

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, July 31, 2020 – 0730 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity:**

Initial attack activity:	Light (129 new fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	7
Uncontained large fires:***	26
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

Nationally, there are 13 large 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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On July 30, two Single Engine Air Tankers on contract with the Department of the Interior crashed while assigned to the Bishop fire near Caliente, NV. Both pilots were fatally injured. The firefighting community extends condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

NIMO (Houseman) has been assigned to COVID-19 support at Forest Service headquarters in Washington, D.C.

One RC-26 aircraft with Distributed Real-Time Infrared (DRTI) capability and support personnel from the 141st Air Refueling Wing (Washington Air National Guard) has been deployed to Fairchild AFB (Spokane, WA), in support of wildland fire operations.

One MAFFS C-130 airtanker and support personnel each from the 152<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing (Nevada Air National Guard) and the 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing (Colorado Air Force Reserve) have been deployed to McClellan Airfield, CA, in support of wildland fire operations.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	11	14,275	21	60	10	963
ONCC	9	117,608	114	255	39	5,042
OSCC	6	34,168	16	57	10	653
NRCC	4	15,622	14	23	7	375
GBCC	13	53,221	21	45	15	806
SWCC	9	100,663	1	14	1	77
RMCC	2	1,444	0	6	0	19
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	2	1,462	2	8	0	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>338,463</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>8,001</b>

**Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 25  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 8  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**July Complex**, Modoc NF, USFS. IMT 1 (CA Team 1) and IMT 2 (CA Team 12). Thirty-six miles northwest of Canby, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with flanking, creeping and backing. Energy and railroad infrastructure, structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Gold**, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Cal Fire Team 4). Five miles south of Adin, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering, creeping and single tree torching. Residences threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Hog**, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Cal Fire Team 3) back to the local unit will occur today. Ten miles west of Susanville, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Community of Lake Forest and structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

**Red Salmon Complex** (2 fires), Six Rivers NF, USFS. IMT2 (CA Team 14). Fourteen miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber, chaparral and short grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, short-range spotting and flanking.

**S-4**, Northern California District, BLM. Forty miles northeast of Cedarville, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with single tree torching and creeping. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

**Adams**, Plumas NF, USFS. Five miles south of Doyle, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**MP 21**, Hoopa Valley Tribe, BIA. Three miles south of Weitchpec, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
July Complex	CA-MDF	81,520	-1,505	61	Ctn	7/31	1,663	-32	42	101	15	6	16M	FS
Gold	CA-LMU	21,870	0	75	Ctn	8/7	1,814	-151	38	115	11	13	25.3M	ST
Hog	CA-LMU	9,564	0	90	Ctn	8/10	750	-546	12	19	6	2	31.8M	ST
Red Salmon Complex	CA-SRF	669	219	0	Ctn	8/28	436	435	12	7	6	0	400K	FS
S-4	CA-NOD	1,850	0	50	Ctn	8/2	121	-1	5	7	1	0	660K	BLM
Adams	CA-PNF	918	0	97	Ctn	UNK	38	-101	1	2	0	0	1.4M	FS
MP 21	CA-HIA	100	0	90	Ctn	UNK	145	0	2	3	0	0	1.9M	BIA
Clay	CA-AEU	730	30	100	Ctn	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	433K	ST

AEU – Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire

**Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 21  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Bishop**, Ely District Office, BLM. IMT 2 (GB Team 7) mobilizing. Seventeen miles southwest of Caliente, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Railroad infrastructure and structures threatened.

\* **Pine Hollow**, Arizona Strip Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (GB Team 6). Twenty-three miles east of Fredonia, AZ. Chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running, torching and flanking. Structures threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Timber Mountain**, Southern Nevada District Office, BLM. Started on DOE land 32 miles north of Amargosa Valley, NV. Brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior.

