

# Northwest MAC Group

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NW MAC – 2009 Decision 5

## Documentation of NW MAC Decisions

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### PNW Incident Priorities (*set once per day*):

<u>Fire</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>IC</u>
1. Initial Attack		
2. Williams Creek	OR-UPF	Paul/Sifford
3. Discovery	WA-OWF	Gormley/Satterfield
4. Gold Hill Complex	WA-MSF	Johnson
5. Langille	WA-GPF	Hutton/Cook

### Emerging incidents:

Heatwave Complex (WA-OLP) – A Wildland Fire Management Team has been ordered.

Tiller Complex (OR-UPF) – The NW Oregon T-2 IMT (Ensley) has been ordered.

### Remarks:

With abundant lightning predicted in four of the GACC's predictive service areas through Wednesday August 5<sup>th</sup>, firefighting resources should review thunderstorm safety practices.

Thunderstorms may cause significant hazards for firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm.

During a thunderstorm, utilize the following guidelines and indicators: ● do not lie down, ● avoid ridge tops and dry creek beds, ● utilize handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones, ● put down all tools, ● take shelter in vehicles if possible, ● the rise of hair on the body is an indicator of lightning strike activity in close proximity.

Additional thunderstorm safety guidance can be found at:

[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_discussion.php?id=56](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_discussion.php?id=56)

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