AUGUST 12, 2003 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 5**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was heavy in the Eastern Great Basin Area, moderate in the Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain and Southern California Areas, and light elsewhere. Nationally, 366 new fires were reported. 23 new large fires were reported, nine in the Northern Rockies Area, eight in Eastern Great Basin Area, four in the Rocky Mountain Area and two in the Southern California Area. Six large fires were contained, two each in the Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

**NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:**

An Area Command Team (Greenhoe) is assigned to manage the Fish Creek, Cooney Ridge, Bowles Meadow, North Howard, Cherry Creek and Gold 1 incidents on the Lolo National Forest, Bitterroot National Forest and the Southwest Land Office, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned to manage the Wedge Canyon, Robert, Trapper Creek Complex, Little Salmon Creek Complex (WFU) and Ross Creek fires on the Flathead and Kootenai National Forests, and the Glacier National Park.

CHERRY CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Swope) is assigned. This fire is in lodgepole pine with heavy ground fuels, 12 miles southeast of Thompson Falls, MT. Moderate fire behavior with single and group tree torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences.

BLACK MOUNTAIN 2, Southwestern Land Office Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer, understory and grass, nine miles west of Missoula, MT. Fire activity was reduced by a heavy inversion. Creeping ground fire with isolated torching was observed. Difficult terrain and poor access are hampering suppression efforts. Structure protection is in place for 650 residences.

BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A transfer of command from Chrisman's Type 2 Incident Management Team to Frye's Type 1 Incident Management Team will occur on 8/12 at 0600. This incident, comprised of Beaver Lake, Siah Lake, Spruce Lake and Spruce Creek, is 19 miles southwest of Missoula, MT. Individual tree torching, spotting up to one mile and crowning runs were observed in timber and logging slash.

HOBBLE, Southern Land Office, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Larsen) is assigned. This fire is six miles northeast of Greycliff, MT. Extreme fire behavior with running, torching and crowning was observed in ponderosa pine with dead and down fuels, grass and sage. Structure protection is in place for 70 residences. 50 residences have been evacuated. Five additional outbuildings have been confirmed lost.

NORTH HOWARD COMPLEX, Lolo National Forest. This fire is in heavy logging slash and a variety of stand regeneration, 16 miles west of Missoula, MT. Active surface fire with single tree torching was observed.

CRAZY HORSE, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Vail) has been ordered. This fire is 10 miles northeast of Saint Ignatius, MT. Structure protection is in place for 200 residences and 20 commercial properties.

ROBERT, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is in timber, eight miles north of Columbia Falls, MT. Running, spotting and short duration crown runs were observed on the north flank. The rest of the fire experienced creeping with isolated flare ups. The major road through Glacier National Park (Going to the Sun Highway from West Glacier Gate to Logan Pass) is closed until further notice. Structure protection is in place for six commercial properties.

WEDGE CANYON, Flathead National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is in sub-alpine fir with down fuels, 20 miles east of Eureka, MT. Active backing fire with interior torching and short crown runs was observed. Structure protection is in place for 40 residences.

TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX, Glacier National Park. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Ferguson and Hart) are sharing management responsibility for this complex. The complex, comprised of the Trapper Creek, Wolf Gun, Paul Bunyan and Trout fires, is in mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. Slow spreading surface fire with occasional torching was observed. Structure protection is in place for three commercial properties. The major road through Glacier National Park (Going to the Sun Highway from West Glacier Gate to Logan Pass) is closed till further notice.

BOLES/RATTLESNAKE COMPLEX, Southwestern Land Office Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. The complex consists of the Boles Meadow fire and at least six unstaffed fires in the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness. This fire is in mixed conifer stands and brush, 20 miles northeast of Missoula, MT. Active fire behavior with torching and brief crown runs was observed. Structure protection is in place for 150 residences.

FISH CREEK, Lolo National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Benes) is assigned. This fire is in ponderosa pine and heavy logging slash, 24 miles west of Missoula, MT. Upslope runs producing extreme fire behavior were observed. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

ROUGH DRAW, Gallatin National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer forest, five miles southeast of Livingston, MT. Backing surface fire was observed.

GOLD 1, Bitterroot National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) has been ordered. This fire is nine miles northeast of Corvallis, MT. Significant fire growth to the east and south were due to torching and crowning in lodgepole pine and Douglas fir.

