

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, October 19, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (70 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: ** 2
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 49 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.

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 29
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

IMT 2 (Dueitt) is assigned to provide support to existing and new fires in Texas.

Honey Prairie, Okefenokee NWR. Five miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened. 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
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	309,275	100	76	UNK	64	-3	0	9	2	1	53M	FWS

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Pagami Creek, Superior NF. IMT 2 (Kollmeyer). Thirteen miles northeast of Ely, MN. Timber and grass. Smoldering.

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Pagami Creek	MN	SUF	92,682	0	91	UNK	230	-26	4	1	5	2	21.6M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 1)

New fires: 0
New large fires: 2
Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Aspen Creek**, Bridger-Teton NF. Thirty-two miles southeast of Pinedale, WY. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Vail**, Bridger-Teton NF. Twenty-two miles southeast of Alpine, WY. Closed timber litter. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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* Aspen Creek	WY	BTF	180	---	N/A	N/A	5	---	0	0	0	0	100K	FS
* Vail	WY	BTF	103	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	41K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

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* Zimmerman	KS	KSX	2,000	---	100	---	60	---	0	13	0	0	NR	CNTY

KSX – Kansas Counties

Predictive Services Discussion: Above normal temperatures and low humidity will continue over the western third of the country. Strong, drying northerly winds will be possible over Texas, mainly south of I-10. A wet, windy and cool pattern can be expected over the Great Lakes states and portions of New England.

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					3	4
	ACRES	1					0	1
Northern California	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					23		23
Southern California	FIRES		2			9	1	12
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	3						3
Eastern Area	FIRES					13	1	14
	ACRES					9	1	10
Southern Area	FIRES					29		29
	ACRES					159		159
TOTAL	FIRES	3	2	0	0	59	6	70
	ACRES	4	0	0	0	191	2	197

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	224	284	9	45	576	1,032	2,170
	ACRES	111,648	133,071	89	1,216	15,067	27,551	288,642
Northern California	FIRES	87	31	6	20	2,138	413	2,695
	ACRES	70	2,624	5	2,180	9,380	8,535	22,794
Southern California	FIRES	23	363	5	47	3,388	512	4,338
	ACRES	225	13,805	3	2,216	55,316	31,802	103,367
Northern Rockies	FIRES	579	77	7	28	537	713	1,941
	ACRES	29,741	56,868	174	1,131	15,785	89,342	193,041
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	32	651	2	24	548	521	1,778
	ACRES	2,267	275,871	26	621	95,899	77,159	451,843
Western Great Basin	FIRES	17	476	13	18	180	80	784
	ACRES	3,343	288,122	778	4	131,001	6,816	430,064
Southwest	FIRES	911	348	13	56	1,030	1,351	3,709
	ACRES	31,840	115,743	5,374	18,442	638,519	1,291,399	2,101,317
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	736	440	33	40	868	517	2,634
	ACRES	24,904	24,369	2,598	2,491	324,451	76,771	455,584
Eastern Area	FIRES	350		33	23	4,469	285	5,160
	ACRES	368		2,861	100	55,463	108,085	166,877
Southern Area	FIRES	919		258	81	35,883	993	38,134
	ACRES	138,547		121,703	57,147	3,368,023	35,714	3,721,134
TOTAL	FIRES	3,880	2,697	408	399	50,046	6,426	63,856
	ACRES	342,961	958,126	170,434	93,338	4,909,646	1,753,177	8,227,682

Ten Year Average Fires	65,990
Ten Year Average Acres	6,517,477

*** 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				2	5
	ACRES	40	229				4	273
Northern California	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				60		1,174	1,234
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						46	46
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						2	2
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						575	575
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		8				215	223
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						8	8
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	0	1	0	18	23
	ACRES	40	237	0	60	0	2,024	2,361

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	14	68	19	1		262	364
	ACRES	6,426	15,375	1,013	42		28,337	51,193
Northern California	FIRES	19	19	27	31		197	293
	ACRES	120	655	19,732	650		9,389	30,546
Southern California	FIRES		10	10	6	15	81	122
	ACRES		756	1,963	1,617	2,260	2,849	9,445
Northern Rockies	FIRES	39	23	67	6	43	229	407
	ACRES	1,321	3,618	11,101	4,681	1,476	32,081	54,278
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	18	3	4	34	63	122
	ACRES	54	9,800	1,023	797	1,135	17,453	30,262
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	1	8	2	11	28
	ACRES		569	550	2,574	64	1,661	5,418
Southwest	FIRES	18	29	4	7		89	147
	ACRES	2,075	20,286	1,468	356		79,377	103,562
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	56	38	105	20	48	118	385
	ACRES	7,220	7,174	16,055	7,454	8,749	33,747	80,399
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		360	33	864	146	1,433
	ACRES	60,283		49,827	3,900	51,552	41,690	207,252
Southern Area	FIRES	42		143	24	1,446	690	2,345
	ACRES	7,835		74,544	13,997	306,063	579,604	982,043
TOTAL	FIRES	218	211	740	143	2,465	1,891	5,668
	ACRES	85,334	58,233	177,296	36,103	379,847	826,639	1,563,452

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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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