

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, September 23, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (172 new fires)
 New large fires: 1 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires: ** 3
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally, there are 80 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.

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 9
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Machine Gun, Wasatch Front Area, Utah DOF. Two miles south of Herriman, UT. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Twitchell Canyon, Fishlake NF. IMT 2 (Whalen). Seven miles east of Manderfield, UT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated group tree torching. Numerous structures and a major power corridor threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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
Machine Gun	UT	NWS	4,326	-20	75	9/26	234	-21	7	9	2	3	1.7M	ST
Twitchell Canyon	UT	FIF	38,644	4,957	N/A	N/A	548	-23	12	29	6	2	10.1M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Windmill, Uinta County. Ten miles east of Evanston, WY. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Smoldering.

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Windmill	WY	UIX	5,260	1,260	90	UNK	23	-38	0	4	0	0	16K	CNTY
Dry Gulch	WY	RAD	680	0	100	---	6	-76	0	2	0	0	315K	BLM

RAD - Rawlins Field Office, BLM

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 130
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Nimrod, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Three miles southeast of Casa, AR. Timber. No further information received.

Ft Gates #22, National Forests in Florida. Two miles northwest of Georgetown, FL. Southern rough. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Nimrod	AR	ARS	400	100	50	UNK	6	0	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Ft Gates #22	FL	FNF	1,097	7	N/A	N/A	4	-2	0	1	1	0	80K	FS
Drew	AR	ARS	1,013	-14	100	---	18	0	0	0	0	0	5K	ST

Alaska Area (PL 1)

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

*** Dry Creek**, Alaska Fire Service – Military Zone. Twenty miles south of Fairbanks, AK. Black spruce and grass. Backing and running fire. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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* Dry Creek	AK	MID	300	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	0	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: A low pressure system will move across the central U.S. today with gusty winds from the Rockies eastward to the Great Lakes. Showers and thunderstorms will continue across portions of the Southwest and Rocky Mountain Area, into the western Great Lakes.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Entrapment Category.**

FIRE SHELTER DEPLOYMENT

Firefighters must never rely on fire shelters, but instead should depend on well-defined and pre-located escape routes and safety zones. However, if the need for shelter deployment should ever arise, it is imperative that the firefighter knows how to deploy and use the shelter.

- Don't think of your fire shelter as a tactical tool.
- Recognize when deployment is your only option. When considering escape, remember that you can hold your breath for only about 15 seconds while running through flames or superheated air.
- If time runs out while attempting to escape, get on the ground before the flame front arrives and finish deploying on the ground. Death is almost certain if the fire catches a person off the ground. (The optimal survival zone with or without a shelter is within a foot of the ground.) Once entrapped, the highest priority is to protect the lungs and airways.
- When deploying, remove packs and place them away from the deployment area.
- Even though deploying your shelter is a last resort, time is critical when entrapped. Play it safe; give yourself ample time to deploy. Failure to adequately anticipate the severity and timing of the burnover and failure to utilize the best location and proper deployment techniques contributed to the fatalities and injuries on the Thirty Mile incident. Don't let the cost of opening a shelter become a factor in your decision.
- Before passing through superheated gases, try to close the front of your shroud. You can take your shelter out of the plastic bag and use it for a heat shield to pass quickly through a hot area. If you use the shelter in this way, don't drop it or allow it to snag on brush. Remember that your lungs are still vulnerable.
- If flames contact the shelter, the glass/foil fabric heats up more rapidly. If flame contact is prolonged, spots of aluminum foil can melt or tear away, reducing protection. Even if this happens, it is still safer inside the shelter. Your flame-resistant clothing becomes your backup protection. It's even more critical to keep your nose pressed to the ground and stay in your shelter.
- Remember, direct contact with flames or hot gases is the biggest threat to your shelter. It is vital to deploy in a spot that offers the least chance of such contact. The heavier the fuels, the bigger your fuel break needs to be.
- Remember, once you commit yourself to the shelter, stay there. No matter how bad it gets inside, it is usually much worse outside. If you panic and leave the shelter, one breath of hot, toxic gases could damage your lungs. Suffocation may follow. Most firefighters were killed as a result of heat-damaged airways and lungs, not by external burns. Protect your airways and lungs at all costs by keeping your face close to the ground and staying in your shelter.