DIRTY IKE, Southwestern Land Office Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. This fire is three miles northeast of Clinton, MT. No further information was received.

COONEY RIDGE COMPLEX, Southwestern Land Office Montana Department of Natural Resources & Conservation. A Type 2 Incident Management team (Sandman) is assigned. This fire is eleven miles east of Florence, MT.

SLIMS, Nez Perce National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Mortier) is assigned. This incident is comprised of the Slims and Poet fires, 35 miles east of Grangeville, ID. Active backing fire with uphill runs was observed in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer.

CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX, Clearwater National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use complex, comprised of 62 Creek, Divide, Freeze Out, McConnell North, McConnell Northeast, Ranger Lake, Toboggan Creek and Rock Garden fires, is six miles southeast of Powell Junction, ID. The complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Individual tree torching with significant spread was observed in sub-alpine fir and lodgepole pine. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

EAST FORK PETTY CREEK, Lolo National Forest. This fire is 13 miles west of Missoula, MT. No further information was received.

PIONEER LAKE, Gallatin National Forest. This fire is in timber and logging slash, 15 miles south of Gallatin Gateway, MT. No further information was received.

LANDE, Crow Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This wind-driven fire is in grass and wheat, seven miles northeast of Pryor, MT. Active fire behavior with three to four foot flame length was observed.

BLACKWALL, Beaverhead/Deerlodge National Forest. This fire is 17 miles west of Wisdom, MT. No new information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

BIG CREEK, Bitterroot National Forest. This fire is in timber, four miles northwest of Victor, MT. No new information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CHERRY CREEK	MT	LNF	3,200	NR	UNK	262	8	0	6	0	850K
BLACK MOUNTAIN 2	MT	SWS	409	0	UNK	35	0	2	0	0	NR
BEAVER LAKE COMPLEX	ID	CWF	2,500	0	UNK	309	11	5	0	0	250K
HOBBLE	MT	SOS	34,000	10	8/14	232	4	36	1	6	NR
NORTH HOWARD COMPLEX	MT	LNF	1,175	0	UNK	172	6	6	0	0	175K
CRAZY HORSE	MT	FNF	1,500	0	UNK	130	3	6	2	0	NR
ROBERT	MT	FNF	36,640	58	9/15	848	21	33	6	2	12.5M
WEDGE CANYON	MT	FNF	27,524	70	UNK	1,089	27	34	5	36	18.2M
TRAPPER CREEK COMPLEX	MT	GNP	21,522	65	9/5	42	2	3	0	1	3.1M
BOLES/RATTLESNAKE COMPLEX	MT	SWS	4,000	0	UNK	64	0	5	0	0	105K
FISH CREEK	MT	LNF	600	0	8/27	132	5	11	0	0	NR
ROUGH DRAW	ID	GNF	250	0	UNK	97	0	30	4	0	250K
GOLD 1	MT	BRF	1,200	0	UNK	105	3	13	0	0	100K
DIRTY IKE	MT	SWS	600	0	8/30	0	0	0	0	0	0
COONEY RIDGE COMPLEX	MT	SWS	3,000	0	9/15	15	0	5	0	0	75K
SLIMS	ID	NPF	11,500	60	8/20	642	15	8	9	0	10.2M
CLEAR/NEZ COMPLEX - WFU	ID	CWF	600	N/A	N/A	32	0	0	0	0	63K
EAST FORK PETTY CREEK	MT	LNF	500	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR
PIONEER LAKE	MT	GNF	128	70	8/12	114	4	0	2	0	270K
LANDE	MT	CRA	1,250	85	UNK	23	0	5	1	0	NR
FRANK - WFU	WY	YNP	600	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0.5K
BLACKWALL	MT	BDF	4,515	95	8/13	NR	0	0	1	0	NR
BIG CREEK	MT	BRF	1,339	90	UNK	0	0	1	0	0	4.0M
LITTLE SALMON CREEK COMPLEX -WFU	MT	FNF	18,100	N/A	N/A	91	1	0	2	1	806K
ALLIGATOR	MT	CRA	300	100	---	19	0	6	1	0	NR
BUTCHER CREEK	MT	SOS	3,000	100	---	60	0	21	0	0	8K

### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CANYON CREEK, Boise National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) has been ordered. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Torching, spotting, crowning, long runs, and rapid rates of spread were observed. A voluntary evacuation of Bull Trout campground has taken place. Highway 21 is closed.

