

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, October 12, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (22 new fires)
 New large fires: 1 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires : ** 5
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally, there are 60 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment that are not shown on today's report.

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 12
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Mill Creek #4, Hoopa Valley Tribe. IMT2 (Swarztlander). Seven miles northeast of Hoopa, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity with spotting. Road closures in effect. Smoke impacting the communities of Hoopa and Orleans.

Wilson, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, Cal Fire. Seven miles north of Klamath, CA. Timber. Moderate fire activity.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Mill Creek #4	CA	HIA	1,550	441	20	10/17	636	141	23	16	6	0	2.5M	OT
Wilson	CA	HUU	260	110	75	10/12	508	50	22	33	4	0	650K	ST

Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 0
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Preston-Fox, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Twenty miles west of Entiat, WA. Hardwood litter and brush. Active backing fire. Road closures in effect. Fire placed in monitor status. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Preston-Fox	WA	OWF	1,470	100	80	10/16	62	-33	2	3	1	0	939K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires: 0
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Nugget, Idaho Panhandle NF. Started on private land eight miles southeast of Avery, ID. Timber. Backing and creeping fire. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Nugget	ID	IPF	1,250	0	80	10/19	13	0	0	1	0	0	400K	PRI

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 1
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Twin, Kaibab NF. Three miles southwest of Williams, AZ. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Twin	AZ	KNF	908	---	95	UNK	10	---	0	2	0	0	3M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 1)

New fires: 12
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* West End	ID	TFD	1,200	---	100	---	38	---	0	11	0	0	15K	BLM

TFD – Twin Falls District, BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Pacific high pressure is being propelled eastward over the west coast states as low pressure over Canada combines with the remains of Typhoon Melor to form one ominous low pressure system off the coast of British Columbia. Its extensive frontal system will stretch far south along the Pacific coast and will be the first large west coast storm of the fall season. The resulting southwest flow aloft will begin to drive moisture into much of the west coast today, with increasing clouds and winds, and some light rain beginning in coastal areas and progressing inland later tonight. The brunt of this system will be felt in northern and central California, with the heaviest rain arriving on Tuesday. Little rain is expected south of Los Angeles County, and inland portions of the Southwest will also remain quite dry.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



Today's discussion is from the
Hazard Tree Category.

Hazard Trees – Situational Awareness

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and green hazard trees present a significant threat to wildland firefighter safety. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw off embers creating spot fires in advance of the main fire. Snags may burn through more quickly than green trees and can fall without warning. Live, green trees weakened by insects, disease, weather, fire, and age presents another hazard and they can also fall without notice.

- The risk of serious injuries from hazard trees may increase during the night operational period when visibility is reduced.
- While work in cooler, nighttime environments can help control efforts, it also presents an increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees. Night operations should be restricted in areas of high risk rated dead and dying trees.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong or gusty winds from storm cells. Air operations - water or retardant drops, rotor wash from helicopters. Steep slopes with rolling material. Erosion and undercut root systems. Diseased or bug-killed areas (Mountain Pine Beetle).
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) in the area. Numerous downed trees/material. Broken tops and dead limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs, tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks, lack of needles, bark, limbs or other indicators of overhead hazards. Roots damaged by equipment, fire or erosion create hazards.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and establish No-Work-Zones (NWZ) in all high-risk areas until the hazard has been mitigated. Instruct firefighters of established NWZ in briefings. Identify with flagging/signs, and show area on maps. Establish lookouts to protect NWZs. Assign only qualified sawyers and Falling Bosses. Order additional professional fallers in advance. Use heavy equipment, and blasters when appropriate. Plan a quick and safe escape routes. Do not turn your back on a falling tree or known hazard. Use lookouts to maintain secure felling areas. Maintain situational awareness.

References: [Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					10	2	12
	ACRES					106	0	106
Southern California	FIRES				1	4	1	6
	ACRES				1	0	0	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					12		12
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	17	4	22
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	118	0	119

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	42	21	376	27	516
	ACRES	1	764,818	754,710	101,190	1,321,312	10	2,942,041
Northwest	FIRES	392	318	26	80	1,048	1,440	3,304
	ACRES	9,579	27,402	2,353	2,221	56,012	48,485	146,052
Northern California	FIRES	155	62	4	39	2,741	883	3,884
	ACRES	402	1,533	5	1,759	63,098	35,503	102,300
Southern California	FIRES	43	184	16	33	3,342	570	4,188
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	5,991	23,674	268,515	304,022
Northern Rockies	FIRES	787	121	17	33	640	839	2,437
	ACRES	3,624	1,017	397	10,878	24,719	24,077	64,712
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	540	5	29	604	542	1,769
	ACRES	106	69,569	226	7,030	17,091	41,917	135,939
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	402	9	11	102	142	676
	ACRES	2,440	29,477	150	22	956	318	33,363
Southwest	FIRES	822	228	10	63	891	1,329	3,343
	ACRES	46,721	89,072	3,843	8,010	288,391	133,772	569,809
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	612	474	19	27	697	396	2,225
	ACRES	3,103	10,642	535	67	73,025	7,998	95,370
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		42	29	12,922	568	13,999
	ACRES	1,241		889	110	113,087	6,701	122,028
Southern Area	FIRES	697		235	54	32,963	578	34,527
	ACRES	90,882		48,205	44,166	943,889	31,012	1,158,154
TOTAL	FIRES	4,006	2,378	425	419	56,326	7,314	70,868
	ACRES	159,688	997,738	811,358	181,444	2,925,254	598,308	5,673,790

Ten Year Average Fires	68,356
Ten Year Average Acres	6,294,522

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2				3	5
	ACRES		70				813	883
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						62	62
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				15			15
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	1	0	7	10
	ACRES	0	70	0	15	0	875	960

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					3,438	95	3,533
Northwest	FIRES	15	128	17	4	1	105	270
	ACRES	6,290	32,844	3,036	47	1	28,404	70,622
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	26	47	23	120	258
	ACRES	224	2,515	27,703	1,540	2,540	7,867	42,389
Southern California	FIRES	1	8	13	10	1	116	149
	ACRES	1	634	1,732	1,356	195	8,628	12,546
Northern Rockies	FIRES	27	27	92	2	27	224	399
	ACRES	2,851	4,421	21,824	345	2,359	25,920	57,720
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	24	4	8	28	102	167
	ACRES	8	11,875	1,225	309	448	24,121	37,986
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	2			6	12
	ACRES		1,652	62			859	2,573
Southwest	FIRES	40	27	3	4		250	324
	ACRES	13,285	48,082	501	530		128,411	190,809
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	69	46	131	16	50	153	465
	ACRES	7,916	5,038	21,198	7,706	1,965	33,177	77,000
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		546	51	2,595	193	3,456
	ACRES	72,390		78,280	9,251	150,742	52,413	363,076
Southern Area	FIRES	7		284	85	816	1,110	2,302
	ACRES	3,056		150,289	92,929	299,369	1,004,965	1,550,608
TOTAL	FIRES	257	280	1,118	227	3,550	2,380	7,812
	ACRES	106,021	107,061	305,850	114,013	461,057	1,314,860	2,408,862

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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