

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, September 17, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (204 new fires)
New large fires:	5 (*)
Large fires contained:	9
Uncontained large fires: **	18
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	9

Nationally, there are 81 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 C-130 aircraft from the 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs (US Air Force Reserve), and two MAFFS from the 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte (North Carolina Air National Guard) and support personnel have been activated and will operate from Austin, Texas. The two MAFFS and support personnel from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, Cheyenne (Wyoming Air National Guard) assigned in Boise will be released today.

**Southern Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	24
New large fires:	4
Uncontained large fires:	12
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3

NIMO (Kleinman) is assigned to provide support to existing and new fires in Texas.

**Northeast Texas Fire Complex** (two fires), Texas Forest Service. IMT 1 (Morcom). Four miles southwest of Linden, TX. Minimal fire activity.

**Bastrop County Complex** (two fires), Texas Forest Service. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Wilder) back to local unit will occur 9/19. Six miles northeast of Bastrop, TX. Southern rough. Smoldering.

**Southeast Texas Fire Complex** (five fires), Texas Forest Service. IMT 1 (Opliger). Includes previously reported George Bush Park, 839 Robbins, and 841 Arbor incidents. Four miles northeast of Conroe, TX. Hardwood litter. Creeping and smoldering.

**101 Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles west of Palo Pinto, TX. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Ireland**, Texas Forest Service. One mile east of Ireland, TX. Grass. Creeping and smoldering.

\* **W87C**, Ouchita NF, Four miles northeast of Big Fork Junction, AR. 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
Northeast Texas Fire Complex	TX	TXS	53,559	2,927	95	9/18	390	14	6	54	3	86	1.3M	ST
Bastrop County Complex	TX	TXS	34,068	0	85	UNK	528	-45	3	67	4	1,554	6.5M	ST
Southeast Texas Fire Complex	TX	TXS	31,763	11,270	90	UNK	275	2	4	28	0	88	1.8M	ST
101 Ranch	TX	TXS	6,555	---	95	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	39	962K	ST
Ireland	TX	TXS	1,023	0	90	UNK	72	0	1	7	0	1	NR	ST
* W87C	AR	OUF	107	---	80	9/17	10	---	0	1	0	0	7K	FS
Dark Hollow Road	TX	TXS	1,500	0	100	---	0	-15	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Marshall	TX	TXS	1,465	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Christopher Mountain	AR	OUF	705	---	100	---	29	---	1	2	1	0	10K	FS
* Beech Creek	AR	OUF	563	---	100	---	23	---	1	10	0	0	10K	FS
Union Grove	TX	TXS	500	0	100	---	21	0	1	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Arkinda	AR	ARS	112	---	100	---	8	---	0	2	0	0	2.5K	ST

ARS – Arkansas Forestry Commission

### Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	57
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

**Dollar Lake**, Mt. Hood NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Sixteen miles south of Hood River, OR. Timber. Smoldering.

**Umpqua Complex** (four fires), Umpqua NF. IMT 2 (Walker). Twenty miles southeast of Toketee Falls, OR. Timber litter. Moderate fire activity.

**Mother Lode**, Mt Hood NF. IMT 2 (Kidd). Ten miles northwest of Detroit, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

**Shadow Lake**, Deschutes NF. Transfer of command from NIMO (Gage) to local unit will occur tomorrow. Fifteen miles west of Sisters, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

\* **Buckskin**, Burns District, BLM. Nine miles east of Fields, OR. Brush. Smoldering.

**Monastery Complex**, Washington DNR. Twelve miles northeast of Goldendale, WA. Timber. No further information received.