CROOKED, Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This wind-driven fire is four miles south of Goshen, UT. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, torching and running was observed in pinyon pine, juniper, grass and brush. Structure protection is in place for five residences. The road through Goshen Canyon is closed.

PINYON CANYON, Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is six miles northwest of Elberta, UT. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs and rates of spread up to 40 chains per hour was observed in pinyon pine, grass and brush. Structure protection is in place for one residence. Pinyon Canyon Road is closed at the junction of Highway 68 and at the junction of Highway 6.

MARBLE, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Van Bruggen) has been ordered. Van Bruggen will also manage the North Fork Lick fire. This fire is three miles east of Big Creek, ID. Single tree torching, small group torching and short range spotting were observed in mature sub-alpine fir. Structure protection is in place for 20 residences and one commercial property.

LLOYD, Bridger-Teton National Forest. This fire is 44 miles southeast of Jackson, WY. Torching and short runs were observed in sage, grass and mixed conifer. Structure protection is in place for two residences.

EAST BEAR, Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 18 miles north of Randolph, UT. Uphill runs and 25 foot flame lengths were observed in sage and fine fuels. Crews were successful in catching the fire where it had jumped containment lines in three different places.

WITHINGTON, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Mackay, ID. Active fire behavior with spotting was observed. Potential threats to grazing allotments exist.

SOUTH FORK, Boise National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is in grass, brush and timber, 25 miles northeast of Cascade, ID. Active running crown fire with spotting was observed. The fire made significant runs to the north northeast, doubling in size. Structure protection is in place for eight residences and one commercial building. Area roads are closed to the public.

HALL, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Broyles) is assigned. This fire is in grass, brush and timber with portions of heavy understory, seven miles north of Council, ID. Torching, short and mid-range spotting and short crown runs were observed. Structure protection is in place for 16 residences. An outbuilding previously reported lost has been confirmed to be a residence. Highway 95 is closed.

BLACKTAIL, Grand Teton National Park. This fire is in grass and sagebrush, three miles south of Moose, WY. Fire made significant runs with 30 foot flame lengths. Smoke impacted air traffic at the Jackson Airport and contributed to the temporary closure of Highway 26/89. The Gros Ventre Campground was evacuated.

NORTH FORK LICK, Payette National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Van Bruggen) has been ordered. Van Bruggen will also manage the Marble fire. This complex, comprised of the Grimmet and North Fork Lick fires, is in sub-alpine fir with dead and down fuels, 18 miles northeast of McCall, ID. The fires are being managed in a confine/contain strategy. Active fire behavior with single tree torching, short range spotting and backing was observed. Structure protection is in place for 25 residences and one commercial property.

TIMMERMAN, Upper Snake River District, Southern Idaho Area, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in grass and sagebrush, 25 miles north of Shoshone, ID. Active fire behavior was observed. Crews successfully conducted burn out operations in interior islands and along the fireline.

FALCONBERRY, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) will assume command today. This fire is in grass and mixed conifer with dead and down fuels, 25 miles northwest of Challis, ID. Torching and spotting up to one half mile were observed. Three additional outbuildings have been confirmed lost.

EAST HANSEL VALLEY, Northwest State, Utah State Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. This fire is one half mile west of Howell, UT. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs and ten foot flame lengths was observed. Structure protection is in place for three residences.

SAPP, Payette National Forest. This fire is 15 miles south of Red River Hot Springs, ID. Active fire behavior with short duration up slope crown runs was observed.