**Cedar**, Elko County. Fifteen miles south of Elko, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

**Cottonwood**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, USFS. Thirty-five miles east of Pahrump, NV. Short grass. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Bishop	NV-ELD	14,000	13,500	0	Ctn	8/6	258	83	6	14	3	0	500K	BLM
* Pine Hollow	AS-ASD	4,000	---	0	Ctn	8/13	104	---	0	14	3	0	650K	BLM
Timber Mountain	NV-SND	4,840	840	35	Ctn	7/31	23	-59	0	0	2	0	2M	DOE
Cedar	NV-ECFX	5,990	0	95	Ctn	7/31	30	-23	1	0	0	0	3.9M	CNTY
Cottonwood	NV-HTF	2,817	---	98	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	450K	FS
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Howell Peak	UT-RID	1,885	0	75	Comp	8/1	10	-9	0	0	1	0	215K	BLM

RID – Richfield Field Office, BLM

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 23  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Dam**, Angeles NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 13). Eight miles north of Azusa, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and spotting. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Branch**, San Luis Obispo Unit, Cal Fire. Thirty-one miles east of San Luis Obispo, CA. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

**Iris**, Inyo NF, USFS. Three miles south of Aspen Springs, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Area and road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Dam	CA-ANF	250	---	0	Ctn	8/14	257	---	8	10	6	0	500K	FS
Branch	CA-SLU	3,022	0	85	Ctn	8/2	142	-29	4	21	2	12	500K	ST
Iris	CA-INF	120	0	98	Ctn	8/3	102	0	2	6	2	0	3.8M	FS
Ridge	CA-LAC	321	0	100	Ctn	---	5	-13	0	0	0	0	538K	CNTY

LAC – Los Angeles County Fire Department

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 20  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 5

**Anglin**, Northeast Region, Washington DNR. Ten miles east of Tonasket, WA. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations have been lifted.

**Ben Young**, Lake Unit, Oregon DOF. Thirteen miles south of Paisley, OR. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Communication infrastructure and structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Dragon Rock**, Lakeview District, BLM. Thirty miles east of Christmas Valley, OR. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

**Colockum**, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Started on private land 10 miles southeast of Wenatchee, WA. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Matlock**, Umatilla NF, USFS. Thirteen miles northwest of Ukiah, OR. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Anglin	WA-NES	1,728	728	80	Ctn	8/1	358	-22	8	23	2	3	1.2M	ST
Ben Young	OR-982S	1,249	0	95	Ctn	7/31	35	-54	1	3	0	0	2.3M	ST
Dragon Rock	OR-LAD	858	558	75	Ctn	7/31	37	-4	1	4	0	0	300K	BLM
Colockum	WA-SES	2,967	0	94	Ctn	7/31	36	-4	1	3	0	1	2.4M	PRI

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Matlock	OR-UMF	85	-65	40	Ctn	8/3	188	41	5	10	3	0	650K	FS
Greenhouse	WA-COA	5,146	0	100	Ctn	---	134	-140	1	1	0	1	3.3M	BIA
Green	WA-NES	1,480	0	100	Ctn	---	10	-11	0	3	0	0	231K	ST

COA – Colville Agency, BIA

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 3  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3

**Pine**, Prescott NF, USFS. Sixteen miles east of Cordes Lakes, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and backing. Area and trail closures in effect.

**Horseflat**, Truxton Canyon Agency, BIA. Thirty miles northwest of Peach Springs, AZ. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Trementina Canyon**, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry Division. Fifteen miles northwest of Trementina, NM. Short grass. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Pine	AZ-PNF	2,134	10	90	Ctn	8/10	19	7	1	0	1	0	47K	FS
Horseflat	AZ-TCA	785	-1	85	Ctn	7/31	4	-33	0	1	0	0	160K	BIA
Trementina Canyon	NM-N4S	825	---	99	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	820K	ST
Walker	NM-CAD	2,806	1,806	100	Ctn	---	49	49	0	13	0	0	15K	BLM
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Sue Peak	TX-BBP	644	---	75	Comp	7/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	NPS