**Cactus Mountain**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Seventeen miles northeast of Imnaha, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Big Hump**, Olympic NF. Ten miles west of Brinnon, WA. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. 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
Dollar Lake	OR	MHF	6,284	0	75	9/20	683	-113	19	21	4	0	11.7M	FS
Umpqua Complex	OR	UPF	997	95	N/A	N/A	467	-175	16	20	4	0	6.4M	FS
Mother Lode	OR	MHF	2,152	0	N/A	N/A	163	-26	3	2	3	0	2.3M	FS
Shadow Lake	OR	DEF	10,000	0	N/A	N/A	350	-124	6	6	3	0	9M	FS
* Buckskin	OR	BUD	1,999	---	65	9/17	64	---	2	4	1	0	80K	BLM
Monastery Complex	WA	SES	3,626	0	90	9/21	115	-72	2	10	0	113	4.9M	ST
Cactus Mountain	OR	WWF	8,350	0	N/A	N/A	11	-22	0	1	1	0	1.9M	FS
Big Hump	WA	OLF	1,280	30	N/A	N/A	18	0	0	0	1	0	890K	FS
Garden	OR	LAD	6,140	0	100	---	113	-79	3	2	1	0	1.3M	BLM

LAD – Lakeview District, BLM

### Eastern Area (PL 3)

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

**Pagami Creek**, Superior NF. IMT 1 (Turman) and IMT 2 (Aultman). Thirteen miles northeast of Ely, MN. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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	93,472	-6,528	N/A	N/A	510	74	14	7	8	2	2.4M	FS

### Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	81
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Breckenridge Complex**, Kern County FD. IMT 2 (Cooper). Ten miles northeast of Bakersfield, 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
Breckenridge Complex	CA	KRN	25,213	0	90	9/17	532	-360	18	30	2	0	7.1M	CNTY
Comanche	CA	KRN	29,338	0	100	---	603	-116	18	32	0	0	6.8M	CNTY
John	CA	BDU	5,353	0	100	---	0	-275	0	0	0	0	850K	ST

BDU – San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 3 )

New fires:	3
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

**Forty One Complex** (three fires), Bitterroot NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). Eight miles east of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

**Saddle Complex – Bitterroot Branch**, Bitterroot NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Cook) back to local unit will occur 9/19. Thirty miles southwest of Darby, MT. Timber. Smoldering.

**Stewart**, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Heintz) back to local unit will occur 9/19. Eight miles southeast of Wisdom, MT. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

**Birthday**, Idaho Panhandle NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Kusicko) back to local unit will occur tomorrow. Twenty-one miles northwest of Bonners Ferry, ID. Timber. 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
Forty One Complex	MT	BRF	11,480	0	N/A	N/A	323	-63	10	5	2	0	4.4M	FS
Saddle Complex-Bitterroot Branch	MT	BRF	15,656	0	N/A	N/A	154	4	3	7	3	0	4.1M	FS
Stewart	MT	BDF	2,405	0	N/A	N/A	71	-22	1	0	2	0	938K	FS
Birthday	ID	IPF	628	0	0	9/30	45	-21	0	0	1	0	532K	FS

### Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3 )

New fires:	13
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

**Salt**, Salmon-Challis NF. Transfer of command from NIMO (Houseman) and IMT 2 (Sommer) to IMT 2 (Wilde) will occur tomorrow. Sixteen miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Residences 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
Salt	ID	SCF	20,418	0	20	UNK	244	-28	3	8	4	0	12.3M	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A cold front will enter the Pacific Northwest, bringing showers to Washington and Oregon, otherwise cool and dry conditions will spread across much of the West. Showers and thunderstorms will also move into the High Plains along a cold front crossing the northern Rockies. High pressure over New England will keep fall-like conditions over most of the eastern half of the country except for a few thunderstorms developing over Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

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



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

### HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SELECTION

Consider the following points when selecting a landing area for a helicopter:

- Locate a flat area that is of sufficient size for the helicopter you are expecting to land.
  - Type I -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 30 feet by 30 feet; safety circle measuring 110 feet in diameter.
  - Type II -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 20 feet by 20 feet; safety circle measuring 90 feet in diameter.
  - Type III -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 15 feet by 15 feet; safety circle measuring 75 feet in diameter.
- Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, and obstructions such as trees, poles, and especially overhead wires.
- The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or anything over 18 inches high.
- Consider the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind.
- Choose an approach free of obstructions. Any obstruction should be relayed to the helicopter crew during initial radio contact.
- Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing area such as trash, blankets, hats, or equipment.
- Wet down the landing area if dusty conditions are present.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide \(IHOG\)](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		5			3	49	57
	ACRES		800			0	3	803
Northern California	FIREs					10	4	14
	ACRES					33	0	33
Southern California	FIREs		2			78	1	81
	ACRES		2			44	0	46
Northern Rockies	FIREs					2	1	3
	ACRES					2	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1			5	7	13
	ACRES		0			39	39	78
Western Great Basin	FIREs		3			2		5
	ACRES		9			0		9
Southwest	FIREs					1	3	4
	ACRES					0	1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIREs					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIREs					23	1	24
	ACRES					152	0	152
TOTAL	FIREs	0	12	0	0	126	66	204
	ACRES	0	811	0	0	270	43	1,124