LOST PACKER COMPLEX, Salmon-Challis National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Waugh, Upper West Horse, Little Horse and Horse fires, is 36 miles northwest of Salmon, ID. Creeping, spotting and crowning were observed in sub-alpine fir, mixed conifer and grass.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CANYON CREEK	ID	BOF	3,500	0	UNK	230	9	9	4	0	NR
CROOKED	UT	SLD	2,400	15	UNK	117	0	30	1	0	93K
PINYON CANYON	UT	SLD	800	0	8/18	104	3	3	3	0	140K
MARBLE	ID	PAF	500	NR	9/10	12	0	2	0	0	1K
LLOYD	WY	BTF	325	25	8/14	NR	4	3	1	0	NR
EAST BEAR	UT	SLD	900	90	UNK	19	0	3	0	0	NR
WITHINGTON	ID	SCF	120	0	UNK	27	1	0	2	0	NR
SOUTH FORK	ID	BOF	2,000	5	UNK	204	6	7	3	0	150K
HALL	ID	PAF	1,000	15	UNK	439	12	8	7	2	587K
BLACKTAIL	WY	GTP	2,720	30	8/13	25	0	10	1	0	NR
NORTH FORK LICK	ID	PAF	800	20	8/25	75	2	0	3	0	2.1M
TIMMERMAN	ID	SID	4,095	85	UNK	152	1	28	4	0	NR
FALCONBERRY	ID	SCF	2,000	0	UNK	69	3	1	1	6	NR
EAST HANSEL VALLEY	UT	NWS	10,100	90	8/12	34	0	7	0	2	50K
SAPP	ID	PAF	400	NR	9/10	6	0	0	0	0	5K
LOST PACKER COMPLEX	ID	SCF	700	0	9/30	1	0	0	0	0	20K
FOOTHILLS	ID	SID	1,500	100	---	39	0	8	0	0	NR
CORRAL	UT	SLD	1,250	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	6K

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LITTLE HORN, Bighorn National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullinex) will assume command today. This fire is 21 miles northwest of Dayton, WY. Active fire behavior with short crown runs was observed. 19 summer homes and a Fish and Game cabin were evacuated; structure protection is in place.

HOLLOW HORN, Pine Ridge Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is one mile west of Wounded Knee, SD. Running and torching were observed in timber and grass. Structure protection is in place for 12 residences. Seven residences were evacuated.

RAWHIDE, Casper Field Office (East Zone), Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in ponderosa pine and grass, eight miles south of Lusk, WY. On Sunday night, a running crown fire from the drainage blew up with 200 foot flame lengths. Yesterday, two to four foot flame lengths were observed with single tree torching and occasional multiple tree torching. Structure protection is in place for one residence and one commercial property.

MIDDLE GATE, Wyoming State Forestry. This fire is in grass, juniper and ponderosa pine, 15 miles west of Kaycee, WY. Crowning, torching and rapid rates of spread were observed.

DRY CREEK, Campbell County. This fire is in grass, sage, juniper, cottonwood and pine, 50 miles north of Gillette, WY. Gusty winds hampered burn out operations to effectively control containment lines.

LITTLE BUCKTAIL, Grand Mesa/Uncompahgre/Gunnison National Forest. This fire is six miles northeast of Nucla, CO. Isolated torching and creeping were observed in brush and hardwood slash. Dozers have almost completed containment lines around the fire.

BIG SPRING, Casper Field Office (East Zone), Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is in ponderosa pine, pinyon pine and juniper, 20 miles southwest of Buffalo, WY. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

THOMPSON SPRINGS, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in juniper and pinyon pine, 15 miles east of Rangely, CO. Minimal fire activity was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LITTLE HORN 2	WY	BHF	150	0	UNK	41	2	0	1	0	150K
HOLLOW HORN	SD	PRA	1,000	40	UNK	50	0	18	0	0	NR
RAWHIDE	WY	CAD	240	35	8/14	75	3	5	1	0	NR
MIDDLE GATE	WY	CPS	125	60	8/12	77	2	10	1	0	NR
DRY CREEK	WY	CMX	200	60	8/12	15	0	4	0	0	NR
LITTLE BUCKTAIL	CO	GMF	160	40	8/13	23	0	2	1	0	NR
BIG SPRING	WY	CAD	3,340	90	8/12	165	3	5	3	0	3.4M
THOMPSON SPRINGS	CO	WRD	764	95	8/12	7	0	0	1	0	NR

**NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

FAWN PEAK COMPLEX, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This complex is comprised of the Fawn Peak, Sweetgrass and Farewell fires. The Farewell fire is in sub-alpine fir with heavy dead and down timber, 13 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Minimal fire activity was observed. Increase in acreage is due to reincorporating the acreage of Fawn Peak and Sweetgrass fires, controlled on 7/16.

