

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, October 15, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (142 new fires)
New large fires:	0 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	0
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there are 53 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.

Predictive Services Discussion: Slightly cooler temperatures are expected today across California with isolated thunderstorms, some of them dry, across extreme southern California and southern Arizona. A storm system to the north will create dry and windy conditions across portions of eastern Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and the central Great Plains. Dry and windy conditions will continue across the Southeast.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Aviation Category.



Scenario

Scenarios are situations that can arise on a Wildland Fire or Aviation incident and are meant to add a realistic setting for the application of Today's Safety Discussion.

WORKING WITH HELICOPTER DROPS

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

If the helicopter is a Type 1 increase the distance of standby place from the drop zone.

Use helicopter drops to knock down or secure a fire area that poses a direct imminent threat to escaping control lines or climbing up ladder fuels.

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- What is the turnaround time for the helicopter?

- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Give feedback to the pilot about drop accuracy. Be honest and constructive.
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) (pg 61)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	4		1		1	7	13
	ACRES	1		700		0	0	701
Northern California	FIRES	1				18	3	22
	ACRES	0				14	1	15
Southern California	FIRES					8	3	11
	ACRES					2	0	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			11	1	14
	ACRES		30			2,924	2	2,956
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			2	1	5
	ACRES	0	0			1	329	330
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				2	3	6
	ACRES	0				1	28	29
Eastern Area	FIRES	4				1		5
	ACRES	2				0		2
Southern Area	FIRES				1	65	0	66
	ACRES				0	1,855	24	1,879
TOTAL	FIRES	11	3	1	1	108	18	142
	ACRES	3	30	700	0	4,797	384	5,914

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	76	69	53	472	16	687
	ACRES	103	295,196	145,473	113,280	572,936	10	1,126,998
Northwest	FIRES	179	210	14	29	552	1,136	2,120
	ACRES	34,758	17,727	4,292	4,942	33,512	8,545	103,776
Northern California	FIRES	67	126	1	13	1,893	522	2,622
	ACRES	50	12,224	0	8	19,249	2,896	34,427
Southern California	FIRES	19	289	6	65	2,517	538	3,434
	ACRES	186	13,719	42	11,861	25,942	32,154	83,904
Northern Rockies	FIRES	534	75	7	16	405	596	1,633
	ACRES	4,473	16,326	15,301	3,797	15,207	13,340	68,444
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	46	596	2	30	597	528	1,799
	ACRES	12,382	411,418	605	5,248	175,033	74,318	679,004
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	237	9	16	79	77	422
	ACRES	0	19,295	35	10	3,171	1,313	23,824
Southwest	FIRES	529	232	9	66	471	1,021	2,328
	ACRES	7,694	19,259	38	24,855	45,561	82,789	180,196
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	848	475	9	42	550	442	2,366
	ACRES	5,298	12,546	3,064	7,586	81,070	10,131	119,695
Eastern Area	FIRES	659		41	25	11,343	540	12,608
	ACRES	2,757		4,883	32	91,376	4,546	103,594
Southern Area	FIRES	547		70	23	29,010	650	30,300
	ACRES	34,074		6,729	197	538,238	27,298	606,536
TOTAL	FIRES	3,433	2,316	237	378	47,889	6,066	60,319
	ACRES	101,775	817,710	180,462	171,816	1,601,295	257,340	3,130,398

Ten Year Average Fires	65,448
Ten Year Average Acres	6,009,198

*** 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	0	3				10	13
	ACRES	1,111	1,065				1,933	4,109
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						118	118
Southern California	FIRES			2		1		3
	ACRES			300		43		343
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						55	55
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					3	2	5
	ACRES					91	310	401
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						317	317
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1		0	1
	ACRES				210		10	220
Eastern Area	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			11			3	14
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	3	1	4	20	31
	ACRES	1,111	1,065	311	210	134	2,746	5,577

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		12	2	15
	ACRES			21		21,502	385	21,908
Northwest	FIRES	19	73	21	1		180	294
	ACRES	10,308	24,546	2,319	11		33,937	71,121
Northern California	FIRES	1	12	31	25	29	259	357
	ACRES	10	771	22,551	1,606	4,042	11,341	40,321
Southern California	FIRES		10	16	7	21	66	120
	ACRES		1,613	2,626	547	2,549	1,984	9,319
Northern Rockies	FIRES	107	35	117	8	29	256	552
	ACRES	4,572	5,465	28,211	1,240	924	24,180	64,592
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	22	6	9	36	67	142
	ACRES	4,100	2,597	2,745	775	2,386	24,071	36,674
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2	4	1	8	23
	ACRES		1,302	1,395	846	210	638	4,391
Southwest	FIRES	35	20	12	10		154	231
	ACRES	4,901	23,116	8,870	2,159		76,170	115,216
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	48	71	123	22	47	152	463
	ACRES	7,054	17,146	28,086	5,041	6,265	24,666	88,258
Eastern Area	FIRES	74		388	52	1,862	194	2,570
	ACRES	63,675		57,999	6,206	115,155	59,914	302,949
Southern Area	FIRES	22		193	65	8,962	1,130	10,372
	ACRES	3,250		87,468	71,587	267,663	1,057,217	1,487,185
TOTAL	FIRES	308	251	910	203	10,999	2,468	15,139
	ACRES	97,870	76,556	242,291	90,018	420,696	1,314,503	2,241,934

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