

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, September 9, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (141 new fires)
 New large fires: 0 (*)
 Large fires contained: 3
 Uncontained large fires: ** 6
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 77 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.

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Fourmile Canyon, Boulder County. Transition from IMT 2 (Richardson) to IMT 1 (Thomas) will occur today. Twelve miles northwest of Boulder, CO. Timber. Moderate fire activity with single tree torching. Residences threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

Illinois Creek, Medicine Bow NF. Three miles west of Fox Park, WY. Lodgepole pine and grass. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

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
Fourmile Canyon	CO	BLX	6,365	197	10	UNK	550	349	13	75	5	140	2.1M	CNTY
Illinois Creek	WY	MBF	112	12	10	9/10	53	-2	2	6	2	0	90K	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Twitchell Canyon, Fishlake NF. IMT 2 (Ourada). Seven miles east of Manderfield, UT. Timber. Backing fire with isolated group torching and short-range spotting. Structures threatened.

Whitehawk Complex, Boise NF. Fourteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Timber. Minimal 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
Twitchell Canyon	UT	FIF	10,839	231	N/A	N/A	255	40	8	1	5	2	4.4M	FS
Whitehawk Complex	ID	BOF	1,439	0	88	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.1M	FS
Hurd	ID	BOF	1,381	0	100	---	49	4	2	1	0	0	7.4M	FS

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 22

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 2

Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Buckeye, Humbolt-Del Norte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Waterman). Four miles east of Petrolia, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

Windy, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Thirteen miles south of Mineral, CA. Timber. Smoldering.

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
Buckeye	CA	HUU	348	0	40	9/10	767	-277	30	27	3	1	1.3M	ST
Windy	CA	BTU	125	0	85	UNK	719	169	30	25	0	0	1M	ST

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 13

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 0

Sheep, Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP. Previously reported incident. One miles southwest of Cedar Grover, CA. Mixed conifer and brush. Backing 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
Sheep	CA	KNP	4,857	---	N/A	N/A	115	---	5	3	1	0	875K	NPS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 66
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Rough Edge, Oklahoma DOF. Five miles southwest of Pickens, OK. Grass. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. No further information 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
Rough Edge	OK	OKS	2,300	491	75	9/11	29	9	1	2	0	0	185K	ST
Bud Shaw	AR	ARS	570	20	100	---	20	0	0	0	0	0	40K	ST

ARS – Arkansas Forestry Commission

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 0
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
Devil's Falls	PA	PAS	100	0	100	---	55	-23	4	7	0	0	NR	ST

PAS - Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection

Predictive Services Discussion: Significant fire potential is forecast today for portions of Colorado, Wyoming and the Four Corners area due to strong, gusty winds. Elsewhere, cool and showery weather is expected from the Cascades east into Montana and western Wyoming. Portions of the Mid-Atlantic States will have gusty winds and low humidity.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.**

COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mop-up stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 4

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES					3	4	7
	ACRES					2	1	3
Northern California	FIRES	1				20	1	22
	ACRES	0				375	0	375
Southern California	FIRES				1	10	2	13
	ACRES				533	23	1	557
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2				2	4
	ACRES		3				0	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1		1	2	2	6
	ACRES		100		0	0	1,473	1,573
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6			1		7
	ACRES		4			0		4
Southwest	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		0				0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			2	3	7
	ACRES		0			199	2	201
Eastern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					7		7
Southern Area	FIRES					64	2	66
	ACRES					3,998	4	4,002
TOTAL	FIRES	1	12	0	2	108	18	141
	ACRES	0	107	0	533	4,604	1,481	6,725

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	75	66	53	438	16	649
	ACRES	103	292,748	138,644	110,724	559,026	10	1,101,255
Northwest	FIRES	164	202	18	27	487	1,141	2,039
	ACRES	34,756	17,011	3,354	4,942	33,367	4,048	97,478
Northern California	FIRES	56	122		13	1,584	433	2,208
	ACRES	47	12,222		8	18,477	3,239	33,993
Southern California	FIRES	18	198	4	32	2,131	415	2,798
	ACRES	186	10,337	14	6,693	24,957	22,596	64,783
Northern Rockies	FIRES	447	64	7	14	372	549	1,453
	ACRES	4,195	10,869	17,987	722	14,805	13,279	61,857
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	43	537	2	29	512	477	1,600
	ACRES	12,383	406,982	605	5,082	166,155	32,388	623,595
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	218	9	15	66	55	366
	ACRES	0	17,579	35	5	3,157	1,143	21,919
Southwest	FIRES	527	208	8	62	456	928	2,189
	ACRES	7,694	19,257	38	24,505	43,212	75,169	169,875
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	633	420	8	38	422	392	1,913
	ACRES	3,167	7,883	3,064	7,300	49,163	8,322	78,899
Eastern Area	FIRES	636		40	21	11,137	521	12,355
	ACRES	2,709		4,883	27	85,203	4,541	97,363
Southern Area	FIRES	533		58	24	17,682	530	18,827
	ACRES	33,109		6,545	224	236,028	21,509	297,415
TOTAL	FIRES	3,061	2,044	220	328	35,287	5,457	46,397
	ACRES	98,349	794,888	175,169	160,232	1,233,550	186,244	2,648,432

Ten Year Average Fires	60,758
Ten Year Average Acres	5,655,383

*** 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						1	1
	ACRES						500	500
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						28	28
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				50			50
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		35					35
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	3	5
	ACRES	0	35	0	50	0	528	613

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					21,502		21,502
Northwest	FIRES	12	104	8	1		153	278
	ACRES	6,781	21,603	1,688	11		18,029	48,112
Northern California	FIRES	1	12	26	19	29	229	316
	ACRES	10	771	22,335	34	4,042	9,397	36,589
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	7	20	63	109
	ACRES		1,612	1,493	547	2,506	1,969	8,127
Northern Rockies	FIRES	97	34	107	8	28	166	440
	ACRES	3,982	5,152	25,961	1,240	894	17,764	54,993
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		18	6	7	29	46	106
	ACRES		4,110	2,745	520	2,288	11,818	21,481
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	4		7	16
	ACRES		68	1,395	596		638	2,697
Southwest	FIRES	30	20	10	9		125	194
	ACRES	2,183	23,116	8,870	1,108		64,099	99,376
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	43	62	119	27	47	136	434
	ACRES	5,877	11,991	27,738	5,021	6,215	19,614	76,456
Eastern Area	FIRES	48		371	41	2,039	182	2,681
	ACRES	62,797		56,769	6,021	121,410	59,387	306,384
Southern Area	FIRES	20		192	69	8,836	1,091	10,208
	ACRES	3,175		87,408	72,148	281,301	1,041,837	1,485,869
TOTAL	FIRES	251	262	851	192	11,040	2,198	14,794
	ACRES	84,805	68,423	236,402	87,246	440,158	1,244,552	2,161,586

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

Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	19	1	1,597	322,396
Yukon Territory	0	0	86	155,862
Alberta	35	1	1,741	83,396
Northwest Territory	4	70	224	320,809
Saskatchewan	0	0	570	1,768,641
Manitoba	0	0	569	150,179
Ontario	4	0	895	14,988
Quebec	11	4	716	352,627
Newfoundland	3	0	55	816
New Brunswick	3	0	173	150
Nova Scotia	2	0	293	461
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	0	0	101	6,173
Total	81	76	7,022	3,176,501

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