



Morning Brief

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Northwest Activity Summary

Abundant lightning yesterday afternoon and evening in south-central and southeastern Oregon, southeast of a line from Baker City to Crater Lake. Lightning is continuing the morning in the southern Cascades. These storms have been getting moister over the past 48 hours, with a number of weather stations reporting more than .2 inches of precipitation overnight. It was warm and calm across eastern Washington.

Moderate to heavy initial attack in southeastern Oregon, heavy in south-central Oregon, with new large fires in central and southeastern Oregon. NIMO (Quesinberry) ordered for the Indian Creek incident on the Mt. Hood NF.

Preparedness Levels

Current:

Northwest	3 (7/13)
National	4 (7/9)

Northwest PL Forecast

3	3	3
3-day	10-day	30-day

Northwest Fire Activity

Large Fire Summary

New large fires: 3
Large fires contained: 2
Uncontained large fires: 5 (OR: 4 WA: 1)

New Fires and Acres

54 fires for 5,120 acres
20,800 acres growth on existing large fires
OR: 44 fires for 5,046 acres
WA: 10 fires for 74 acres

Northwest IMT Activity

NIMOs committed: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (160) new fires
New large incidents: 14
Large fires contained: 12
Uncontained large fires: 40

National IMT Activity

Area Command Teams committed: 0
NIMOs committed: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 5
Type 2 IMTs committed: 10

Northwest Current Incident Details

Incidents not Previously Reported: 3

Emerson OR-OCF-000638. IMT3. 4 miles NE of Madras, OR. Start 7/25. **Full Suppression**. Cause: Human. 5,000 acres. 0% containment. Grass/brush. Active fire behavior with running and spotting. Residences and structures threatened. Road and area closures in place.

Crane OR-982S-000299. IMT3. 4 miles SE of Lakeview, OR. Start 7/24. **Full Suppression**. Cause: Lightning. 570 acres. 0% containment. Timber. Active fire behavior with running, spotting and torching.

Wildcat OR-LAD-000308. 1 mile S of Green Mountain Lookout, OR. Start 7/24. **Full Suppression**. Cause: Lightning. 657 acres. 0% containment. Grass/brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping.

Incidents Previously Reported: 4

Upper Mine OR-BUD-007058. IMT3. 8 mi S of Fields, OR. Start 7/24. **Full Suppression**. Cause: Lightning. 4,800 acres (+2,300). 0% containment. Brush/grass. Active fire behavior on the south end. Structures threatened.

Bissell WA-NES-001521. IMT3. 8 mi N of Hunters, WA. Start 7/23. **Full Suppression**. Cause: Unknown. 377 acres (-34). 25% containment. Timber/brush/grass. Moderate fire behavior with short range spotting, creeping and smoldering. Road closures in place.

Bowden OR-VAD-000129. 22 mi S of Rome, OR. Start 7/24. **Full Suppression**. Cause: Unknown. 17,773 acres (+12,273). 100% containment. Minimal fire behavior. **Last report on morning briefing unless significant activity occurs.**

Sheep WA-SES-000274. IMT3. 3 mi N of Selah, WA. Start 7/23. **Full Suppression**. Cause: Unknown. 1,771 acres (+0). 100% containment. Grass/brush. Minimal fire behavior. Transfer of command to local unit 7/25. **Last report on morning briefing unless significant activity occurs.**

Northwest Fires Utilizing Monitor, Confine, Point Zone Protection Suppression Strategies (YTD) (link)

Lists fires (of any size) that singly utilize Monitor, Confine or Point Zone Protection suppression strategies, or use Multiple Suppression Strategies (which may also include a Full Suppression component).

Northwest Fire Potential Summary

More lightning fires are expected on Wednesday but will begin to trail off on Thursday and Friday as the weather pattern shifts toward a stable and drier pattern. PSA NW07 is seen as at biggest risk of new large fires but other PSAs around central and eastern Oregon will undergo some starts from lightning as well. Fortunately, for the time being, new starts in Washington appear no more than normal for this time of year.

Longer term outlooks for the weekend and beyond suggest hot and dry weather will continue for the region. No major relief is seen in the overall pattern of high fire danger over Oregon and Washington. This is due to a persistent and broad ridge of high pressure that is covering the western states. While lightning fire starts during the continued dry spell are not anticipated to be excessive, some thunderstorms are possible at times over central and eastern Oregon and Washington.

See your local NWS fire weather planning forecast for the weather details and any Red Flag Warnings in your area.

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

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

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