

**Northwest Area Coordination Center  
Morning Report**

1100

Aug 31, 2006

National Preparedness: 5

**PNW Area Preparedness**

Today: 5

Three Day: 5

Ten Day: 4

Thirty Day: 3

**National Current Situation**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 108 new fires reported. Eight new large fires were reported, three each in the Northwest and Northern Rockies Areas, and two in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern Great Basin, Northern Rockies, Rocky Mountain and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Two MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing ANG, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and the 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing ANG, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, are deployed to Klamath Falls, Oregon. Lt. Col. Gerald Champlin is the Mission Commander. Two MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel from the 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing ANG, Channel Islands, California are deployed to Boise, Idaho. Maj. Bill Green is the Mission Commander.

The U.S. Army Task Force Blaze, commanded by Maj. Jody Miller, is deployed to the Tripod Complex in Washington.

New Zealand and Australia are providing 92 fire specialists and managers to assist with suppression operations. Canada is providing ten 20-person crews and 59 fire specialists and managers.

Go to <http://fire.boi.noaa.gov> for NWS Fire Weather Forecasts

**PNW Update**

**There are no Red Flags or Fire Weather Watches in effect in the PNW.**

Lightning activity on 8/30, was restricted to Eastern and Northeastern Washington. Approximately 15 strikes were recorded around Spokane WA. The lightning activity occurred between noon and 1700 hours. Little fire activity has resulted.

**Weather Synopsis:**

On 8/29-30 precipitation amounts ranging from .01" to 1.12" were recorded in the Western Cascades in Oregon and Washington, and in the Puget Sound, Olympic Peninsula, and Northwestern Oregon locales, roughly corresponding with the W1, W2, W3, and C1 PSA's.

The upper level trough which brought the windy but cooler weather has moved to the east. An upper level ridge of high pressure building over the area will begin another warming and drying trend which is expected to last through much of next week.

Moderate east winds will develop along the west slopes of the Cascade Friday and Saturday. A weak disturbance moving up from the south will bring the possibility of thunderstorms to the mountains of Oregon Sunday and Monday.

**Activity Summary for 8/30:**

Minimal initial attack on 8/30, with six new fires for 2 acres reported.

**New Large Fires: (+ 0 acres)**

**On-Going Incidents: + 14,831 new acres on 8/30**

**Columbia Complex-WA-SES-545**      **76,021 acres (+8,021 ac)**      **20%**  
**contained**

This complex of 6 fires is near Waitsburg and Dayton, WA northeast of Walla-Walla, WA. **On 8/30:** -

Rapid uphill runs in light fuels on steep slopes in the Tucannon River drainage. Most of the heavy acreage gains actually occurred the nights of 8/28 and 8/29 during wind events. Level 1 evacuation notifications for areas east of the School Fire put into effect, with additional closures to Umatilla NF and Garfield County roads. Fire has burned to north and south of last year's School Fire adding to the complexity of the whole complex.

USFS land within Columbia County is closed, and Level 3 evacuations remain in place.

Lohrey's Type 1 IMT took over command of the fire at 0600 hours.

**1,219 personnel assigned.**

**Shake Table Complex-OR-MAF-442**      **13,437 acres (+2,437 acres)**      **15%**  
**contained**

This complex of 10 fires is found in a cluster near Aldrich Mt southeast of Dayville, OR. Shake Table Complex consists of 10 fires; all in mop up and patrol, except the Thorn Creek Fire at 13,301 ac. **On 8/30:** Observed fire behavior –Moderate, backing fire with short uphill runs. Three Type 1 crews were flown onto the ridge just east of Fields Creek to begin work on a contingency line. Helibase moved from John Day to airport to fire camp. Burnout operations commenced in several divisions to secure line. The county sheriff has issued residents in the area a pre-evacuation notice. Road closures and area closure in effect.

Oregon Dept of Forestry Incident Management Team (Hunt, Team 2) is managing the complex.

