

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, October 5, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (114 new fires)  
 New large fires: 3 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 5  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 11  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 79 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.

Two MAFFS from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, Cheyenne (Wyoming Air National Guard) and support personnel have been activated and are operating from Austin, Texas.

**Western Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 2  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Burbank**, Carson City District, BLM. IMT 2 (Kidd). Fifteen miles southeast of Gardnerville, NV. Brush. Smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Indian Creek**, Nevada DOF. IMT 2 (Whalen). IMT is also managing the Chukkar Canyon and Izzenhood incidents. Twenty miles northwest of Carlin, NV. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Chukkar Canyon**, Elko District, BLM. Thirty miles north of Carlin, NV. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Izzenhood**, Elko District, BLM. Twenty-six miles north of Battle Mountain, NV. Brush. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Tom Basin**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Seven miles north of Paradise Valley, NV. Brush. 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
Burbank	NV	CCD	1,062	0	25	10/8	253	-199	4	20	6	2	1.5M	BLM

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
Indian Creek	NV	NNS	110,907	41,559	20	UNK	266	2	12	4	4	9	809K	ST
Chukkar Canyon	NV	EKD	51,390	0	60	UNK	109	-3	4	5	0	0	161K	BLM
Izzenhood	NV	EKD	42,190	0	90	10/6	379	203	11	9	3	0	920K	BLM
Tom Basin	NV	HTF	5,115	0	75	10/5	2	-124	0	1	0	0	290K	FS
Hot Springs	NV	WID	38,005	0	100	---	4	-67	0	0	0	2	530K	BLM
Big Antelope	NV	WID	11,624	0	100	---	4	-38	0	0	0	0	280K	BLM

WID - Winnemucca District, BLM

### **Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 16  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Great**, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Lewin). Twenty-six miles east of Rosemont, CA. Brush. 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
Great	CA	MVU	2,135	135	85	10/6	669	-357	37	20	2	0	4.2M	ST
* Burst Complex	CA	STF	508	---	100	---	15	---	1	1	0	0	50K	FS

STF – Stanislaus NF

### **Southern Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 36  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 2  
NIMOs committed: 1  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

A NIMO (Gage) and an IMT 1 (Quesinberry) are assigned to provide support to existing and new fires in Texas.

**South 104**, Texas Forest Service. Eleven miles southwest of Quanah, TX. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

**\* Old Potato Road**, Texas Forest Service. Four miles northeast of Camp Swift, TX. Timber. Extreme fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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
South 104	TX	TXS	3,700	0	50	UNK	0	-56	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Old Potato Road	TX	TXS	900	---	0	UNK	57	---	0	1	5	0	NR	ST

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

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

**Salt**, Salmon-Challis NF. Sixteen miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. No new information.

\* **Black Cougar**, Payette NF. Nine miles south of McCall, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. 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
Salt	ID	SCF	24,501	---	5	UNK	40	---	0	7	1	0	14.4M	FS
* Black Cougar	ID	PAF	460	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	15K	FS
Hancock	UT	SLD	1,400	-100	100	---	44	14	3	0	0	0	100K	BLM
Timpie 2	UT	SLD	849	0	100	---	5	-31	0	0	1	0	58K	BLM

SLD – Salt Lake Field Office, BLM

### **Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 21  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Pagami Creek**, Superior NF. Minnesota IMT 2 (Peterson). Thirteen miles northeast of Ely, MN. Timber and grass. Moderate 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
Pagami Creek	MN	SUF	92,682	0	71	UNK	463	9	11	3	6	2	15.2M	FS

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 3  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Murderers Creek**, Prineville District, BLM. Ten miles south of Dayville, OR. Timber, juniper, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over portions of 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
Murderers Creek	OR	PRD	1,120	30	40	10/12	257	52	10	2	3	0	647K	BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A cold front will move through the Great Basin, bringing rain to much of the West with snow at higher elevations in the northern Rockies. Scattered showers will develop over the central Rockies. Strong winds and warm temperatures will produce critical fire weather conditions across the Plains from Texas to Minnesota. Mild, fall weather will continue over the East.

