

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, November 24, 2010 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (67 new fires)  
 New large fires: 1 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 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 7 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

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

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 54  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Arabia Bay**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Six miles north of Homerville, GA. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity. Smoke is impacting several highways.

| 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Arabia Bay    | GA | GAS  | 2,710 | 22               | 80    | 11/28   | 27        | -14              | 0   | 0   | 1    | 0         | 126K     | ST         |

**Southwest Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 1  
 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Break Down  | NM | N4S  | 3,000 | ---              | 100   | ---     | 15        | ---              | 0   | 7   | 0    | 0         | 3K       | ST         |

N4S – Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Gusty winds and low humidity are expected today over eastern New Mexico, eastern Colorado, western Kansas, west Texas and the Oklahoma Panhandle. The Southern Area will be mostly dry except for showers over the Ohio River Valley, Mississippi River Valley and portions of Texas.

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



## Today's discussion is from the Hazard Tree Category.

### HAZARD TREE FELLING – HANG-UPS

- For decades, hazard trees have been associated with numerous deaths of workers assigned fire operations and project work. Incidents involving hazard trees are included in the top 5 life threats to wildland firefighters along with wildfire entrapment and motor vehicle accidents. In private industry, logging is recognized as the most dangerous occupation in the nation, and many associated fatalities involve felling hazard trees. Felling a hung-up hazard tree is a particularly hazardous and complex task.



- Sawyers are to be reminded on how vital it is to constantly apply and maintain situational awareness and assess risks, particularly when faced with problem of a **hang-up** hazard tree.
- In most cases, safely felling a hang-up requires extreme caution and expertise due to characteristic danger and complexity. The following are some topics experienced sawyers should review during 6 minutes for safety/tailgate safety discussions and cover in training modules specifically designed to address felling hang-up hazard trees:
  - Cut/No Cut (walk-a-way) criteria
  - Risk Assessment
  - Situational Awareness Checklist
  - Secure Felling Area
  - No Work Zones (NWZ)
  - Blasting option
  - Equipment/cable option
  - Role/responsibility of swamper/lookout
  - Escape routes
  - Pushing/driver tree opportunity
  - Felling trees tied together
  - Sidewinder potential
  - Hazards of obscured view of top
  - Need to keep looking up
  - Weak/spiked tops, limb location/condition/density, and hidden defect/rot
  - Prescribed step down (fence post/wafer) cutting techniques
  - Rope Technique

#### 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 |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| 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 | 1   |     |     |     |       |      | 1     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 1    | 1     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 0    | 0     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 7     | 4    | 11    |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 57    | 12   | 69    |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     | 1   |     | 53    |      | 54    |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 1   |     | 1,212 |      | 1,213 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 60    | 5    | 67    |
|                     | ACRES | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 1,269 | 12   | 1,283 |

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA                |       | BIA     | BLM     | FWS     | NPS     | ST/OT     | USFS    | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIRES | 1       | 76      | 69      | 53      | 473       | 16      | 688       |
|                     | ACRES | 103     | 295,196 | 145,406 | 113,280 | 575,426   | 10      | 1,129,421 |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 176     | 229     | 18      | 29      | 558       | 1,161   | 2,171     |
|                     | ACRES | 34,794  | 19,861  | 6,675   | 5,146   | 33,523    | 13,360  | 113,359   |
| Northern California | FIRES | 77      | 126     | 1       | 13      | 2,198     | 532     | 2,947     |
|                     | ACRES | 58      | 12,224  | 0       | 8       | 19,662    | 2,899   | 34,851    |
| Southern California | FIRES | 20      | 300     | 6       | 65      | 2,675     | 576     | 3,642     |
|                     | ACRES | 226     | 13,723  | 42      | 11,874  | 26,359    | 32,315  | 84,539    |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 601     | 78      | 7       | 16      | 414       | 614     | 1,730     |
|                     | ACRES | 5,059   | 17,778  | 15,301  | 3,797   | 15,210    | 13,413  | 70,558    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 47      | 602     | 3       | 29      | 609       | 561     | 1,851     |
|                     | ACRES | 12,382  | 411,327 | 605     | 5,248   | 204,949   | 78,007  | 712,518   |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 4       | 288     | 9       | 16      | 86        | 79      | 482       |
|                     | ACRES | 0       | 19,318  | 35      | 10      | 3,168     | 1,323   | 23,854    |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 558     | 248     | 14      | 72      | 508       | 1,054   | 2,454     |
|                     | ACRES | 7,727   | 19,282  | 40      | 24,864  | 176,279   | 83,337  | 311,529   |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 849     | 476     | 9       | 43      | 582       | 471     | 2,430     |
|                     | ACRES | 5,529   | 13,282  | 3,064   | 11,076  | 98,663    | 10,749  | 142,363   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 694     |         | 49      | 29      | 12,708    | 758     | 14,238    |
|                     | ACRES | 2,868   |         | 6,177   | 43      | 101,939   | 8,036   | 119,063   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 599     |         | 100     | 30      | 31,766    | 798     | 33,293    |
|                     | ACRES | 36,762  |         | 6,901   | 203     | 479,951   | 37,037  | 560,854   |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 3,626   | 2,423   | 285     | 395     | 52,577    | 6,620   | 65,926    |
|                     | ACRES | 105,508 | 821,991 | 184,246 | 175,549 | 1,735,129 | 280,486 | 3,302,909 |