**1,504 personnel assigned.**

*Note: Tripod Complex includes the Spur Peak Fire, the Cedar Creek Fire and the Tatoosh Complex in the Pasayten Wilderness. The Complex is being managed currently by Gormley's type 2 team and Whitney's type 1 team. Whitney has command of the 8 mile zone and the new additions Cedar Creek and Tatoosh. Gormley retains command of the Concunully zone.*

**Tripod Complex-WA-OWF- 398                    149,487 acres (+2,392 ac)   48% contained**

The Tripod-Spur fire is burning in timber approx. 7 miles northeast of Winthrop, WA, and west/southwest of Conconully, WA, while the Cedar Creek Fire is located 8 miles southwest of Mazama, WA. The Tatoosh Complex is a group of six fires in the Pasayten Wilderness north of Winthrop and Mazama, WA. Within the 147,095 total acres on the fire, 9,905 acres have burned on State land, and the remaining 139,582 acres are on National Forest Land. **For 8/30:**

**Conconully Zone:** Fire spread to the north and east became stalled at an old burn area, natural fuel breaks, and in different fuel models. The northern most edge of the fire remains approximately 4 miles from Canada. Water and retardant drops were used to slow the spread of the fire. Building of contingency lines to the north and northeast continued.

**Eight Mile Zone:** Given projected weather conditions, fire spread should be minimal. **2,051 personnel assigned**

**Cedar Creek-WA-OWF-553                    1,100 acres (+0 ac)                    0% contained**

This fire is burning in heavy timber 8 miles southwest of Mazama, WA. Fuels are comprised of beetle kill spruce and fir. **On 8/30:** Three Type 1 crews walked into the fire to begin direct line construction. These crews will spike out depending on the weather. Fire activity has moderated much due to cooler, moister weather the past 30 hours or so. Structure protection measures continue.

This fire is now part of the Tripod Complex and is being managed by Whitney's Type 1 Team.

**277 personnel currently assigned.**

**Tatoosh Complex-WA-OWF-550                    5,420 acres (+0 ac)                    0% contained**

This complex consists of six new fires in the Pasayten Wilderness, north of Mazama and Winthrop, WA. The fires began from the same lightning storm that started the Cedar Creek Fire. This fire was included as part of the Tripod Complex and is being managed by Whitney's Type 1 Team. **On 8/30:** Light precipitation occurred over the fire on 8/30, and clouds obscured any observations.

**No personnel currently assigned.**

**Cascade Crest Complex-OR-DEF-668                    19,675 acres (+ 0 acres)   75% contained**

This complex consisting of three fires is burning in heavy timber and undergrowth near Sisters, OR (Black Crater, Lake George) and 10 miles southeast of Idanha, OR (Puzzle Fire) **Acres breakdown:** Black Crater Fire - 100% contained, 9400 acre total (Deschutes NF 5,150 acres and Private 4,250 acres), Lake George Fire - 97% contained, 5,550 acres total ( Willamette NF 550 acres and 5,000 acres Deschutes NF) and Puzzle Fire - 35% contained, 4,725 acres total on the Willamette NF. **On 8/30:**

Much moderated fire behavior, smoldering and creeping observed. Mop-up and line reinforcement continues on the Puzzle Fire, with extension of hoselays in two divisions. On the Lake George Fire rehab and mopping up of dozer berms continues.

Wilcock's Alaska IMT1 is in command of the complex. **713 personnel assigned**

**Sharps Ridge-OR-UMF-283: 5,396 acres (-104 acres) 70% contained**

This fire is burning in heavy timber and understory 15 miles southeast of Dale, OR. **On 8/30:** Cloudy day with some drizzle and high humidity kept fire activity to a minimum and promoted excellent mop-up progress in all divisions. One Type 1 Helicopter released. Reduction in acreage due to better mapping and excluding three areas where indirect line was to be burned out and that now have been directly lined. GIS and GPS measured perimeter of 5,396 acres should be final size of fire.

The Central Oregon Type 2 Team (Goheen) is in command of the fire.

**541 personnel assigned**

**Flick Creek-WA-NCP-213 5,316 acres (+20 acres) 40% contained**

This fire is burning in mixed fuels 3 miles south of Stehekin, WA just above lakeshore of Lake Chelan. Ownership acreage breakdown: 4303 acres on North Cascades NP, 927 acres on Okanogan/Wenatchee NF, 86 acres on Southeast Region DNR **On 8/30:** Observed fire behavior on Wednesday was smoldering and creeping in timbered stringers. No significant movements on the fire.