NORTH ZONE COMPLEX, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This complex is in heavy timber, six miles southeast of Darrington, WA. The complex is responsible for initial attack on the Darrington, Skykomish and Mount Baker Ranger Districts. Eight lightning fires are in patrol status and eight lightning fires are not staffed. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

BLACK CANYON, Washington Department of Natural Resources. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Holloway/Reed) is assigned. This fire is in timber, five miles southeast of Northport, WA. Active fire behavior was observed. Two large spots ahead of the fire joined with the main body of the fire yesterday. Structure protection is in place for ten residences. Increase in acreage is due to a combination of more accurate mapping and active burning.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE,	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FAWN PEAK COMPLEX	WA	OWF	81,343	85	8/12	781	17	10	10	0	36.8M
NORTH ZONE COMPLEX	WA	MSF	135	25	UNK	422	13	17	6	0	1.1M
BLACK CANYON	WA	NES	1,100	10	UNK	273	12	15	4	0	NR

### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

DEEP MARSH SP, Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 45 miles southeast of Houston, TX. No new information was received.

YELLOW RAIL 1, Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 45 miles southeast of Houston, TX. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DEEP MARSH SP	TX	AHR	276	95	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR
YELLOW RAIL 1	TX	AHR	1,262	95	UNK	9	0	3	1	0	NR
JOHNSON RANCH	TX	TXS	11,015	100	---	38	0	6	0	0	NR
ROCHELLE	TX	TXS	500	100	---	5	0	1	0	0	NR

TXS = Texas Forest Service

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLUE RIVER COMPLEX, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Steeple, Largo and Thomas fires, is in ponderosa pine, mixed conifer, pinyon pine, brush and grass, 18 miles south of Alpine, AZ. This complex is in monitor status.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLUE RIVER COMPLEX	AZ	ASF	18,575	90	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	6.4M
HORSE - WFU	AZ	KNF	146	N/A	N/A	3	0	1	0	0	NR

KNF = Kaibab National Forest

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

DEL VENTURI, Los Padres National Forest. This fire is west of King City, CA. Extreme fire behavior, with spotting and rapid rates of spread was observed in grass and heavy brush.

CHIMNEY, San Luis Obispo Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is in chaparral, 17 miles east of Nipomo, CA. Backing fire was observed. Structure protection is in place for 15 residences.

MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, Stanislaus National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use complex is comprised of the Mountain and Box fires. A down slope backing fire with a slow rate of spread was observed in red fir timber and brush, 23 miles northeast of Mono Vista, CA. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DEL VENTURI	CA	LPF	700	50	8/13	141	3	12	1	0	20K
CHIMNEY	CA	SLU	1,100	60	8/12	410	27	30	5	0	NR
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX - WFU	CA	STF	394	0	UNK	29	2	0	1	0	36K
COONEY - WFU	CA	SQF	537	N/A	N/A	65	3	0	0	0	NR

SQF = Sequoia National Forest



## OUTLOOK:

**Fire Weather Watches:** For low humidity and isolated dry lightning in southwest, south-central, and southeast Montana. For gusty southerly winds and low humidity in western and south-central North Dakota.

**Weather Discussion:** The weather pattern continues to feature an upper low parked off the Northwest Coast and a strong ridge of high pressure from New Mexico through the Dakotas. This leaves most of the West in a south to southwest flow pattern. Breezy and unstable afternoon conditions, with some dry thunderstorms are the result across the upper Great Basin and Northern Rocky Mountain Areas. The pattern is not expected to break down until Wednesday afternoon.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA</b> Mainly isolated dry thunderstorms developing over southwest and south-central Montana, otherwise becoming partly cloudy.	West of the Divide: 85 to 100 East of the Divide: 85 to 105 North Dakota 90 to 95	West of the Divide: 15 to 25% East of the Divide: 10 to 20% North Dakota 20 to 30%	West of the Divide: becoming south 5 to 15 mph in the afternoon Eastern Montana: south to southeast 10 to 20 mph Western North Dakota: 20 to 30 mph
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Isolated afternoon thunderstorms central and east. Utah, Arizona Strip: Widely scattered to scattered wet and dry thunderstorms, mainly in the east.	Idaho, Bridger- Teton: 68 to 85 mountains, 85 to 99 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 72 to 92 higher elevations, 90 to 106 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 12 to 28% mountains, 9 to 19% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 17 to 35% mountains, 8 to 25% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: southwest or variable 10 to 20 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope/up valley 5 to 10 mph, southwest 10 to 20 exposed areas and western valleys.
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms western Washington and northwestern Oregon. Partly cloudy eastern Washington with isolated thunderstorms mainly over the Cascades. Mostly sunny eastern and southern Oregon.	Highs generally in the 80s to lower 90s east of the Cascades. Highs generally in the 70s western Washington and Oregon except to the 80s southwestern Oregon.	Generally 15 to 25% east of the Cascades, except 5 to 15% southeastern Oregon. West of the Cascades 35 to 55% except as low as 20% in southwestern Oregon.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph in southeastern Oregon and near the Columbia River Gorge, otherwise less than 15 mph.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms (some dry) over Wyoming. Widely scattered to scattered thunderstorms over the Colorado mountains. Isolated storms elsewhere.	Highs, 90 to 96 over lower elevation of the Rocky Mountain Area. High elevation 75 to 85.	10 to 25% over Wyoming and lower elevations of western Colorado, with 20 to 35% elsewhere.	Southeast 15 to 25 mph Black Hills region and variable 5 to 18 mph elsewhere.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Patchy morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	70 to 85 coastal areas. 75 to 95 mountains. 90 to 100 valleys. 90 to 105 upper desert. 100 to 115 low desert.	10 to 20% desert. 10 to 25% mountains. 10 to 25% valleys. 40 to 55% coast.	South to southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts in the afternoon.

