## National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Saturday, July 2, 2022 – 0730 MDT National Preparedness Level 2

# **National Fire Activity:**

Initial attack activity:	Light (96 fires)
New large incidents:	5
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	14
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6
***Complex IMTs committed:	0

\*\*\*Complex Incident Management Teams (CIMTs) are configured to respond to large, complex fires and can expand and reduce staffing in all functional areas as necessary to meet the needs of the incident.

Nationally, there are 63 fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression. \*\*Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

Link to Understanding the IMSR.

		Activ	e Inciden	t Resource	Summary		
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel	Change in Personnel
AICC	15	1,202,061	37	12	13	1,268	116
NWCC	2	43,274	0	30	0	112	-18
ONCC	2	1,221	45	148	9	1,315	-178
OSCC	2	2,897	19	31	2	459	215
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	5	9,989	31	37	13	1,199	106
SWCC	9	780,237	12	20	1	1,066	-124
RMCC	1	3,810	1	5	0	41	0
EACC	1	315	0	10	1	55	0
SACC	11	20,257	0	44	3	290	-192
Total	48	2,064,062	145	337	42	5,805	-75

<u>Alaska Area (PL 5)</u>	
New fires:	6
New large incidents:	3
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

**Clear**, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (NW Team 10). Ten miles northwest of Anderson, AK. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with creeping, group torching and smoldering. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Lime Complex** (14 fires), Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (AK Green Team). Fifty miles east of Chuathbaluk, AK. Grass, timber and brush. Active fire behavior with flanking, running and torching. Numerous structures, communication and energy infrastructure threatened.

**Bean Complex** (5 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. IMT 2 (NW Team 7). Started on state land 100 miles west of Fairbanks, AK. Timber and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

**Minto Lakes**, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (NR Team 3). IMT 1 (CA Team 1) mobilizing. Nineteen miles north of Whittier, AK. Timber and hardwood litter. No new information.

\* **Goose**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Started on FWS land 42 miles northwest of Chalkyitsik, AK. Timber, tall grass and brush. Active fire behavior with torching and backing.

**Tatlawiksuk**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Previously reported incident. Forty-one miles south of McGrath, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with backing, creeping and single tree torching. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

**Dalton Highway Complex** (4 fires), Tanana Zone, BLM. Includes the previously reported Curky, Douglas, Huron and Troublesome incidents. Twenty-five miles south of Coldfoot, AK. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, backing and torching. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

**lowithla**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Previously reported incident. Fourteen miles northeast of Dillingham, AK. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

**Submarine Creek**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Previously reported incident. Forty-five miles west of Telida, AK. Timber, tall grass and hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with backing and creeping. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

**Sawpit Creek**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Previously reported incident. Twenty-five miles south of Aniak, AK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

**Snohomish**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Started on state land 15 miles southwest of Lake Minchumina, AK. Timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior with backing. Community of Lake Minchumina and structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

**Pauls Creek**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Previously reported incident. Fifty-eight miles northeast of Egeglik, AK. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

**Ponglevik River**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Previously reported incident. Seventy-four miles northeast of Hooper Bay, AK. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

\* Leaf, Tanana Zone, BLM. Forty-six miles northwest of Telida, AK. Short grass and timber. Active fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

**Middle Fork**, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Forty-five miles east of Fairbanks, AK. Timber. Active fire behavior with smoldering, creeping and single tree torching. Residences threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Koness**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Twenty-nine miles east of Circle, AK. Short grass and timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

