

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, October 24, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (26 new fires)
New large fires: 0 (*)
Large fires contained: 0
Uncontained large fires : ** 1
Area Command Teams committed: 0
NIMOs committed: 0
Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 48 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.

Southwest Area (PL 2)

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

Bachelor, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Nine miles southeast of Christopher Creek, AZ. Timber. Isolated interior 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
Bachelor	AZ	ASF	750	50	80	10/26	108	0	5	6	1	0	225K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: The southwest quarter of the country will remain warm and dry under a large high pressure system centered off the West Coast. North to northeast winds will develop tonight across portions of northern California though the south coast of Santa Barbara County. Although these winds may be strong at times, increased fuel and soil moistures from recent rainfall will limit fire potential. Elsewhere, a weak weather disturbance will move into the Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountain Areas with scattered precipitation and increased wind.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.

Dozer/Tractor Plow Operations

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

- Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.
- Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.
- Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.
- Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.
- When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.
- Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.
- Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.
- Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.
- Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.
- Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook Appendix A or IRPG pg 91, for hand signals.)
- Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.
- Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.
- Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.
- Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.
- Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.
- Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.
- Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.
- Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.
- When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

References:

[Safety and Occupational Health Manual Handbook, BLM--1112-1](#)
[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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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
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					2		2
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					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					13	3	16
	ACRES					38	1	39
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	22	4	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	41	1	42

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	322	26	80	1,084	1,455	3,356
	ACRES	9,573	30,770	2,353	2,221	56,169	48,500	149,586
Northern California	FIRES	155	64	4	39	2,794	883	3,939
	ACRES	1,464	1,535	5	1,759	63,112	36,828	104,703
Southern California	FIRES	43	184	16	33	3,396	382	4,054
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	6,021	23,728	101,785	137,376
Northern Rockies	FIRES	819	121	18	33	650	845	2,486
	ACRES	4,110	1,015	398	10,878	24,722	24,236	65,359
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	544	5	29	621	556	1,804
	ACRES	106	69,628	226	7,281	18,165	42,295	137,701
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	403	9	11	102	143	678
	ACRES	2,440	29,479	150	22	956	318	33,365
Southwest	FIRES	841	261	10	63	904	1,361	3,440
	ACRES	47,069	88,632	3,843	8,010	288,004	144,383	579,941
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	615	475	19	29	704	403	2,245
	ACRES	3,295	10,642	535	67	73,088	8,004	95,631
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		42	29	12,952	566	14,027
	ACRES	1,241		889	110	113,103	6,701	122,044
Southern Area	FIRES	700		236	54	34,838	590	36,418
	ACRES	90,892		48,206	44,166	964,475	31,087	1,178,826
TOTAL	FIRES	4,060	2,423	427	421	58,421	7,211	72,963
	ACRES	161,780	1,000,727	811,360	181,725	2,946,834	444,147	5,546,573

Ten Year Average Fires	71,052
Ten Year Average Acres	6,435,131

*** 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					2	5
	ACRES	400					244	644
Northern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				685		358	1,043
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						4	4
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						5	5
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						373	373
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						9	9
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					95		95
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	0	1	2	6	12
	ACRES	400	0	0	685	95	993	2,173

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	21	151	27	4	1	190	394
	ACRES	6,887	34,499	3,903	47	1	34,662	79,999
Northern California	FIRES	26	17	27	69	23	217	379
	ACRES	224	2,515	27,707	2,736	2,540	12,101	47,823
Southern California	FIRES	1	10	14	11	1	135	172
	ACRES	1	636	1,932	1,465	195	11,029	15,258
Northern Rockies	FIRES	35	29	92	4	51	308	519
	ACRES	9,656	4,466	21,824	353	5,279	27,936	69,514
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	29	5	13	48	135	231
	ACRES	8	13,437	1,628	344	2,822	28,037	46,276
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	2			6	12
	ACRES		1,652	62			859	2,573
Southwest	FIRES	41	27	3	4		268	343
	ACRES	13,370	49,437	501	530		132,527	196,365
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	77	49	132	16	54	158	486
	ACRES	9,652	5,241	21,328	7,706	2,076	33,640	79,643
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		547	51	2,657	211	3,537
	ACRES	72,390		78,315	9,251	155,056	53,053	368,065
Southern Area	FIRES	7		287	85	818	1,120	2,317
	ACRES	3,056		156,381	92,929	299,464	1,012,512	1,564,342
TOTAL	FIRES	280	316	1,136	257	3,662	2,749	8,400
	ACRES	115,244	111,883	313,581	115,361	470,871	1,346,451	2,473,391

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

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