

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, October 14, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (42 new fires)
 New large fires: 0 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires : ** 3
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

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: 9
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Mill Creek #4, Hoopa Valley Tribe. Seven miles northeast of Hoopa, CA. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Road closures in effect.

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	2,750	250	25	10/17	95	-542	1	5	0	0	3.1M	OT

Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Ward Canyon, Prineville District, BLM. Seven miles west of Grass Valley, OR. Grass. Backing fire with upslope runs. Structures threatened.

Tripp Canyon, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Two miles south of Cashmere, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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Ward Canyon	OR	PRD	1,000	0	0	10/15	15	---	0	3	0	0	NR	BLM

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Tripp Canyon	WA	SES	525	75	80	10/14	171	24	9	6	1	0	225K	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: The frontal system associated with the low in the Eastern Pacific moved onshore yesterday, dousing much of the coast with significant rains. Much of the remaining moisture will move farther east, spreading a light, steady rainfall inland. Meanwhile, the heart of the low will remain offshore, and will continue to kick some bands of energy into the coast, causing sporadic rain showers. Winds will continue to be a concern today, particularly along the coast and at higher elevations, where south to southwest gusts will be encountered through the evening.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Wildland / Urban Interface Category.**

Wildland Urban Interface Hazards

Firefighters in the wildland urban interface may encounter hazards other than the fire itself, such as hazardous materials, utility lines and poor access.

Hazardous Materials

- Common chemicals used around the home may be a direct hazard to firefighters from flammability, explosion potential and/or vapors or off-gassing. Such chemicals include paint, varnish and other flammable liquids; fertilizer; pesticides; cleansers; aerosol cans, fireworks, batteries and ammunition. In addition, some common household products such as plastics may give off very toxic fumes when they burn. Stay OUT of the smoke from burning structures and any unknown sources such as trash piles.

Illicit Activities

- Marijuana plantations or drug production labs may be found in wildland urban interface areas. Extremely hazardous materials such as propane tanks and flammable/toxic chemicals may be encountered, as well as booby traps.

Propane tanks

- Both large (household size) and small (gas grill size) liquefied propane gas (LPG) tanks can present hazards to firefighters, including explosion. See the "LPG Tank Hazards" discussion for details.

Utility lines

- Utility lines may be located above and below ground and may be cut or damaged by tools

or equipment. Don't spray water on utility lines or boxes.

● Septic tanks and fields

- Below-ground structures may not be readily apparent and may not support the weight of engines or other apparatus.

● New construction materials

- Many new construction materials have comparatively low melting points and may "off-gas" extremely hazardous vapors. Plastic decking materials that resemble wood are becoming more common and may begin softening and losing structural strength at 180° F, though they normally do not sustain combustion once direct flame is removed. However, if they continue to burn they exhibit the characteristics of flammable liquids.

● Pets and livestock

- Pets and livestock may be left when residents evacuate and will likely be highly stressed, making them more inclined to bite and kick. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk to rescue pets or livestock.

● Evacuation occurring

- Firefighters may be taking structural protection actions while evacuations of residents are occurring. Be very cautious of people driving erratically. Distraught residents may refuse to leave their property, and firefighters may need to disengage from fighting fire to contact law enforcement officers for assistance. In most jurisdictions firefighters do not have the authority to force evacuations. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk trying to protect someone who will not evacuate!

● Limited access

- Narrow one-lane roads with no turn-around room, inadequate or poorly maintained bridges and culverts are frequently found in wildland urban interface areas. Access should be sized-up and an evacuation plan for all emergency personnel should be developed.

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		1,000			0	0	1,000
Northern California	FIRES	0				7	2	9
	ACRES	104				0	173	277
Southern California	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					25		25
Northern Rockies	FIRES					4	3	7
	ACRES					4	0	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					14	1	15
	ACRES					22	1	23
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	32	9	42
	ACRES	104	1,000	0	0	51	174	1,329

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	389	320	26	80	1,049	1,441	3,305
	ACRES	9,573	28,769	2,353	2,221	56,012	48,485	147,413
Northern California	FIRES	155	63	4	39	2,755	881	3,897
	ACRES	1,464	1,533	5	1,759	63,102	36,788	104,651
Southern California	FIRES	43	184	16	33	3,355	570	4,201
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	6,021	23,699	268,515	304,077
Northern Rockies	FIRES	787	121	17	33	650	840	2,448
	ACRES	3,624	1,017	397	10,878	24,722	24,045	64,683
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	540	5	29	604	541	1,768
	ACRES	106	69,569	226	7,030	17,090	41,912	135,933
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	402	9	11	102	143	677
	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	698	397	2,227
	ACRES	3,103	10,642	535	67	73,025	7,998	95,370
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		42	29	12,938	569	14,016
	ACRES	1,241		889	110	113,093	6,701	122,034
Southern Area	FIRES	699		235	54	34,471	588	36,047
	ACRES	90,888		48,205	44,166	959,177	31,071	1,173,507
TOTAL	FIRES	4,005	2,381	425	419	57,889	7,326	72,445
	ACRES	160,750	999,105	811,358	181,474	2,940,579	599,615	5,692,881

Ten Year Average Fires	68,312
Ten Year Average Acres	6,325,216

*** 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						3	3
	ACRES						168	168
Northern California	FIRES						9	9
	ACRES						90	90
Southern California	FIRES				1		2	3
	ACRES				104		205	309
Northern Rockies	FIRES					6	3	9
	ACRES					684	84	768
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		200					200
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	6	19	27
	ACRES	0	200	0	104	684	547	1,535

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	16	135	17	4	1	109	282
	ACRES	6,305	33,540	3,036	47	1	29,522	72,451
Northern California	FIRES	26	17	26	48	23	126	266
	ACRES	224	2,515	27,703	2,240	2,540	7,949	43,171
Southern California	FIRES	1	8	13	11	1	118	152
	ACRES	1	634	1,732	1,460	195	8,833	12,855
Northern Rockies	FIRES	27	27	92	2	33	227	408
	ACRES	2,851	4,421	21,824	345	3,043	26,004	58,488
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	28	3	4		250	325
	ACRES	13,285	48,282	501	530		128,411	191,009
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	69	46	131	16	50	155	467
	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	1,109	2,301
	ACRES	3,056		150,289	92,929	299,369	1,004,665	1,550,308
TOTAL	FIRES	258	289	1,118	229	3,556	2,396	7,846
	ACRES	106,036	107,957	305,850	114,817	461,741	1,316,049	2,412,450

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

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