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Incident Name	Unit	Acres	Chge	%	Comp	Est	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Clear	AK-FAS	30,785	4,963	8	Comp	7/22	397	-3	12	9	1	0	3.5M	ST
Lime Complex	AK-SWS	765,691	50,096	0	Comp	8/1	191	-7	4	0	5	8	7M	ST
Bean Complex	AK-TAD	101,734	13,105	0	Comp	10/1	224	64	6	0	1	0	3.4M	ST
Minto Lakes	AK-FAS	22,218		0	Comp	7/30	190		9	2	1	0	908K	ST
* Goose	AK-UYD	500		0	Ctn	8/22	12		0	0	0	0	144K	FWS
Large	e Fires Being	Managed	with a Stra	ateg	y Other T	Than Full	Suppres	sion With	out a T	ype 1	or 2 IM	T Assi	gned	
Tatlawiksuk	AK-SWS	209,483	79,289	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	8K	ST
Dalton Highway Complex	AK-TAD	65,832		0	Comp	8/31	66		1	0	1	0	6K	BLM
Iowithla River	AK-SWS	42,880	6,321	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	193K	ST
Submarine Creek	AK-SWS	27,560	4,615	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	24	171K	ST
Sawpit Creek	AK-SWS	26,243	2,663	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	59K	ST
Snohomish	AK-TAD	20,980	8,415	0	Comp	8/31	41	0	2	0	0	0	30K	ST
Pauls Creek	AK-SWS	17,948	7,891	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	4K	ST
Ponglevik River	AK-SWS	3,081	2,452	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	4K	FWS
* Leaf	AK-TAD	2,400		0	Comp	9/1	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Middle Fork	AK-FAS	1,137	337	0	Comp	8/15	16	8	0	1	0	0	15K	ST
* Koness	AK-UYD	313		0	Comp	9/1	12		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Fourth of July Creek	AK-SWS	51,146	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	68K	ST
Kokwok	AK-SWS	31,497	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	13K	ST
Contact Creek	AK-SWS	10,654	332	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	25K	NPS
Tuklung River	AK-SWS	6,591	428	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	20K	FWS
Fork Creek	AK-SWS	2,741	497	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	7K	FWS
Ongoke River	AK-SWS	1,426	0	0	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Ongivinuk River	AK-SWS	735	0	10	Comp	10/31	0	0	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Hog Butte	AK-TAD	136,892		0	Comp	UNK	0		0	0	0	0	598K	ST
Lansing Creek	AK-UYD	35,801		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	5K	FWS
North Fork	AK-UYD	33,512		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Radio Creek	AK-GAD	17,957		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Schilling Creek	AK-UYD	14,260		0	Comp	8/31	4		0	0	0	0	55K	BLM
Paddle	AK-UYD	13,835		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
Melozitna	AK-GAD	6,888		0	Comp	8/24	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

Incident Name	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn/	L Het L	Perso	onnel	R	esource	es	Strc	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Incluent Name	Onit	Acres	Chge	70	Comp		Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost		
Boatman	AK-UYD	5,173		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Hilltop	AK-TAD	4,103		0	Comp	10/1	0		0	0	0	0	1K	BLM
Eddy Creek	AK-GAD	3,355		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Tagagawik 2	AK-GAD	620		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Poorman Complex	AK-GAD	23,064		0	Comp	7/20	26		0	0	1	0	NR	BLM
Apoon Pass	AK-GAD	84,138		0	Comp	8/10	0		0	0	0	0	55K	FWS
Holonada	AK-TAD	566		0	Comp	10/1	0		0	0	0	0	5K	BLM
Central Creek Airstrip	AK-DAS	2,995		0	Comp	7/20	0		0	0	0	0	55K	ST
Fish Creek	AK-TAD	1,054		0	Comp	8/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Adak	AK-SWS	919		0	Comp	10/31	0		0	0	0	0	NR	FWS

GAD – Galena Zone, BLM DAS – Delta Area Forestry, Alaska DOF

## Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	7
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

**Hermits Peak**, Santa Fe NF, USFS. IMT 2 (SW Team 3) and IMT 2 (GB Team 7). Twelve miles northwest of Las Vegas, NM. Hardwood litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Pipeline**, Coconino NF, USFS. Five miles north of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

**Black**, Gila NF, USFS. Twenty-four miles north of Mimbres, NM. Grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Haywire**, Coconino NF, USFS. Seventeen miles northeast of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc	* *	Origin
incident Name		Acres	Chge	70	Comp	Loi	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Hermits Peak	NM-SNF	341,735	0	93	Ctn	7/31	890	-96	7	13	1	903	271M	FS
Pipeline	AZ-COF	26,532	0	90	Ctn	7/31	37	0	1	2	0	2	15.8M	FS
Black	NM-GNF	325,136	0	69	Ctn	7/17	86	0	3	0	0	5	58.5M	FS
Haywire	AZ-COF	5,575	0	95	Ctn	7/15	11	0	0	2	0	0	1.1M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Steamboat	AZ-A5S	815	0	60	Comp	7/5	2	0	0	0	0	0	50K	ST

A5S – Northwest District, Arizona DOF

<u>Great Basin Area (PL 2)</u>	
New fires:	14
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	3

\* **Sandy**, Bridger-Teton NF, USFS. Seven miles southwest of Bondurant, WY. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Area and trail closures in effect.

**Goshute**, Elko District, BLM. Twenty-five miles south of Wendover, NV. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching, short-range spotting and smoldering. Structures threatened.

\* **Emigrant**, Eureka County. Ten miles west of Carlin, NV. Short grass and brush. Active fire behavior with running, wind-driven runs and smoldering. Communication and energy infrastructure and sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc	\$\$	Origin
		Acres	Chge	70	Comp	LSI	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
* Sandy	WY-BTF	105		5	Ctn	7/31	161		5	3	2	0	100K	FS
Goshute	NV-EKD	1,966	0	50	Ctn	7/18	344	22	8	3	7	0	1.7M	BLM
* Emigrant	NV-EURX	450		20	Ctn	7/5	133		3	8	2	0	200K	CNTY
Left Fork	UT-DIF	4,254	0	100	Ctn		538	-98	15	17	2	0	11.8M	FS

DIF – Dixie NF, USFS

## Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	17
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2

**Dempsey**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land seven miles west of Mineral Wells, TX. Brush and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

**Ferebee Road**, North Carolina Forest Service. Thirteen miles northeast of Belhaven, NC. Southern rough. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching.

