From: Lyons, James
To: Noreen Walsh
Subject: Re: Joint USDA Forest Service and DOI Office of Wildland Fire Incident Brief for July 8, 2015
Date: Wednesday, July 08, 2015 9:13:27 AM

Are you still on vacation or would you have time to connect for a few minutes later today?

Jim

On Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 10:17 AM, Noreen Walsh <noreen_walsh@fws.gov> wrote:

> Thank you Jim.
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> Noreen Walsh
> Regional Director
> Mountain-Prairie Region
> U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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> On Jul 8, 2015, at 10:09 AM, Lyons, James <james_lyons@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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>> FYI --
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>> You will notice that in our fire incident command daily reports this year, we have added a note (actually a sage grouse) to highlight fires that may impact SG habitat. This information is on all related communications in fire ops and information -- including maps of sage grouse habitat areas -- have been shared with relevant fire management staff from the ground up to NIFC.
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>> So, the word is out.
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>> Jim
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>> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
>> From: **DOI, WatchOffice** <doi_watch_office@ios.doi.gov>
>> Date: Wed, Jul 8, 2015 at 9:52 AM
>> Subject: Joint USDA Forest Service and DOI Office of Wildland Fire Incident Brief for July 8, 2015
>> To: WatchOffice DOI <doi_watch_office@ios.doi.gov>
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>> **Overview** **Date:** July 8, 2015 10:00 a.m. EDT
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>> National Preparedness Level 3
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Initial attack activity	Light - 183
New large fires	1
Large fires contained	5
Uncontained large fires	20

NIMOs committed	1
Type 1 IMTs committed	1
Type 2 IMTs committed	12
Personnel (approximate)	6,400
Helicopters committed:	74
Air tankers available:	15
(LAT: 13 VLAT: 2 MAFFS: 0)	
Fires year-to-date	30,017
The above numbers come from NIFC's daily Situation Report and represent all agencies except for air tanker numbers, which are Forest Service. **Air Tanker numbers come from daily Air Tanker Spreadsheet. **	

Red Flag Warnings

Red Flag warnings are in effect for southwestern Idaho, southern Oregon and northern California.

Weather Discussion

Scattered thunderstorms will develop over most of the Interior West covering the central and southern Rockies, the Great Basin, northern California and southern Oregon. Most thunderstorms will produce rain with lighter amounts in California and Oregon. Isolated thunderstorms will also form over the far Northwest and the northern Rockies. East of the Rockies, thunderstorms will form along a decaying front from Texas to New England. Some storms could produce heavy rains and flooding. Temperatures will cool across most of West with hot conditions

remaining in the Southwest deserts and in the Columbia Basin. Warm and humid conditions will persist in the Southeast while cooler weather spreads through the Plains, the Midwest and New England. In Alaska, scattered rain and thunderstorms will form along the Brooks Range while showers and few thunderstorms move across the southern third of the state. Temperatures will cool over most of the state.

Wildfire Activity

Tanker 02 is currently supporting Canadian firefighting efforts in Grand Prairie, Alberta.

Alaska (PL5)

Tanana Area Fires (9 fires), (06/28/2015), Tanana Zone BLM, Multiple fires in close proximity up to 60 miles from Tanana, AK, IMT2 (Staats)

- **Cause:** Lightning
- **Size:** 334,600 Acres **Cost**: $5.6M
- **Containment:** 0%
- **Destroyed/Damaged**: 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- **Threatened**: 500 – residences, 17 – commercial properties, 0 – other

Middle Yukon Fires, (06/21/2015), Galena Zone, DOF, near Nulato, AK, IMT2 (Hutton)

- **Cause:** Lightning
- **Size:** 116,100 Acres **Cost**: $4.9M
- **Containment:** 0%
- **Destroyed/Damaged**: 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 3/0 – other
- **Threatened**: 159 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 1 – other
- Includes the Nulato, Big Creek Two, Bruno Creek, and Ruby Slough fires.

Northwest Area (PL4)

Corner Creek (6/29/15), Ochoco NF, 11 miles south of Dayville, OR, IMT1 (Buckman) and IMT2 (Fillis)

- **Cause**: Lightning
- **Size:** 27,200 acres **Cost**: $6.4M
- **Containment:** 40%
- **Destroyed/Damaged**: 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 1/0 – other
- **Threatened**: 16 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 24 – other
- Threat to Sage Grouse Habitat.

Newby Lake, (7/2/15), Okanogan Wenatchee NF, 15 miles northwest of Loomis, WA, IMT2 (Rabe)

- **Cause**: Lightning
- **Size:** 1,350 acres **Cost**: $250K
- **Containment:** 0%
- **Destroyed/Damaged**: 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- **Threatened**: 0 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 0 – other
- Fire is currently burning in the U.S. and Canada.

231 Fire, (7/3/15), DNR Northeast Region, 7 miles south of Springdale, WA, IMT2 (Ciraulo)

- **Cause**: Under Investigation
- **Size:** 1,100 acres **Cost**: $980K
- **Containment:** 39%
- **Destroyed/Damaged**: 2/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 9/0 – other
- **Threatened**: 25 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 50 – other
- Includes the Little Spokane fire, burning in Riverside State park near Spokane, WA.
- Evacuations are in effect for the Little Spokane Fire.

Twenty-One Mile Grade (7/1/15), Colville Agency, BIA, 21 miles south of Republic, WA, IMT2 (Leitch)

- **Cause**: Under Investigation
- **Size:** 2,250 acres **Cost**: $2.4M
- **Containment:** 65%
- **Destroyed/Damaged**: 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial

properties, 0/0 – other
- **Threatened**: 3 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 0 – other
- *Last report unless significant changes occur.*

Horseshoe, (7/3/15), Gifford Pinchot NF, 15 miles northwest of Trout Lake, WA, IMT2 (Gales)

- **Cause**: Unknown
- **Size:** 250 acres **Cost**: $600K
- **Containment:** 0%
- **Destroyed/Damaged**: 0/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- **Threatened**: 0 – residences, 0 – commercial properties, 0 – other
- Trail closures include the Pacific Crest Trail.

Northern Rockies (PL2)

Cape Horn, (7/5/15), Pend Oreille Office, IDL, 3 miles northeast of Bayview ID, IMT2 (Fry)

- **Cause**: Unknown
- **Size:** 1,380 acres **Cost**: $630K
- **Containment:** 35%
- **Destroyed/Damaged**: 8/0 – residences, 0/0 – commercial properties, 0/0 – other
- **Threatened**: 287 – residences, 10 – commercial properties, 0 – other
- Evacuations are in effect.

Contact: National Fire Desk, (202) 205-1450

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V/r,

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