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	26	28	17	417	9	499
	ACRES	8	47,653	36,823	7,790	199,819	2	292,095
Northwest	FIRES	216	256	9	42	471	951	1,945
	ACRES	111,643	122,856	89	284	12,318	27,505	274,695
Northern California	FIRES	74	20	5	18	1,518	361	1,996
	ACRES	67	2,476	4	2,178	7,490	6,169	18,384
Southern California	FIRES	21	318	5	43	4,936	437	5,760
	ACRES	225	9,740	3	1,081	55,579	30,080	96,708
Northern Rockies	FIRES	475	77	6	24	488	632	1,702
	ACRES	26,703	56,867	141	1,126	12,655	78,241	175,733
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	31	605	2	21	565	488	1,712
	ACRES	2,252	259,639	26	620	86,432	66,257	415,226
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	396	12	17	165	60	666
	ACRES	3,328	77,290	778	3	21,990	374	103,763
Southwest	FIRES	872	334	13	57	994	1,298	3,568
	ACRES	34,151	108,886	5,374	21,717	633,275	1,285,402	2,088,805
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	636	406	29	39	823	427	2,360
	ACRES	7,268	20,460	3,511	2,476	291,367	62,697	387,779
Eastern Area	FIRES	342		31	23	4,011	257	4,664
	ACRES	355		2,815	100	26,571	118,649	148,490
Southern Area	FIRES	750		249	78	33,394	921	35,392
	ACRES	126,827		121,010	56,036	3,345,160	34,574	3,683,607
TOTAL	FIRES	3,435	2,438	389	379	47,782	5,841	60,264
	ACRES	312,827	705,867	170,574	93,411	4,692,656	1,709,950	7,685,285

Ten Year Average Fires	61,887
Ten Year Average Acres	6,271,226

\*\*\* 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
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		0		1			1
	ACRES		12		413			425
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					150		150
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		3					3
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				6			6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0						0
	ACRES	75						75
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1,600	1,600
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	2	1	1	5
	ACRES	75	15	0	419	150	1,600	2,259

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs			1	3	11		15
	ACRES			20	35	8,476		8,531
Northwest	FIREs	8	44	7	1		122	182
	ACRES	5,268	6,885	429	42		8,661	21,285
Northern California	FIREs	15	19	22	21		141	218
	ACRES	61	655	19,522	141		5,389	25,768
Southern California	FIREs		10	10	4	15	75	114
	ACRES		756	1,963	1,205	2,260	2,090	8,274
Northern Rockies	FIREs	39	14	46	6	16	96	217
	ACRES	1,321	912	8,389	4,681	211	6,610	22,124
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	0	18	3	2	38	29	90
	ACRES	54	9,671	1,023	678	875	7,270	19,571
Western Great Basin	FIREs		5	1		2	9	17
	ACRES		124	550		64	296	1,034
Southwest	FIREs	18	27	3	5		89	142
	ACRES	1,725	20,216	1,428	52		73,263	96,684
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	45	34	99	18	44	100	340
	ACRES	5,036	5,947	15,118	6,940	8,538	27,537	69,116
Eastern Area	FIREs	30		350	33	850	139	1,402
	ACRES	60,283		48,465	3,900	50,063	41,435	204,146
Southern Area	FIREs	42		142	24	1,441	577	2,226
	ACRES	7,835		74,469	13,997	305,750	465,123	867,174
TOTAL	FIREs	197	171	684	117	2,417	1,377	4,963
	ACRES	81,583	45,166	171,376	31,671	376,237	637,674	1,343,707

**\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\***

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\*\*\***

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