Unit	Size		0/	Ctn/	Ect	Personnel		Resources			Strc	\$\$	Origin
	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	L31	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
TX-TXS	11,598	0	96	Ctn	7/7	96	-158	0	10	1	1	NR	PRI
NC-NCS	1,938	0	44	Ctn	7/31	91	3	0	13	1	0	682K	ST
Fires Being	Manageo	d with a S	Strategy	Other T	han Full	Suppres	sion With	out a T	ype 1	or 2 IM	T Assi	gned	
GA-GAS	2,213		98	Comp	7/2	14		0	3	0	0	294K	ST
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GAS – Georgia Forestry Commission

## Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:	3
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1

**Rices**, Nevada-Yuba-Placer Unit, CalFire. Eight miles southeast of North San Juan, CA. Brush and hardwood slash. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Several communities, numerous residences and energy infrastructure threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Si	ze	%	Ctn/	Est	Perso	onnel	Re	esource	es	Strc	\$\$	Origin
Incluent Name	Offic	Acres	Chge	<sup>70</sup> Com	Comp	LSt	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Rices	CA-NEU	904	0	24	Ctn	7/5	1,279	-178	44	143	9	13	10.8M	ST

## Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:	19
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1

**Camino**, San Luis Obispo Unit, CalFire. Three miles northwest of Huasna, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Si	ze	e %		Est	Personnel		Resources		Strc	\$\$	Origin	
		Acres	Chge	/0	Comp	Lot	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Camino	CA-SLU	387	0	95	Ctn	7/3	358	137	15	30	0	0	2.2M	ST

# Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires:	10
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2

**Willow Creek**, Vale District, BLM. Started on private land 12 miles north of Vale, OR. Grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

**Touchet North**, Washington State Fire Marshal's Office. Six miles north of Touchet, WA. Grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name Unit		Size		% Ctn/		Ctn/ Est	Personnel		Resources		Strc	\$\$	Origin	
incident Name	Offic	Acres	Chge	70	Comp	230	Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli	Lost	CTD	Own
Willow Creek	OR-VAD	40,274	0	80	Ctn	7/2	42	-18	0	11	0	0	275K	PRI
Touchet North	WA-WFS	3,000		90	Ctn	UNK	70		0	19	0	0	2K	ST

Fires	and	Acres	Yesterday	(by	Protection):	

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIRES	0	2	0	0	3	1	6
Alaska Area	ACRES	0	15	0	0	100	0	115
Northwest Area	FIRES	1	1	0	0	8	0	10
nonnwest Area	ACRES	1	63	0	0	1	0	65
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Northern California Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	18	0	19
Southern California Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	19	0	19
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	FIRES	0	3	0	0	10	1	14
Great Basin Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	464	0	464
	FIRES	1	1	0	0	1	4	7
Southwest Area	ACRES	163	0	0	0	50	5	218
Dealer Manustain Anala	FIRES	0	6	0	0	5	1	12
Rocky Mountain Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	27	0	27
	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Eastern Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
On the set Are s	FIRES	0	0	0	0	16	1	17
Southern Area	ACRES	0	0	0	0	35	3	38
TOTAL FIRES:		6	13	0	1	62	14	96
TOTAL ACRES:		164	78	0	0	696	10	948

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIRES	0	98	0	0	235	20	353
Alaska Area	ACRES	0	642,750	0	0	1,203,957	8	1,846,715
	FIRES	50	43	7	0	204	66	370
Northwest Area	ACRES	592	33,539	22	0	297	11	34,461
Northern California Area	FIRES	6	9	0	3	1,402	92	1,512
Northern California Area	ACRES	2	13	0	0	6,729	293	7,037
Couthorn Colifornia Area	FIRES	12	28	1	10	1,927	236	2,214
Southern California Area	ACRES	8	267	100	376	16,274	1,854	18,879
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	178	6	2	0	292	44	522
	ACRES	449	4	206	0	3,180	85	3,924
One of Decia Area	FIRES	11	140	3	14	275	64	507
Great Basin Area	ACRES	33	5,956	0	10	6,114	4,375	16,488
Coutburget Area	FIRES	295	117	1	8	433	445	1,299
Southwest Area	ACRES	40,698	8,564	0	5	157,981	756,522	963,770
Deeler Mountain Area	FIRES	144	69	10	7	756	111	1,097
Rocky Mountain Area	ACRES	4,805	1,390	130	571	165,255	7,074	179,225
	FIRES	84	0	20	8	4,356	265	4,733
Eastern Area	ACRES	253	0	680	10	30,187	2,608	33,738
Southorn Arca	FIRES	509	3	17	50	20,321	501	21,401
Southern Area	ACRES	96,257	65	2,541	2,476	879,923	37,073	1,018,335
TOTAL FIRES:		1,289	513	61	100	30,201	1,844	34,008
TOTAL ACRES:		143,098	692,548	3,679	3,448	2,469,898	809,903	4,122,574