CAD – Carlsbad Field Office, BLM      BBP – Big Bend NP, NPS

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 16  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Magpie Rock**, Flathead Agency, BIA. Eight miles east of Dixon, MT. Timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Magpie Rock	MT-FHA	3,117	1,142	0	Ctn	8/15	252	76	9	6	6	0	700K	BIA
Clear Creek	MT-FHA	354	0	100	Ctn	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	80K	BIA
Whistle Creek	MT-LG40	143	43	100	Ctn	---	27	-66	1	1	1	0	25K	CNTY

LG40 – Sweet Grass County

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 7  
 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														
Sand Creek	CO-SJF	107	---	60	Comp	8/31	5	---	0	0	0	0	3M	FS
Goose Creek	CO-RGF	171	---	75	Comp	8/15	3	---	0	1	0	0	1.6M	FS

SJF – San Juan NF, USFS      RGF – Rio Grande NF, USFS

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

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

**Monarch**, Texas A&M Forest Service. One hundred miles southwest of San Angelo, TX. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Energy infrastructure threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Monarch	TX-TXS	1,271	0	90	Ctn	8/1	59	-8	2	6	0	0	NR	ST

**Alaska Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 2  
 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														
Sheenjok River	AK-UYD	5,736	0	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	144K	FWS
Coleen	AK-UYD	1,542	0	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5K	FWS
Billy Hawk Creek	AK-GAD	2,240	0	95	Comp	9/15	0	0	0	0	0	0	9K	FWS
Wapoo Creek 2	AK-GAD	1,693	0	95	Comp	9/15	0	0	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
Tivehvun Lake	AK-UYD	829	0	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3K	FWS
Old Lost	AK-UYD	452	-25	0	Comp	10/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5K	FWS
Wapoo Creek	AK-GAD	600	---	0	Comp	9/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	ST
Iwaktok Hill	AK-SWS	13,030	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FWS
Clear Creek	AK-MID	1,285	---	0	Comp	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	BLM

UYD – Upper Yukon Zone, BLM      GAD – Galena Zone, BLM      SWS – Southwest Area, Alaska DOF      MID – Military Zone, BLM

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	6	12	20
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	89	2	93
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	22	3	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	9,000	720	64,511	74,231
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	22	1	23
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	650	460	1,110
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	10	5	16
	ACRES	0	10	0	0	465	2	477
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	8	0	0	10	3	21
	ACRES	0	12,019	0	0	9	0	12,028
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
	ACRES	0	2,106	0	0	0	72	2,178
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	5	1	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	22	0	22
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	13	0	13
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>129</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>14,135</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>1,976</b>	<b>65,047</b>	<b>90,160</b>

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

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	134	0	0	165	16	<b>315</b>
	ACRES	0	45,244	0	0	133,968	26	<b>179,238</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	170	129	45	13	1,005	358	<b>1,720</b>
	ACRES	7,587	5,397	10,178	1	27,175	769	<b>51,107</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	8	36	1	28	2,041	371	<b>2,485</b>
	ACRES	102	3,731	0	10,003	46,045	79,160	<b>139,040</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	17	82	3	17	2,814	390	<b>3,323</b>
	ACRES	28	1,099	1	1,100	27,714	2,662	<b>32,604</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	701	31	4	1	543	161	<b>1,441</b>
	ACRES	7,676	489	780	1	31,809	381	<b>41,136</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	30	603	16	32	697	212	<b>1,590</b>
	ACRES	389	304,239	64	66	90,943	37,687	<b>433,388</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	631	187	20	25	474	886	<b>2,223</b>
	ACRES	63,153	16,908	1,841	733	43,981	519,365	<b>645,981</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	307	227	10	8	642	341	<b>1,535</b>
	ACRES	3,219	33,986	365	48	87,387	3,368	<b>128,373</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	329	0	33	12	5,962	391	<b>6,727</b>
	ACRES	297	0	3,278	52	20,359	1,586	<b>25,572</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	252	86	23	43	9,563	306	<b>10,273</b>
	ACRES	18,491	404	3,419	32,835	297,819	22,837	<b>375,804</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2,445</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>23,906</b>	<b>3,432</b>	<b>31,632</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>100,942</b>	<b>411,496</b>	<b>19,926</b>	<b>44,839</b>	<b>807,200</b>	<b>667,842</b>	<b>2,052,246</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)</b>	<b>35,247</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)</b>	<b>3,849,351</b>