<p><b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Sunny, except for night and morning coastal fog and low clouds.</p>	<p>Mid 60s to mid 70s near the coast 80s inland with a few lower 90s.</p>	<p>6 to 14% east of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 18 to 25% west of the Crest.</p>	<p>South to west 6 to 12 mph in the afternoon with gusts 18 to 25 mph west of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 28 to 35 mph east of the Crest.</p>
<p><b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Partly to mostly sunny with a breezy to windy afternoon. Very slight chance for a dry thunderstorm across the central and eastern parts of the state.</p>	<p>90 to 100 in the lower elevations, upper 70s to 80s in upper elevations, 106 in the southern deserts.</p>	<p>5 to 15% north, 10 to 22% south and in the Sierras.</p>	<p>South to southwest 10 to 25 mph, some areas gusting to 35 mph.</p>



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

## HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT

“Risk management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – it is the way we do the mission.” The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

### ● Step 1—Situational Awareness:

- Obtain information.
- Scout the fire.
- Identify hazards—those likely to result in a negative impact.
- Consider all aspects of current and future situations.
- Consider known historical problem areas (Apply information from the Fire Danger Pocket Card.).
- Recognize the need for action.
- Demonstrate ongoing awareness of fire assignment status.
- Note deviations.
- Attempt to determine why discrepancies exist with information before proceeding.

### ● Step 2—Hazard Assessment:

- Assess hazards to determine risks (e.g., fire behavior, snags, unburned fuels, work/rest).
- Use the Look Up, Down, and Around; and the Tactical Watch Outs (both located in the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to identify high-risk tactical hazards.
- Assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss, cost, and mission/operational degradation based on probability and severity (probability—how likely an event will occur; severity—consequences if the event occurs). Keep in mind that increased exposure time increases probability.

### ● Step 3—Hazard Control:

- Determine the best approach to mitigate or control the risk from the hazards assessed.
- Establish controls (e.g., anchor point, LCES, utilize downhill checklist, limit exposure time).
- As control measures are developed, reevaluate each risk until it is reduced to a level where benefits outweigh potential costs.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					100		100
Northwest	FIRES	11				10	6	27
	ACRES	11				4	2	17
Northern California	FIRES					20	4	24
	ACRES					52	1	53
Southern California	FIRES					18	51	69
	ACRES					805	285	1,090
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0			6	23	51	80
	ACRES	350			1,050	35,033	24,833	61,266
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	16		2	2	21	43
	ACRES	1	556		2,022	1	5,804	8,384
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4			4		8
	ACRES		168			19		187
Southwest	FIRES	28	1			4	38	71
	ACRES	92	1			3	20	116
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	6			4	8	20
	ACRES	0	2			150	110	262
Eastern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					4		4
Southern Area	FIRES			12		4		16
	ACRES			38		127		165
TOTAL	FIRES	43	27	12	8	97	179	366
	ACRES	454	727	38	3,072	36,298	31,055	71,644

