



Morning Highlights

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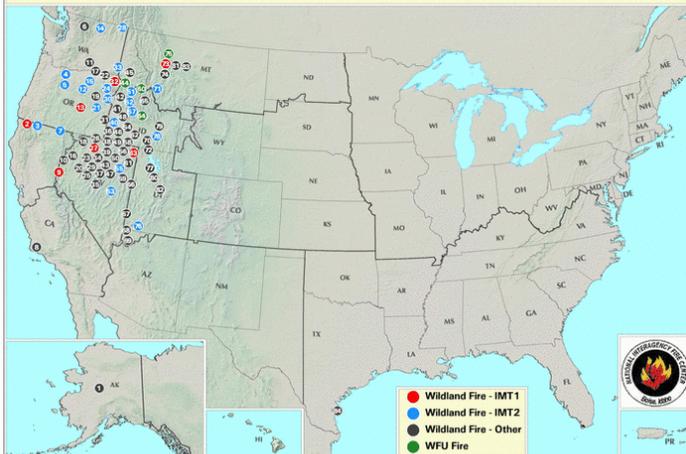
Morning Highlights will next be updated on 7/22 or 7/23, depending on Type 2 crew-movement to the Lower-48. For information call 907-356-5511.

FIRE INFORMATION FOR THE LOWER-48

Resource demand in the Lower-48 is high due to fire activity in many western states. The map below shows the locations of large incidents. The National Preparedness Level (PL) is now at its highest level, PL-5. The National Interagency Fire Center has moved to a PL-5 earlier than this date only once since 1990. Fire managers have been moving crews and aircraft from eastern states and Alaska, where fire activity has diminished, to assist with the western state's fires. Alaska is providing as many resources as possible, while retaining those needed to finish out the season. With various areas that are warming and drying, there is still potential for human and lightning caused fires.

Thursday, 289 new fires were reported nationally. Nine Type 1 Incident Management Command Teams (IMTs) and 21 Type 2 IMTs are assigned, plus four Wildland Fire Use teams, two National Incident Management Organizations, and one Area Command Team. National situation information is found at: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf> and the map below is found at: http://activefiremaps.fs.fed.us/lq_fire2.php

Large Incidents - July 20, 2007



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| 1 BIG CREEK | 21 BEAR | 41 BOB'S FLAT 3 | 61 TRAPPER RIDGE WFU |
| 2 ELK COMPLEX | 22 DUN GLEN | 42 CONCORD WFU | 62 VAN HORN |
| 3 CHINA-BACK COMPLEX | 23 COTTONWOOD | 43 POE CABIN | 63 TIPPETTS |
| 4 BALL POINT | 24 SANSINENA | 44 ROWLAND | 64 PARADISE |
| 5 WSA LIGHTNING COMPLEX | 25 CASTLE PLACE | 45 MARGE | 65 RADIO |
| 6 TOLD | 26 BOO HOO COMPLEX | 46 WOOD CREEK | 66 SULLIVAN CLARK |
| 7 FLETCHER | 27 WINDY RIDGE | 47 WILLOW CREEK RIDGE | 67 GUN CANYON |
| 8 ZACA | 28 PARIS | 48 MENDIVE | 68 PATTEGAIL CREEK |
| 9 HAWKEN | 29 TROUT CREEK | 49 RATTLESNAKE | 69 JIM CANYON |
| 10 SAND PASS | 30 OLD MAID | 50 MIDDLE FORK COMPLEX | 70 AHORN |
| 11 RATTLESNAKE COMMAND | 31 BATTLE CREEK COMPLEX | 51 CATHEDRAL | 71 CONGER CREEK |
| 12 FOSSIL CREEK | 32 CHIMNEY COMPLEX | 52 INSIDE DESERT | 72 FOOL CREEK |
| 13 EGGLEY COMPLEX | 33 KELLY CREEK | 53 HEPWORTH COMPLEX | 73 DAKOTA HILL |
| 14 TUNK GRADE | 34 RAVEN | 54 ELK MOUNTAIN | 74 MONARCH |
| 15 MONUMENT COMPLEX | 35 RED HILLS | 55 EAST ZONE COMPLEX | 75 BLACK PINE 2 |
| 16 SELENITE | 36 CAIN MT. | 56 SMITHS CROSSING | 76 TWIN BUTTES |
| 17 JUNIPER CANYON | 37 PETAN WILSON FORK | 57 TWIN BRIDGES | 77 KIMBELL |
| 18 DUNPHY | 38 RED HOUSE COMPLEX | 58 KRASSEL WFU COMPLEX | 78 LITTLE WOLF CREEK |
| 19 LOONEY SPRING | 39 TONGUE COMPLEX | 59 INDEPENDENCE VALLEY | 79 SALT CREEK |
| 20 BARREL SPRINGS | 40 GEM COUNTY | 60 HULA FIRE | 80 NOVAK |
| 21 JUNIPER RESERVOIR | 41 CASCADE COMPLEX | 61 WINECUP COMPLEX | 81 CAMERON |

Definitions of Map Terms

Large Incident: A wildfire of 100 acres or more occurring in timber, or a wildfire of 300 acres or more occurring in grass/sage.

Wildland Fire: Any non-structure fire, other than prescribed fire, that occurs in the wildland.

Wildland Fire - IMT1: Wildland fire; Type 1 Incident Management Team Assigned.

Wildland Fire - IMT2: Wildland fire; Type 2 Incident Management Team Assigned.

Wildland Fire - Other: Wildland fire; Other Incident Management Team Assigned besides Type 1 or Type 2 team (e.g. Type 3).

WFU Fire: Wildland Fire Use. A naturally ignited wildland fire that is managed to accomplish specific pre-stated resource management objectives in predefined geographic areas outlined in Fire Management Plans.

FIRE INFORMATION FOR ALASKA

Two new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Thursday. The two human-caused fires started in the Mat-Su Area and were reported at less-than-an-acre. State and local firefighters responded to an escaped burn pile fire that had spread to the wildlands. They were able to contain the fire using foam and the landowner broke up the three burn piles with an excavator. The landowner had a valid burn permit and was issued a warning. Engines responded to the second fire, which was a structure fire that escaped into the wildlands. So far this year, 455 fires have burned 350,470 acres statewide.

Big Creek Fire (#420):

Demobilization of crews, equipment and overhead continues. The fire is 95-percent contained and fuels within the perimeter continued to smolder Thursday.

For additional fire information, please visit:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>

For a map of where fires are located throughout the state, visit:

<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

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Additional References on Page 3

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

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