\*\*\*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/>



**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	44	0	44
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>

\*\*\*Prescribed fire acres are for reference only and may not reflect the most up-to-date information.

\*\*\*Official prescribed fire accomplishment reporting occurs through agency specific systems of record.

## Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO- DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	1	245	722
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	21	15,136
ALBERTA	3	0	422	753,614
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	1,030	63	19,603
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	89	42,057
MANITOBA	0	0	108	49,217
ONTARIO	2	4	451	6,175
QUEBEC	0	0	627	67,826
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	59	2,080
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	326	1,138
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	121	654
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	10	8
NATIONAL PARKS	3	0	40	1,655
TOTALS	15	1,035	2,582	959,883

\*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Predictive Services Discussion:** The Four Corners High will remain strongly amplified over the West. The near-record heat will continue across the Great Basin and the Pacific Northwest. Breezy conditions will develop along the Sierra Front in Nevada, creating critical fire weather conditions as it interacts with the usual low afternoon humidity. Widely scattered storms will be possible across the Okanogan and the western half of the Northern Rockies. Scattered convection will be possible across the northern Great Plains. The southwestern monsoon will remain suppressed due to the positioning and strength of the high pressure ridge that will remain anchored over Arizona. A stationary front will linger across the Carolinas, Tennessee River Valley and Texas, allowing for the redevelopment of scattered afternoon storms. Below normal temperatures are expected to continue across the Great Lakes region and New England, as a trough of low pressure remains over the region.

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



## Uninformed on Strategy, Tactics, or Hazards

*Operational Engagement*

Firefighters who are uninformed on strategy, tactics, or hazards are in conflict with Watchout Situation #5. Before going to the fireline, it is imperative that firefighters obtain information about strategies, tactics, or hazards by asking themselves the following questions:

- Can communications be established to find out strategy, tactics, or hazards? Discuss ways you might establish communications; for example, contacting someone who is already on the fire and asking them what tactics and strategies are working or not working, what hazards they have witnessed, etc.
- Can scouting safely identify potential hazards? Talk about different methods of scouting a fire (e.g., using a lookout from your crew or sending a line scout ahead, utilizing air attack or the spotter on a smokejumper airplane). Discuss what types of hazards you might come across and ways you would mitigate them. For example, arriving at a fire after dark and being instructed to dig line downhill with the fire below. How could you make this a safe situation?
- Have strategies, tactics, or hazards changed since last informed? Discuss situations that might alter the way you are fighting a fire (e.g., wind shifts, resources you expected do not arrive, etc.). Also, think about what new hazards can develop while you are on the fireline (e.g., roots burning out and trees coming down, winds shifting direction and speed, etc.).
- Can you get a briefing from your supervisor? Talk about the importance of constant communications and ensuring firefighters are on the same page with strategies and tactics. For example, if one crew decides to do a burnout, but doesn't let the crew at the other end of the line know what they are doing, then what can happen?
- To reduce the risks:
  - Post lookouts.
  - Determine escape routes and establish safety zones.
  - Consider retreating until you are informed.
  - Don't leave a staging area or operational briefing until you have all the pertinent information. Emphasize ways to inform firefighters about strategies, tactics, and hazards. Tell a story about when you were uninformed and what you did to correct the situation so that you were safe.
  - Use the [Incident Response Pocket Guide, PMS 461](#) (back inside cover) Briefing Checklist.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide, PMS 461](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Operations](#)

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210](#)

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