Northern Rockies FUMT (Cook) is in unified command of this fire with the Chelan County Sheriff's Dept.

**15 personnel assigned**

**Carbon Copy Complex-WA-SPS-062: 1,080 acres (+35 acres) 75% contained**

The **Bear Gulch Fire** is burning in heavy fuels on the north shores of Lake Cushman, 15 miles northwest of Hoodspport, WA on the Olympic Peninsula. The **Carbon Copy fire** is burning in heavy timber and understory approximately 13 miles southeast of Enumclaw, WA, near the northwest boundary of Mt. Rainier National Park. The Carbon Copy Fire is currently 280 acres and 75% contained, and the Bear Gulch 2 fire is 800 acres, and 60% contained. The complex is organized in two branches, the Carbon Copy Branch, and the Bear Gulch 2 Branch.

. **On 8/30:** Another day of cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and some light precipitation minimized fire activity. On the Carbon Copy Fire, activity was primarily surface fire in the heavier area of fuels. Crews continue to mop up. On the Bear Gulch Fire crews started to mop-up 100 feet in on the east side of the fire. Carbon River Road expected to reopen on Friday morning (9/1).

Washington Incident Management Team (LaFave Team 3) is in command of the complex. Plans are for a local Type 3 organization to take over responsibility for the Bear Gulch Fire on Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>, and for another local Type 3 group to take over the Carbon Copy Fire on **Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**361 personnel assigned**

**Jim Creek-OR-WWF-660 12,796 acres (-150 acs.) 95% contained**

This fire is burning grass, brush, and stringers of timber approx 20 miles southeast of Anatone, WA near the Hells Canyon NRA. **On 8/30:** Minimal fire behavior today, limited to burning stumps. The fire area was covered by clouds today, with a few sprinkles observed. Division A and B will be in patrol status, and Division C will finish rehab and grid for hotspots on 8/31.

A Type 2 IMT (Blue Mt Team-Lunde) is in managing the fire and will transition with a Forest T3 organization tonight, 8/31.

**265 personnel assigned**

**Tin Pan WFU – WA-OWF- 304      **6,340acres (+20 acs.)**      **0% contained****

This fire is burning in the Glacier Peak Wilderness area, 7 miles west of Lucerne, WA in timber. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. **For 8/30:** A small spot was found on the west side of the Entiat River near Aurora Creek. A Type 2 handcrew found and successfully suppressed a small start caused by a downed powerline on the Entiat River Road between Entiat and the ICP. Some smoke in the Choral Creek area was observed. The Chelan County Sheriff's Office issued a Level 1 evacuation notice for summer homes and campgrounds in the upper Entiat Valley South of the MMA.. Northern Rockies FUMT (Cook) is in command of the fire.

**112 personnel assigned**

**Quinns Meadow WA-NES-422      **375 acres(+175 acres)**      **25% contained****

This fire is burning in heavy timber and undergrowth located 20 Miles south of Northport, WA, and approximately 25 miles north of Colville, WA, on Quinn's Meadow Road. **On 8/30:** The fire behavior has moderated somewhat, line reinforcement, burnout, and mop-operations are ongoing. A Washington Incident Management Team (Barnett/Haskins) has been assigned.

**91 personnel assigned.**

**Applegate Fire OR-WWF-692      **104 acres(-16 acres)**      **30% contained****

This fire burning in mixed timber, grass, and dead and down is located 35 miles north of Enterprise, OR on the Rattlesnake Grade of Hwy 3, near Bufor Creek. **On 8/30:** Fire behavior moderated somewhat due to the lowering winds. Smoldering, creeping, and active backing behavior on some portions of the fire were observed. Closure of Highway 3 (major road between Enterprise, OR and Lewiston, ID) through today (8/31). Burnouts and continuing mop-up operations planned for 8/31.

**186 personnel assigned.**

**Hay Creek Fire OR-PRD-890      **382 acres (+282 acres)**      **75% contained****

This fire is burning on the Crooked River National Grasslands in grass and juniper, 10 miles southeast of Madras, OR. **For 8/30:** Fire is lined and fire activity was low. Patrol, line reinforcement, and mop-up operations continue.