|                               |                  |
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| <b>Ten Year Average Fires</b> | <b>72,652</b>    |
| <b>Ten Year Average Acres</b> | <b>5,860,259</b> |

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### Prescribed 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 |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     | 1   |       |       | 1     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     | 4   |       |       | 4     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 2     | 2     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 38    | 38    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 0     | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 12    | 12    |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 5   |     |     |     |       | 0     | 5     |
|                     | ACRES | 637 |     |     |     |       | 1,658 | 2,295 |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     | 1   |     |     | 1     | 1     | 3     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 60  |     |     | 0     | 42    | 102   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 1     |       | 1     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 36    |       | 36    |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 5   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 2     | 3     | 12    |
|                     | ACRES | 637 | 60  | 0   | 4   | 36    | 1,750 | 2,487 |

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA                |       | BIA     | BLM    | FWS     | NPS    | ST/OT   | USFS      | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |         |        | 3       |        | 12      | 3         | 18        |
|                     | ACRES |         |        | 59      |        | 14,931  | 446       | 15,436    |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 35      | 201    | 26      | 2      | 1       | 566       | 831       |
|                     | ACRES | 15,957  | 32,299 | 2,867   | 77     | 205     | 71,486    | 122,891   |
| Northern California | FIRES | 2       | 16     | 37      | 48     | 29      | 536       | 668       |
|                     | ACRES | 24      | 833    | 22,708  | 1,751  | 4,042   | 23,459    | 52,817    |
| Southern California | FIRES | 1       | 12     | 21      | 10     | 21      | 162       | 227       |
|                     | ACRES | 172     | 2,018  | 5,704   | 595    | 2,549   | 4,888     | 15,926    |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 111     | 44     | 120     | 12     | 111     | 350       | 748       |
|                     | ACRES | 5,035   | 6,188  | 28,370  | 1,262  | 4,697   | 29,591    | 75,143    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 2       | 28     | 6       | 15     | 48      | 98        | 197       |
|                     | ACRES | 4,100   | 3,223  | 2,745   | 823    | 3,239   | 33,895    | 48,025    |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |         | 8      | 2       | 4      | 1       | 9         | 24        |
|                     | ACRES |         | 1,302  | 1,395   | 846    | 210     | 659       | 4,412     |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 48      | 21     | 12      | 9      |         | 196       | 286       |
|                     | ACRES | 13,756  | 23,166 | 8,870   | 2,394  |         | 91,156    | 139,342   |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 49      | 79     | 132     | 24     | 61      | 198       | 543       |
|                     | ACRES | 8,096   | 18,684 | 29,568  | 8,477  | 14,990  | 30,662    | 110,477   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 76      |        | 471     | 58     | 1,558   | 228       | 2,391     |
|                     | ACRES | 63,775  |        | 64,573  | 6,625  | 103,563 | 73,559    | 312,095   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 23      |        | 194     | 65     | 8,995   | 1,163     | 10,440    |
|                     | ACRES | 3,367   |        | 87,503  | 71,587 | 271,715 | 1,073,800 | 1,507,972 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 347     | 409    | 1,024   | 247    | 10,837  | 3,509     | 16,373    |
|                     | ACRES | 114,282 | 87,713 | 254,362 | 94,437 | 420,141 | 1,433,601 | 2,404,536 |

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