

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, September 20, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (169 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 6  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

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.

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.

**Southern Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 109  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 NIMOs committed: 1

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

**Bastrop County Complex** (two fires), Texas Forest Service. Six miles northeast of Bastrop, TX. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity.

\* **Hester Creek**, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Six miles north of Woolmarket, MS. Closed timber 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
Bastrop County Complex	TX	TXS	34,068	0	95	UNK	173	-110	2	19	2	1,554	8M	ST
* Hester Creek	MS	MSS	103	---	90	9/21	10	---	0	5	0	0	2K	ST

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

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

**Dollar Lake**, Mt. Hood NF. IMT 2 (West). Sixteen miles south of Hood River, OR. Timber. Smoldering.

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

\* **Barber Mountain**, Washington DNR. Thirteen miles northwest of Oroville, WA. 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
Dollar Lake	OR	MHF	6,304	0	90	9/20	460	-146	11	11	3	0	13M	FS
Mother Lode	OR	MHF	2,171	2	N/A	N/A	86	-40	0	2	4	0	2.6M	FS
* Barber Mountain	WA	NES	540	---	35	9/20	257	---	12	15	3	0	450K	ST

**Eastern Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Pagami Creek**, Superior NF. IMT 1 (Turman). Thirteen miles northeast of Ely, MN. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity. 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
Pagami Creek	MN	SUF	93,898	0	N/A	N/A	738	140	17	17	7	2	4.9M	FS

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

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

**Salt**, Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Wilde). Sixteen miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. Road closures 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
Salt	ID	SCF	20,418	0	20	UNK	245	-20	4	7	2	0	13M	FS

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

New fires: 18

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 0

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
Mint	CA	ANF	634	0	100	---	225	-374	7	12	3	0	1.5M	FS

ANF - Angeles NF

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A ridge of high pressure will warm temperatures across the West. A cold front moving through the Plains will produce showers and a few thunderstorms over the upper Midwest and Great Lakes. Showers and thunderstorms will also develop over the southern Rockies and across the Southeast.

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



**Today's discussion is from the  
Wildland / Urban Interface Category.**

## **Wildland Urban Interface Hazards**

Firefighters in the wildland urban interface may encounter hazards other than the fire itself, such as hazardous materials, utility lines and poor access.

### **Hazardous Materials**

- Common chemicals used around the home may be a direct hazard to firefighters from flammability, explosion potential and/or vapors or off-gassing. Such chemicals include paint, varnish and other flammable liquids; fertilizer; pesticides; cleansers; aerosol cans, fireworks, batteries and ammunition. In addition, some common household products such as plastics may give off very toxic fumes when they burn. Stay OUT of the smoke from burning structures and any unknown sources such as trash piles.

### **Illicit Activities**

- Marijuana plantations or drug production labs may be found in wildland urban interface areas. Extremely hazardous materials such as propane tanks and flammable/toxic chemicals may be encountered, as well as booby traps.

### **Propane tanks**

- Both large (household size) and small (gas grill size) liquefied propane gas (LPG) tanks can present hazards to firefighters, including explosion. See the "LPG Tank Hazards" discussion for details.

### **Utility lines**

- Utility lines may be located above and below ground and may be cut or damaged by tools or equipment. Don't spray water on utility lines or boxes.

### **Septic tanks and fields**

- Below-ground structures may not be readily apparent and may not support the weight of engines or other apparatus.

### **New construction materials**

- Many new construction materials have comparatively low melting points and may "off-gas" extremely hazardous vapors. Plastic decking materials that resemble wood are becoming more common and may begin softening and losing structural strength at 180° F, though they normally do not sustain combustion once direct flame is removed. However, if they continue to burn they exhibit the characteristics of flammable liquids.

### **Pets and livestock**

- Pets and livestock may be left when residents evacuate and will likely be highly stressed, making them more inclined to bite and kick. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk to rescue pets or livestock.

### **Evacuation occurring**

- Firefighters may be taking structural protection actions while evacuations of residents are occurring. Be very cautious of people driving erratically. Distraught residents may refuse to leave their property, and firefighters may need to disengage from fighting fire to contact law enforcement officers for assistance. In most jurisdictions firefighters do not have the authority to force evacuations. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk trying to protect someone who will not evacuate!

### **Limited access**

- Narrow one-lane roads with no turn-around room, inadequate or poorly maintained bridges and culverts are frequently found in wildland urban interface areas. Access should be sized-up and an evacuation plan for all emergency personnel should be developed.

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Northern California	FIRES					17		17
	ACRES					9		9
Southern California	FIRES		1			13	4	18
	ACRES		0			61	0	61
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2	6	9
	ACRES	0				0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	1		2
	ACRES				0	0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		5			3	1	9
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					25		25
Southern Area	FIRES			2	1	104	2	109
	ACRES			9	1	587	4	601
TOTAL	FIRES	2	2	2	2	147	14	169
	ACRES	1	5	9	1	685	5	706

### 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	217	257	9	42	493	945	1,963
	ACRES	111,643	122,856	89	284	12,947	27,558	275,377
Northern California	FIRES	75	20	5	18	1,518	372	2,008
	ACRES	67	2,476	4	2,178	7,490	6,170	18,385
Southern California	FIRES	21	323	5	44	3,039	445	3,877
	ACRES	225	9,741	3	1,082	46,396	30,081	87,528
Northern Rockies	FIRES	480	77	6	24	492	645	1,724
	ACRES	26,779	56,867	141	1,126	12,659	78,245	175,817
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	31	611	2	22	565	491	1,722
	ACRES	2,252	259,938	26	620	86,432	66,333	415,601
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	402	12	18	166	61	675
	ACRES	3,328	77,301	778	4	21,993	375	103,779
Southwest	FIRES	873	336	13	56	995	1,303	3,576
	ACRES	34,152	108,889	5,374	18,442	633,277	1,285,163	2,085,297
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	639	416	29	39	826	430	2,379
	ACRES	7,269	20,467	3,511	2,477	291,367	62,697	387,788
Eastern Area	FIRES	342		34	23	4,035	264	4,698
	ACRES	355		3,016	100	26,588	108,073	138,132
Southern Area	FIRES	762		251	79	33,630	933	35,655
	ACRES	126,657		121,019	56,037	3,346,802	34,627	3,685,142
TOTAL	FIRES	3,458	2,468	394	382	46,176	5,898	58,776
	ACRES	312,735	706,188	170,784	90,140	4,685,770	1,699,324	7,664,941

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>62,665</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,178,009</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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						60	60
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1			1		1	3
	ACRES	40			464		30	534
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					267		267
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	1	3	1	6
	ACRES	40	0	0	464	267	90	861

### 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	19	3	2	38	31	93
	ACRES	54	9,677	1,023	678	875	7,410	19,717
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	56		73,278	96,703
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	46	34	99	19	44	101	343
	ACRES	5,076	6,197	15,118	7,404	8,538	27,567	69,900
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	1,444	574	2,226
	ACRES	7,835		74,469	13,997	306,017	465,038	867,356
TOTAL	FIRES	198	172	684	118	2,420	1,377	4,969
	ACRES	81,623	45,422	171,376	32,139	376,504	637,774	1,344,838

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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\*\*\***

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