

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, November 2, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (33 new fires)  
 New large fires: 3 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 5  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 14 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 Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 3  
 Uncontained large fires: 3

\* **Minninghaw**, Mark Twain NF. Seven miles west of Bunker, MO. Logging slash, hardwood litter and grass. Active fire behavior.

\* **Deer Camp**, Mark Twain NF. Seven miles west of Bunker, MO. Logging slash and hardwood litter. Active fire behavior.

\* **Silo**, Agassiz NWR. Fourteen miles northeast of Thief River Falls, MN. Timber and peat. 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
* Minninghaw	MO	MTF	500	---	10	11/2	27	---	0	3	0	0	6K	FS
* Deer Camp	MO	MTF	500	---	10	11/2	12	---	0	1	0	0	6K	FS
* Silo	MN	AGR	200	---	30	11/7	25	---	0	6	0	0	80K	FWS

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 5  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Hilltop Road**, Oklahoma DOF. Twelve miles east of Muskogee, OK. Hardwood litter. 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
Hilltop Road	OK	DOF	125	0	85	11/2	2	-6	0	1	0	0	5K	ST

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 0

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

**Lime Creek**, South Dakota DOF. Thirteen miles northwest of Edgemont, SD. Grass. No new information.

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
Lime Creek	SD	SDS	300	---	20	UNK	66	---	2	9	0	0	50K	ST

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Critical fire weather conditions will persist across the coastal mountains and foothills of southern California. Offshore winds of 30 to 40 mph with gusts as high as 60 mph are likely with relative humidity dropping below 15 percent. Strong winds and low RH are also expected in the deserts of southern California, western Arizona and southern Nevada. A strong front pushing through the southern Plains will produce strong winds across west Texas and Oklahoma.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



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

### **Bias for Action**

Leaders in the wildland fire service are not only empowered but also duty-bound to act on a situation that is within our power to affect, even without direction from above.

This empowerment is not intended to encourage freelancing. In a high-risk environment, freelancing is a dangerous and unpredictable element, causing more harm than good. Ultimately, leaders are always accountable for their actions.

- A bias for action acknowledges wildfire as an environment where events do not always go according to plan,
- At times during an incident, one person may be the only one in a position to see what needs to be done and to make it happen,
- Time may not permit gathering all of the information that one might like to have, if you wait until you have all the facts to be 100% sure it will almost always be too late.

In these time critical situations, fire leaders use judgment, act within the intent of their leaders, work in unison with others, develop and communicate a plan, and then inform leaders of actions as soon as safely possible.

On a chaotic and rapidly developing wildfire, one person taking the initiative can make all the difference in seizing and taking advantage of an opportunity. Being hesitant, risk-averse, or indecisive can expose firefighters to greater long-term risks and translate into a waste of time, opportunity, energy, and money.

### **Discussion Points**

- Discuss the difference between freelancing and a bias for action.
- Describe and Discuss instances of taking appropriate action and indecisiveness / non-action.
- How are some ways we train for situations requiring a bias for action?

### **References:**

[Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program](#)

[Leading In the Wildland Fire Service](#)

[Tactical Decision Games Library](#)

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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					8		8
	ACRES					10		10
Southern California	FIRES	1		1		10		12
	ACRES	0		1		8		9
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						416	416
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	2				5		7
	ACRES	7				98		105
Southern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					34		34
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	1	0	28	1	33
	ACRES	7	0	1	0	150	416	574

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	27	29	17	429	9	513
	ACRES	8	47,653	36,823	7,790	200,742	3	293,019
Northwest	FIRES	230	277	10	45	576	898	2,036
	ACRES	111,676	132,589	90	1,216	15,067	22,695	283,333
Northern California	FIRES	87	31	6	20	2,177	418	2,739
	ACRES	70	2,624	5	2,180	9,493	8,537	22,909
Southern California	FIRES	24	378	6	49	3,465	526	4,448
	ACRES	225	13,866	4	2,217	55,684	32,303	104,299
Northern Rockies	FIRES	625	77	7	27	545	727	2,008
	ACRES	30,499	56,868	174	1,131	15,837	89,881	194,390
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	33	654	2	24	562	533	1,808
	ACRES	2,269	275,752	26	566	95,871	77,684	452,168
Western Great Basin	FIRES	17	483	13	18	183	81	795
	ACRES	3,343	283,900	778	4	131,252	6,816	426,093
Southwest	FIRES	914	349	13	56	1,045	1,361	3,738
	ACRES	36,251	111,731	5,374	18,452	638,678	1,291,358	2,101,844
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	782	447	33	40	874	518	2,694
	ACRES	25,264	24,251	2,598	2,491	327,352	76,794	458,750
Eastern Area	FIRES	427		38	23	4,569	289	5,346
	ACRES	886		2,867	100	55,903	108,108	167,864
Southern Area	FIRES	920		265	85	35,432	1,019	37,721
	ACRES	138,555		121,834	57,161	3,371,511	35,866	3,724,927
TOTAL	FIRES	4,061	2,723	422	404	49,857	6,379	63,846
	ACRES	349,046	949,234	170,573	93,308	4,917,390	1,750,045	8,229,596

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,931</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,807,841</b>

\*\*\* 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				10	12
	ACRES	99	106				756	961
Northern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						264	264
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					72	61	133
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				3		0	3
	ACRES				20		6	26
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1,000	1,000
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1		1		0	2
	ACRES		50		25		7	82
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					156	61	217
Southern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			90				90
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	1	4	4	14	26
	ACRES	99	156	90	45	228	2,155	2,773

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	3	13	5	22
	ACRES			20	35	8,548	451	9,054
Northwest	FIRES	17	84	22	1		291	415
	ACRES	7,297	17,833	1,264	42		35,426	61,862
Northern California	FIRES	20	19	27	32		226	324
	ACRES	128	655	22,373	651		13,096	36,903
Southern California	FIRES		10	13	9	15	81	128
	ACRES		756	2,389	1,856	2,260	3,515	10,776
Northern Rockies	FIRES	39	24	68	11	73	308	523
	ACRES	1,321	3,663	11,308	4,701	2,758	36,166	59,917
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	22	3	7	41	76	149
	ACRES	54	11,071	1,023	839	1,449	19,237	33,673
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	1	8	2	12	29
	ACRES		569	550	2,574	64	1,816	5,573
Southwest	FIRES	20	29	4	12	1	110	176
	ACRES	4,919	20,286	1,553	4,573	5	86,243	117,579
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	57	41	109	22	52	129	410
	ACRES	7,243	7,459	16,470	7,545	10,911	35,240	84,868
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		362	36	886	149	1,463
	ACRES	60,283		49,870	3,904	52,798	41,762	208,617
Southern Area	FIRES	42		150	25	1,447	698	2,362
	ACRES	7,835		77,384	16,997	306,098	581,379	989,693
TOTAL	FIRES	225	235	760	166	2,530	2,085	6,001
	ACRES	89,080	62,292	184,204	43,717	384,891	854,331	1,618,515

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

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

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