



Morning Brief

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Preparedness Levels

Northwest PL

Current	3-Day	10-Day
5 (8/19)	5 (8/19)	5 (8/19)

National PL

4 (8/17)

Northwest IMT Rotation (8/22 – 8/29)

For additional IMT information refer to the [IMT Status/Rotation](https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/intelligence/teams.pdf) page
<https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/intelligence/teams.pdf>

NW Area Type 1	NW Area Type 2

Northwest Historic PL

See [Preparedness Level](#) Product

Northwest Incident Activity

21 fires for 35 acres

OR: 9 fires for 9 acres

WA: 12 fires for 26 acres

Large Fire Summary

New large incidents: 0

Reported incidents: 10 (OR: 4 WA: 6)

2,334 acres growth on existing incidents

Northwest IMT Activity

NIMOs committed: 0

Type 1 IMTs committed: 2

Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

Complex IMTs committed: 0

Assigned to Preposition:

IMT1 GB Team 1 (Kuo) and IMT2 CA Team 12 (Aragon)

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Medium (204 new fires)

New large incidents: 6

Large fires contained: 8

Uncontained large fires: 62

National IMT Activity

Area Commands committed: 0

NIMOs committed: 2

Type 1 IMTs committed: 6

Type 2 IMTs committed: 11

Complex IMTs committed: 4

Nationally, there are 56 fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

Northwest Activity Summary

Scattered lightning with light precipitation occurred in southwest and central Oregon. Isolated lightning with light precipitation was received in northeast Washington. Wetting rains, high humidities and low temperatures from the remnants of Hilary occurred east from near Klamath Falls, OR through Lewiston, ID with the heaviest rain being in Malheur, Baker and Wallowa Counties. Elsewhere, on both sides of the Cascades temperatures were in the mid 70s to low 80s. Minimum relative humidities were in the high teens and 20s in the Columbia Basin, 30s to 40s throughout the Cascades and 20s to 30s in the western valleys. Overnight humidity recovery was moderate to good in the Cascades and eastern Washington. Light breezes dominated outside of the area impacted by Hilary's moisture. Light initial attack occurred. Moderate to active fire behavior with moderate growth occurred on existing large fires. Great Basin CIMT Team 1 is prepositioned in Spokane, WA and California IMT2 Team 12 is prepositioned in Redmond, OR.

Northwest Current Incident Details

Incidents listed below meet large fire criteria and/or incidents with a Type 1 or 2 IMT assigned. Large incidents are defined as fires which are 100+ acres in timber or 300+ acres in grass/brush. For additional information on incidents no longer listed below please refer to the [Northwest Large Incident Summary](#) or [Northwest Fires Utilizing Other than Full Suppression Strategies](#)

Incidents not Previously Reported: 0

Incidents Previously Reported: 10

Gray. WA-NES-001974. IMT2, NW Team 7 (LeFevre). 3.5 miles NW of Cheney, WA. Start 8/18. **Full Suppression.** Cause: Undetermined. 10,014 (+0) acres. 25% containment. Timber, Tall Grass. Moderate fire behavior. Evacuations in effect. Structures threatened. Power lines and railroads impacted. Road and area closures.

Oregon Road. WA-NES-001979. IMT1, PNW Team 3 (Quinones). Elk, WA. Start 8/18. **Multiple Suppression Strategy.** Cause: Undetermined. 10,942 (+800) acres. 0% containment. Timber. Extreme fire behavior. Evacuations in effect. Structures, power infrastructure and crops threatened. Road and area closures.

Lookout. OR-WIF-230327. IMT2, NW Team 6 (Albrecht). OSFM, Blue Team (Magers). 4 miles NE of McKenzie Bridge, OR. Start: 08/05. **Full Suppression.** Cause: Lightning. 12,188 (+1,014) acres. 5% containment. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Evacuations in effect. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures.

Bedrock. OR-WIF-230266. IMT1 PNW 2 (Loomis). 10 miles NE of Lowell, OR. Start: 07/22. **Full Suppression.** Cause: Undetermined. 30,554 (+68) acres. 35% containment. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Evacuation notices. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures.

Sourdough. WA-NCP-000262. IMT2, NW Team 8 (Stock). 6 miles NE of Newhalem, WA. Start: 07/29. **Multiple Suppression Strategy.** Cause: Lightning. 5,997 acres (+350). 55% containment. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Evacuation notices. Structures and infrastructure threatened. SR Hwy 20 is closed in the fire area. Road, trail and area closures

Flat. OR-RSF-000209. IMT2 SW Team 3 (Elmore). 2 miles SE of Agness, OR. Start 07/15. **Full Suppression.** Cause: Undetermined. 34,242 (+0) acres. 58% containment. Brush and timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures.

Huckleberry Flats. WA-MSF-000375. IMT3, 9 miles east of Darrington, WA. Start 8/19. **Full Suppression.** Cause: Human. 134 acres (+34). 0% containment. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior. Road closures. Structures threatened.

Crater Creek. WA-NES-001972. IMT3. 20 miles NW of Oroville, WA. Start: 8/18. **Full Suppression.** Cause: Undetermined. 4,825 acres (+0). 0% containment. Acreage change due to more accurate mapping. Timber. Moderate fire behavior. Trail and area closures.

Blue Lake. WA-OWF-000563. ICT3. 24 miles W of Winthrop, WA. Start: 8/14. **Multiple Suppression Strategy.** Cause: Undetermined. 288 (+68) acres. 0% containment. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. SR Hwy 20 is closed in the fire area. Road, trail and area closures.

Wiley. OR-WIF-230338. IMT3. 9 miles SE of Sweet Home, OR. Start: 08/07. **Full Suppression.** Cause: Undetermined. 245 (+0) acres. 70% containment. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road closures.

Northwest Fire Weather Summary

Low pressure moves across the region today and Wednesday to bring cooler, but still unstable, weather. Showers and thunderstorms will continue this afternoon, mainly across northeast Oregon where very heavy rainfall and flash flooding could occur. Thunderstorms are also possible across western Washington but will produce much less rainfall. The upper low will also bring breezy and dry general winds through the eastern Columbia Gorge and Cascade east slope areas. Another offshore upper trough later this week brings a warmer southerly flow to the region. Expect isolated to scattered showers with primarily wet thunderstorms late this week for the Cascade east slopes toward the Idaho border, but conditions remain such that ignitions should be limited.

For more weather details in your area, refer to your local NWS office statements and Fire Weather Planning Forecasts.

Northwest Fire Potential Summary

The 7-day period features minimal to near normal significant fire potential as the weather patterns do not support significant fire weather triggers. Some ignitions are expected from thunderstorms today and later this week, particularly across areas which have not received recent rainfall. Instability outside of thunderstorms later this week through early next week may increase ventilation potential for ongoing incidents.

More info: [NWCC 7-Day Significant Fire Potential Forecast](#), and [National 7-Day Significant Fire Potential](#)

National Incident Management Situation Report (IMSR): <https://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>

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