**28 personnel assigned.**

**Pineridge Fire OR-PRD-883 -      **1.929 acres (+ 1,429 acs.)**      **80% contained****

This fire is located near Brothers, OR., approx. 30 miles east of Bend, OR and burning in grass, sage and

Juniper fuels. **On 8/30:** Fire was successfully suppressed and lined. Patrol and mop-up operations are ongoing. A Type 3 I.C. is in charge of the fire, with 5 engines on scene.

12 personnel assigned.

**Mt Hood Complex-OR-MHF-140**      **1,859 acres (No acreage gain )**      **85% contained**

This complex of fires is burning in heavy fuels east of Govt. Camp, OR and southeast of Parkdale, OR. The complex has fires in both the Mt.Hood Wilderness and the Badger Creek Wilderness. **On 8/30:**

Significant wind event occurred in the morning of. 8/30, followed by rain and snow. Weather cleared about mid-afternoon. Campgrounds and trails in the area are still closed. A Mt Hood NF Type 3 Organization (Woodsley) has assumed command of the complex.  
**273 personnel assigned.**

**Bybee WFU Complex-OR-CLP-004**      **1,520 acres (+20 acres)**      **MMA/0% contained**

This wildland fire use complex is burning in timber and litter 29 miles northwest of Chiloquin, OR within the boundaries of Crater Lake NP. The complex consists of the Bybee and Bybee2 Fires. The Pacific Crest Trail is closed in the fire area. **For 8/30:** Minimal growth on the fire, but interior islands of unburned fuel continue to burn out, surface fire and individual and group torching were observed at times during the day. Spotting across the line in certain areas remains a problem. Concern about potential forecasted east wind event for 9/2 and 9/3.

A local NPS Type 3 Fire use organization (B. Reed IC) is in command of the fire.

**93 personnel assigned**

**Contained Fires:**

**No New Information (Fires will be filed here then removed after one report)**

**Clarno Fire** - approximately 8,500 acres (+4,000 ac). The fire is burning in brush and sage SW of Fossil, OR. Local volunteers and Rural Fire Departments are handling suppression at this time. Oregon Dept. of Forestry conducted burnout operations from Hwy 218. **No new information provided on 8/30.**

**Knox Fire- (Incident #870)** - Approximately 4,500 acres (+500 ac), located near the Criterion Summit on Hwy 97. The fire remains on unprotected lands - No State or Federal suppression at this time.

**No new information provided on 8/30.**

**NW Area Type I Incident Management Teams Rotation**

**1. Anderson – Available**

**2. Lohrey – Columbia Complex**

### National Type I Incident Management Team Rotation

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| <b>1. Southwest</b>   |
| <b>2. Southern</b>    |
| <b>3. Rocky Basin</b> |

### PNW Area Type II Teams

Team	IC	Incident / Location	Dispatch Date
Washington Team 1	<b>Jennings</b>		
Washington Team 2	<b>Reed</b>	So Fork Complex ID-PAF	8/17/06
Washington Team 3	<b>LaFave</b>	Carbon Copy/Bear Gulch2 WA-SPS/WA-OLF	8/20/06
Washington Team 4	<b>Barnett/Haskins</b>	Quinns Meadow WA-NES	8/30
Washington Team 5	<b>Gormley</b>	Tripod	8/25/06
ODF Team 1	<b>Savage</b>		
ODF Team 2	<b>Hunt</b>	Shake Table Cpx OR-MAF-442	8/23/06
ODF Team 3	<b>Walker</b>		
Blue Mountain Team	<b>Lunde</b>	Jim Creek OR-WWF-660	8/23/06
Central Oregon Team	<b>Goheen</b>	Sharps Ridge OR-UMF-283	8/20/06
Northwest Team	<b>West</b>	Available	
ORCA Team	<b>Paul</b>	Available	
FUMT	<b>Furlong</b>	Unavailable	

### PNW Area Type II Teams Out of Area Rotation

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### Shared Resources

Go to <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/index.cfm> for TFR Information