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



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					4		4
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES		0			1	2	3
	ACRES		180			20	0	200
Northern California	FIRES		0			13	2	15
	ACRES		22			2	0	24
Southern California	FIRES				0	14	2	16
	ACRES				11	9	521	541
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						15	15
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	2	5
	ACRES		549			0	431	980
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			0	1	2
	ACRES		0			42,059	0	42,059
Southwest	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	1			2	1	9
	ACRES	5	614			1	1	621
Eastern Area	FIRES	2				18	1	21
	ACRES	3				214	0	217
Southern Area	FIRES					34	2	36
	ACRES					1,076	108	1,184
TOTAL	FIRES	7	4	0	0	88	15	114
	ACRES	8	1,365	0	11	43,381	1,076	45,841

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	27	29	17	427	9	511
	ACRES	8	47,653	36,823	7,790	200,741	3	293,018
Northwest	FIRES	222	276	9	47	553	1,032	2,139
	ACRES	111,647	132,669	89	1,321	14,818	25,852	286,396
Northern California	FIRES	86	31	6	20	2,091	407	2,641
	ACRES	70	2,624	5	2,180	9,245	8,669	22,793
Southern California	FIRES	23	360	5	47	3,266	488	4,189
	ACRES	225	13,782	3	2,216	50,803	31,787	98,816
Northern Rockies	FIRES	492	77	7	28	533	688	1,825
	ACRES	28,917	56,868	174	1,131	15,400	82,260	184,750
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	32	645	2	23	574	516	1,792
	ACRES	2,267	294,972	26	621	86,553	75,052	459,491
Western Great Basin	FIRES	17	468	12	18	191	77	783
	ACRES	3,343	204,505	778	4	170,182	6,807	385,619
Southwest	FIRES	908	345	13	56	1,024	1,340	3,686
	ACRES	31,590	115,742	5,374	18,442	638,235	1,291,389	2,100,772
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	697	434	29	40	852	448	2,500
	ACRES	7,369	23,675	3,511	2,478	292,024	72,511	401,568
Eastern Area	FIRES	346		41	23	4,208	268	4,886
	ACRES	363		3,057	100	27,078	108,073	138,671
Southern Area	FIRES	864		254	79	34,236	980	36,413
	ACRES	135,783		121,294	56,037	3,364,067	35,749	3,712,930
TOTAL	FIRES	3,689	2,663	407	398	47,955	6,253	61,365
	ACRES	321,582	892,490	171,134	92,320	4,869,146	1,738,152	8,084,824

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>65,199</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,469,790</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						7	7
	ACRES						1,036	1,036
Northern California	FIRES				1		5	6
	ACRES				0		37	37
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						106	106
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1			4	5
	ACRES			80			79	159
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1,023	1,023
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			0		2		2
	ACRES			100		120		220
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						32	32
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	2	19	23
	ACRES	0	0	180	0	120	2,313	2,613



### 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	419	9,022
Northwest	FIRES	8	52	17	1		154	232
	ACRES	5,268	12,989	847	42		21,819	40,965
Northern California	FIRES	18	19	24	23		146	230
	ACRES	120	655	19,579	149		5,526	26,029
Southern California	FIRES		10	10	7	15	78	120
	ACRES		756	1,963	1,593	2,260	2,312	8,884
Northern Rockies	FIRES	39	20	53	6	25	165	308
	ACRES	1,321	2,245	8,788	4,681	327	28,923	46,285
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	22	3	4	39	45	113
	ACRES	54	10,018	1,023	769	879	17,705	30,448
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	1	8	2	11	28
	ACRES		569	550	1,420	64	1,661	4,264
Southwest	FIRES	18	28	3	7		82	138
	ACRES	2,075	20,251	1,428	356		78,222	102,332
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	55	34	102	20	47	109	367
	ACRES	6,152	7,034	15,861	7,454	8,683	32,719	77,903
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		351	33	857	140	1,411
	ACRES	60,283		49,598	3,900	50,397	41,467	205,645
Southern Area	FIRES	42		143	24	1,445	576	2,230
	ACRES	7,835		74,544	13,997	306,033	465,289	867,698
TOTAL	FIRES	210	191	708	136	2,443	1,511	5,199
	ACRES	83,108	54,517	174,201	34,396	377,191	696,062	1,419,475

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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	3	3	540	11,946
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	53	39,746
ALBERTA	23	10	1,042	940,055
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	14	205	431,940
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	261	339,956
MANITOBA	0	0	269	84,309
ONTARIO	20	161	1,136	627,244
QUEBEC	1	0	274	12,423
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	5	48	407
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	71	39
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	115	133
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	1
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	61	84,664
TOTALS	48	192	4,076	2,572,865

**\*\*\*CIFFC information updated weekly\*\*\***

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.

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***