Ten Year Average Fires (2012 – 2021 as of today)	26,450
Ten Year Average Acres (2012 – 2021 as of today)	1,901,623

# \*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <u>https://gacc.nifc.gov/</u>

# **Canadian Fires and Hectares**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO- DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	4	81	198	2,445
YUKON TERRITORY	13	673	66	9,798
ALBERTA	0	1,338	478	34,263
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	25,799	74	46,126
SASKATCHEWAN	1	1,100	169	50,809
MANITOBA	2	3	26	6,426
ONTARIO	1	1	106	2,395
QUEBEC	0	0	276	29,221
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	34	668
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	150	123
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	78	3,361
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	2	0
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	49	192
TOTALS	23	28,993	1,701	185,825

\*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered thunderstorms are likely across eastern and northern portions of the Alaskan Interior onto the North Slope. Hot and dry conditions will continue over much of Alaska except for west-southwest portions and possibly parts of south-central Alaska as cloud cover and showers arrive with a surface low. Breezy south-southeast winds are likely across southwest and south-central Alaska. Elevated to critical conditions are likely along and east of the Sierra and far southern Cascades across eastern California and much of Nevada into western Utah. Monsoonal moisture will continue to shift east, with eastern Arizona, New Mexico, and much of Colorado and Wyoming likely to have thunderstorms. Isolated to scattered thunderstorms are expected aloing and east of the Cascades through much of Idaho, Montana, and the Dakotas, including strong to severe storms. Along and ahead of a cold front from the Ohio Valley through the Northeast, strong to severe thunderstorms are likely.

http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm



# Perspective from the Redmond Interagency

# **Hotshot Crew**

Today's topic is dedicated to the fallen firefighters on the Fish Lake-Gibson Creek and Thirtymile Fires.

In July of 1977 on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest in North Central Washington, long-range spot fires were occurring around the Fish Lake Fire. Ron Neely, District Assistant Fire Management Officer, and a crew of seven firefighters relocated their efforts from Fish Lake to size up a new spot fire. This fire would later be called the Gibson Creek Fire.

- 1445: Neely sizes up the fire at 1 acre; 3 minutes later, it's 5 acres. The fire was crowning and moving fast up the canyon.
- 1540: Garbled distress messages are heard on the radio and a helicopter is used to try to find Neely.
- 1545: Air attack reports fire at 200 acres.
- 1557: The time on Neely's watch when he was found, marking the time he perished in the burnover.

Twenty-four years later in July of 2001, again on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, the Thirtymile Fire was detected near the location of the Gibson Creek Fire. In a steep canyon 30 miles north of Winthrop, Washington, a cooking fire escaped and began

burning in hot dry conditions. Spot fires formed and fourteen crewmembers and two civilians were involved in an entrapment. Fourteen shelters were deployed, and four firefighters lost their lives.

After the fatality at Gibson Creek, one of the recommendations made by the investigation team was "The region (R6) develop two Redding type crews to provide experience opportunity for our upcoming fire professionals." The Redmond Interagency Hotshot Crew (IHC) was chosen to meet this critical need. Since 1980, the Redmond IHC has been providing a learning platform for firefighters from various state, federal, and international partners.

Staff rides provide valuable learning opportunities to firefighters. The intent of the program to is to enhance leadership and team building skills within the dynamic and challenging wildland fire environment. The Thirtymile Mile Staff Ride has been one of them. With the proximity of Thirtymile to Gibson Creek, Redmond crew leadership have incorporated the two events into one trip. I had a profound experience on the staff rides with Redmond. Putting myself in the shoes of the men and women who lost their lives brought an elevated level of humanity to the tragedies they experienced. For me, this highlighted the way human factors in fire can impact us. It was a privilege to have the opportunity to pay respect, think critically and learn. - Staff ride participant

During these visits, the crew has been involved in maintaining the Fish Lake-Gibson Creek trails and preserving the integrity of the site as a place of learning.

It is hard to quantify the value of these trips. Each person takes away something different from the experience. As firefighters, we engage in these staff rides in a tactical manner, learning from decisions made and the environmental conditions that contribute to fire behavior. The unspoken lesson is that we will not forget our history. Returning to these sites demonstrates that lesson in a tangible manner. We honor the memory of our fallen brothers and sisters by maintaining and propagating this learning culture.

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