### Rappel / Helitack Helicopters

Tail #	Model	Home	PSA	Status	Raps Avail
<b>C-FAHR</b>	T2-B212 HP	Wenatchee	C1	On	7
<b>H223HT</b>	T2-B205A1++	Lakeview	E5		
<b>H58126</b>	T2-B205A1++	John Day	E4		
<b>H765H</b>	T2-205A1++	Sled Springs	E4	On	11
<b>H17HX</b>	T2-205A1 ++	John Day	E4		
<b>H15HX</b>	T2-205A1++	Frazier	E4	On	5
<b>H3DH</b>	T3-B206L3	Burns	E5		
<b>H286</b>	T3-B206L	Prineville	C2	On	
<b>H407S</b>	T3-B-407	Merlin	W4	On	
<b>H047C</b>	T3-B206L4	Vale	E5		
<b>H64AW</b>	T3-B206L4	EAT	C1	On	4
<b>H353MH</b>	T3-AS350B3	NCSB	E1	On	4 heli

<b>Smokejumper Aircraft</b>		
Type	No.	Status
Sherpa	J78	Available
Sherpa	J73	Available
CASA 212	J09	Available

<b>Smokejumpers</b>		
Base	No.	Location
Redmond	22	RDM
North Cascade SMJ Base	8	NCSB

<b>Lead Planes / Air Attack</b>		
Tail #	Home Base	Availability
N28M	OR-COC	
N14CP		@EAT
N29M	OR-COC	@RDM
N38V		
A/A 63F	OR-COC	@COC
A/A 5CS	OR-COC	
A/A 101OF	WA-CWC	@EAT
A/A 9096	OR-BIC	@Burns

<b>TYPE 1 HELICOPTERS/SEATS/HEAVY AIRTANKERS</b>				
Tail #	Type	Home Unit	Availability	Location
MAFFS	C-130	WY ANG	On	LMT
N264V	CL215	COF	On	Deer Pk
N267V	CL215	COF	On	Deer Pk
T 00	P3			
T 44	P2V			
T 21	P3			
T-55	P2V			
T 458	SEAT		On	
T 478	SEAT T4	LFC		
T 420	SEAT T4	BIC	On	
T 185	SEAT T4	BIC	On	
T 414	SEAT T4	HFR/HFD		
T 412	SEAT T4	PIC		
T 413	SEAT T4	MAF		
T 450	SEAT T4	MAF		
T 487	SEAT T4	COA		
T 494	SEAT T4	VAD		
H6962R	T1-LTD			
H715HT	T1-LTD	NOC	On	LGD

<b>H189AC</b>	T1-LTD	CWC	Commit	BG2
<b>H239CH</b>	T1-LTD	EIC		
<b>H187CH</b>	T1-LTD	CWN		

<b>Interagency Hotshot Crews (IHC)</b>				
<b>Incident</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>IHC Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Location</b>
OR-DEF-668	MHF	<b>ZigZag</b>	Committed	Cascade Crest C.
OR-DEF-668	NOC	<b>LaGrande</b>	Committed	Cascade Crest C.
OR-DEF-668	AK-AFS	<b>Chena</b>	Committed	Cascade Crest C.
OR-UMF-283	UPF	<b>Wolf Creek</b>	Committed	Sharps Ridge
OR-UMF-283	COC	<b>Prineville</b>	Committed	Sharps Ridge
OR-OWF-398	KFC	<b>Winema</b>	Committed	Tripod
OR-OWF-398	VA-RCC	<b>Augusta</b>	Committed	Tripod
OR-OWF-398	AZ-ASF	<b>Heber</b>	Committed	Tripod
OR-OWF-398	NM-ZUA	<b>Zuni</b>	Committed	Tripod
OR-OWF-398	CWC	<b>Entiat</b>	Committed	Tripod
OR-WWF-660	NOC	<b>Union</b>	Committed	Jim Creek
WA-SES-545	VAD	<b>Vale</b>	Committed	Columbia Cpx
WA-SES-545	MS-MIC	<b>Jackson</b>	Committed	Columbia Cpx
WA-SES-545	PSC	<b>Baker River</b>	Committed	Columbia Cpx
OR-MAF-442	WSA	<b>Warm Springs</b>	Committed	Shake Table
OR-MAF-442	CA-KNF	<b>Arrowhead</b>	Committed	Shake Table
OR-MAF-442	CA-NZF	<b>Redding</b>	Committed	Shake Table
OR-MAF-442	CA-MNF	<b>Mendocino</b>	Committed	Shake Table
	OR-RRF	<b>Rogue River</b>	Available 9/1	Home
	COC	<b>Redmond</b>	Released	Home