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	22	10	367	12	426
	ACRES	20	40,271	213,069	3,712	255,382	2	512,456
Northwest	FIRES	188	176	10	37	1,238	793	2,442
	ACRES	17,460	12,609	9	14	41,182	112,446	183,720
Northern California	FIRES	98	58	7	6	1,577	613	2,359
	ACRES	50	11,579	2	6,511	17,565	16,524	52,231
Southern California	FIRES	47	82	10	46	1,847	607	2,639
	ACRES	853	2,497	360	210	29,759	6,798	40,477
Northern Rockies	FIRES	737	47	31	58	640	972	2,485
	ACRES	9,204	92,286	22,865	23,246	55,441	101,354	304,396
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	39	578	1	29	467	610	1,724
	ACRES	18,319	119,490	100	2,531	27,909	74,933	243,282
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	320	1	11	102	123	562
	ACRES	1	10,757	0	5	1,853	2,836	15,452
Southwest	FIRES	701	165	5	26	776	1,740	3,413
	ACRES	35,992	5,673	284	3,530	14,839	202,321	262,639
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	128	594	39	33	769	486	2,049
	ACRES	4,862	10,983	1,963	777	12,310	23,630	54,525
Eastern Area	FIRES	905		66	20	9,077	425	10,493
	ACRES	52,186		6,890	685	108,845	5,525	174,131
Southern Area	FIRES	127		38	11	11,107	325	11,608
	ACRES	21,318		6,279	756	172,641	8,799	209,793
TOTAL	FIRES	2,976	2,034	230	287	27,967	6,706	40,200
	ACRES	160,265	306,145	251,821	41,977	737,726	555,168	2,053,102

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>56,971</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>2,896,565</b>

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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
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				20			20
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	20	0	0	20

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	40	92	146	3		217	498
	ACRES	8,178	10,907	4,655	123		28,180	52,043
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	102	16		127	254
	ACRES	31	267	16,201	2,193		9,712	28,404
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	6		170	181
	ACRES		27	621	3,010		13,675	17,333
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	69	4	23	316	433
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,264	760	1,750	15,035	31,119
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	17	3		9	24	54
	ACRES	18	3,791	300		910	6,200	11,219
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		2		1	4
	ACRES		100		320		230	650
Southwest	FIRES	13	33	19	6	3	229	303
	ACRES	3,333	26,871	39,373	5,140	12	43,293	118,022
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	14	90	9	10	74	225
	ACRES	1,730	1,336	12,778	9,542	132	5,883	31,401
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		310	16	448	201	998
	ACRES	10,562		56,064	1,823	78,510	26,889	173,848
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	70	13,166	1,192	14,751
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,289	765,324	922,457	1,886,294
TOTAL	FIRES	172	175	1,012	132	13,665	2,551	17,707
	ACRES	43,733	47,107	235,101	106,200	848,193	1,071,554	2,351,888

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						101	101
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES				37		16	53
	ACRES				110		837	947
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		36	39
	ACRES				912		14,833	15,745
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				2		12	14
	ACRES				306		646	952
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				3		15	18
	ACRES				3,500		159,478	162,978
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		15		2		3	20
	ACRES		1,551		0		1,869	3,420
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				9			9
	ACRES				2,698			2,698
TOTAL	FIRES	0	20	0	56	0	88	164
	ACRES	0	1,553	0	7,526	0	177,765	186,844

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	112	321	1,890	89,356
Yukon Territory	1	22,838	67	30,607
Alberta	6	47	937	45,072
Northwest Territory	1	1	148	108,299
Saskatchewan	1	0	525	106,434
Manitoba	4	0	978	355,880
Ontario	4	1	771	299,403
Quebec	0	51	599	56,854
Newfoundland	2	4,003	145	23,887
New Brunswick	0	0	173	181
Nova Scotia	0	0	232	1,284
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	2,500	77	44,568
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>29,763</b>	<b>6,542</b>	<b>1,161,824</b>

**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	1									
Northwest	25	36	7	57		21			320	270
Northern California	3	6	9	13	1	2				4
Southern California	14	28	25	29	7	4			18	52
Northern Rockies	90	34	73	252	34	29	2	2	982	566
Eastern Great Basin	25	33	142	73	33	15	2		226	45
Western Great Basin			3		1					
Southwest		2	1			1			4	
Rocky Mountain	7	3	27	51	6	7			77	27
Eastern Area									7	
Southern Area		2		7						10
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1634</b>	<b>974</b>

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