References:

[Your Fire Shelter](#), Missoula Technology and Development Center

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					100		100
Northwest	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		1			2	1	4
Northern California	FIRES					6	1	7
	ACRES					20	0	20
Southern California	FIRES		1		2	5	1	9
	ACRES		0		357	0	28	385
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			7	1	9
	ACRES		0			5	1,008	1,013
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						125	125
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1			3	1	2	7
	ACRES	0			0	0	23	23
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					10	2	12
Southern Area	FIRES					128	2	130
	ACRES					1,569	15	1,584
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	5	152	11	172
	ACRES	0	1	0	357	1,706	1,202	3,266

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	75	67	53	448	16	660
	ACRES	103	292,236	142,932	110,724	563,608	10	1,109,613
Northwest	FIRES	169	217	19	27	538	1,127	2,097
	ACRES	34,756	19,784	3,406	4,942	33,471	8,520	104,879
Northern California	FIRES	61	123		13	1,662	456	2,315
	ACRES	49	12,222		8	18,518	2,883	33,680
Southern California	FIRES	18	206	5	36	2,283	447	2,995
	ACRES	186	12,911	42	10,471	25,405	31,881	80,896
Northern Rockies	FIRES	521	73	7	16	387	570	1,574
	ACRES	4,443	10,923	17,987	1,922	15,236	13,278	63,789
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	43	553	3	30	549	505	1,683
	ACRES	12,382	409,586	610	5,248	171,342	47,698	646,866
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	222	9	16	68	56	374
	ACRES	0	19,243	35	10	3,159	1,143	23,590
Southwest	FIRES	546	220	8	64	462	962	2,262
	ACRES	7,718	19,255	38	24,855	45,544	79,429	176,839
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	656	447	9	40	501	431	2,084
	ACRES	3,176	11,388	3,064	7,349	63,747	8,307	97,031
Eastern Area	FIRES	636		40	23	10,630	528	11,857
	ACRES	2,709		4,883	31	86,230	4,546	98,399
Southern Area	FIRES	544		58	15	19,555	584	20,756
	ACRES	33,781		6,668	188	248,238	22,489	311,364
TOTAL	FIRES	3,198	2,136	225	333	37,083	5,682	48,657
	ACRES	99,303	807,548	179,665	165,748	1,274,498	220,184	2,746,946

Ten Year Average Fires	63,315
Ten Year Average Acres	5,881,071

*** 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						2	2
	ACRES						81	81
Northwest	FIRES			1			0	1
	ACRES			200			2	202
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						243	243
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	86					50	136
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						50	50
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					60		60
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						148	148
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						17	17
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	3	5
	ACRES					20	65	85
Southern Area	FIRES					2	5	7
	ACRES					110	754	864
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	1	0	5	14	21
	ACRES	86	0	200	0	190	1,410	1,886

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					12	2	14
	ACRES					21,502	377	21,879
Northwest	FIRES	12	49	13	1		138	213
	ACRES	6,781	9,216	2,113	11		20,923	39,044
Northern California	FIRES	1	12	28	21	29	236	327
	ACRES	10	771	22,373	1,231	4,042	10,183	38,610
Southern California	FIRES		9	11	7	20	63	110
	ACRES		1,612	1,525	547	2,506	1,969	8,159
Northern Rockies	FIRES	100	35	107	8	29	199	478
	ACRES	4,122	5,465	26,666	1,240	924	18,492	56,909
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		19	6	9	29	56	119
	ACRES		4,710	2,745	775	2,268	19,871	30,369
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	2	4	1	8	21
	ACRES		1,094	1,395	846	60	638	4,033
Southwest	FIRES	32	20	12	10		134	208
	ACRES	2,409	23,116	8,870	2,146		66,809	103,350
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	45	71	119	21	47	143	446
	ACRES	5,942	17,081	27,738	4,831	6,215	21,504	83,311
Eastern Area	FIRES	48		372	41	1,547	189	2,197
	ACRES	62,797		56,809	6,021	92,646	59,595	277,868
Southern Area	FIRES	20		193	64	8,958	1,116	10,351
	ACRES	3,175		87,468	71,462	267,521	1,051,366	1,480,992
TOTAL	FIRES	258	221	863	186	10,672	2,284	14,484
	ACRES	85,236	63,065	237,702	89,110	397,684	1,271,727	2,144,524

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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	1	17,493	1,598	339,889
Yukon Territory	0	0	86	155,862
Alberta	1	26	1,742	83,421
Northwest Territory	0	22,609	224	343,418
Saskatchewan	0	45,708	570	1,814,349
Manitoba	0	0	569	150,179
Ontario	4	-211	899	14,777
Quebec	5	1	721	352,628
Newfoundland	2	0	57	817
New Brunswick	2	-1	175	149
Nova Scotia	3	24	296	485
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	1	0	102	6,173
Total	19	85,649	7,041	3,262,151

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