

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, September 30, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (108 new fires)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	9
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there are 78 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 153rd Airlift Wing, Cheyenne (Wyoming Air National Guard) and support personnel have been activated and are operating from Austin, Texas. The two MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel from the 302nd Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs (US Air Force Reserve) assigned in Austin will be released today.

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires:	52
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	5
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1

A NIMO (Kleinman) and an IMT 1 (Quesinberry) are 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. Creeping and smoldering.

* **Dexter Point**, Florida DOF. Twenty eight miles west of Daytona Beach, FL. Grass. No further information received.

South 104, Texas Forest Service. Eleven miles southwest of Quanah, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

* **Cooper Mountain**, Texas Forest Service. Nineteen miles north of Snyder, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

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	98	9/30	46	0	0	7	2	1,790	8M	ST
* Dexter Point	FL	FLS	2,500	---	75	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
South 104	TX	TXS	2,500	0	50	UNK	66	0	0	9	0	0	NR	ST
* Cooper Mountain	TX	TXS	2,000	---	0	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Mitchell 3	TX	TXS	580	0	100	---	52	0	1	5	1	0	NR	ST

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Pagami Creek, Superior NF. IMT 1 (Turman). Thirteen miles northeast of Ely, MN. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. 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	92,682	-777	67	UNK	635	-28	15	4	4	2	12.7M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

Salt, Salmon-Challis NF. Sixteen miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior.

Black Canyon, Salmon-Challis NF. Previously reported incident. Eight miles northeast of Howe, ID. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity.

* **Willow Canyon**, Caribou-Targhee NF. Three miles northeast of Nichola, ID. Grass and timber. Minimal fire activity. 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	21,999	222	20	UNK	32	0	0	6	0	0	14.2M	FS
Black Canyon	ID	SCF	2,397	---	20	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	66K	FS
* Willow Canyon	ID	CTF	338	---	N/A	N/A	6	---	0	1	0	0	130K	FS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

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

Dollar Lake, Mt. Hood NF. Sixteen miles south of Hood River, OR. Timber. Creeping and 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
Dollar Lake	OR	MHF	6,304	---	90	10/15	84	---	2	1	2	0	15M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

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

Forty One Complex, Bitterroot NF. Previously reported incident. Eight miles east of Hamilton, MT. 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
Forty One Complex	MT	BRF	13,617	---	N/A	N/A	41	---	1	4	1	0	5.7M	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Temperatures will remain 10-15 degrees above normal for much of the West. Isolated showers and thunderstorms will develop over higher terrain across the Four Corners region and southern California - western Arizona. A strong Canadian high pressure area will dive south through the central U.S., bringing cool and dry weather to the Plains and the Southeast. Showers and thunderstorms will move through the Great Lakes region, the mid-Atlantic and New England.

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



Today's discussion is from the Hazard Tree Category.

FALLING SNAGS

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
 - Strong winds
 - Night operations
 - Steep slopes
 - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
 - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
 - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
 - Numerous downed trees
 - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead
 - Accumulation of downed limbs
 - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
 - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
 - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
 - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
 - Establish lookouts.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 80
[Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES	1		1		13	2	17
	ACRES	0		1		5	470	476
Southern California	FIRES		3		0	13		16
	ACRES		0		228	7		235
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,928	1,928
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	2,539	2,539
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		0			2		2
Southwest	FIRES		1			2	3	6
	ACRES		0			0	11	11
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					96	7	103
Eastern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					6		6
Southern Area	FIRES					50	2	52
	ACRES					5,775	7	5,782
TOTAL	FIRES	1	6	1	0	86	14	108
	ACRES	0	0	1	228	5,891	4,962	11,082

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	26	29	17	418	9	501
	ACRES	8	47,653	36,823	7,790	200,737	2	293,013
Northwest	FIRES	220	273	9	47	547	982	2,078
	ACRES	111,647	129,399	89	1,371	13,091	29,910	285,507
Northern California	FIRES	85	27	6	20	2,037	395	2,570
	ACRES	69	2,574	5	2,180	9,124	8,653	22,605
Southern California	FIRES	22	352	5	46	3,198	466	4,089
	ACRES	225	13,670	3	1,649	50,678	31,252	97,477
Northern Rockies	FIRES	485	77	6	27	512	676	1,783
	ACRES	26,852	56,868	141	1,131	12,695	81,709	179,396
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	32	627	2	23	558	507	1,749
	ACRES	2,267	260,096	26	621	86,424	72,782	422,216
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	405	12	18	170	71	692
	ACRES	3,328	66,904	778	4	21,995	1,692	94,701
Southwest	FIRES	903	337	13	56	1,015	1,321	3,645
	ACRES	31,685	108,947	5,374	18,442	634,365	1,290,683	2,089,496
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	677	424	29	39	842	442	2,453
	ACRES	7,303	20,475	3,511	2,477	289,642	72,455	395,863
Eastern Area	FIRES	342		36	23	4,070	266	4,737
	ACRES	355		3,041	100	26,822	108,073	138,391
Southern Area	FIRES	821		254	79	34,005	966	36,125
	ACRES	130,908		121,294	56,037	3,359,074	35,481	3,702,794
TOTAL	FIRES	3,605	2,548	401	395	47,372	6,101	60,422
	ACRES	314,647	706,586	171,085	91,802	4,704,647	1,732,692	7,721,459

Ten Year Average Fires	64,281
Ten Year Average Acres	6,198,941

*** 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				6	6
	ACRES		2,300				1,041	3,341
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						113	113
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						4,133	4,133
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		2,650	2,650
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0		1			1
	ACRES		215		67			282
Southwest	FIRES		1		1		2	4
	ACRES		35		150		467	652
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						380	380
Eastern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			1,133				1,133
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	3	0	18	23
	ACRES	0	2,550	1,133	217	0	8,784	12,684

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	3	11	3	18
	ACRES			20	35	8,476	271	8,802
Northwest	FIRES	8	51	13	1		136	209
	ACRES	5,268	12,988	669	42		10,463	29,430
Northern California	FIRES	15	19	23	22		141	220
	ACRES	61	655	19,577	149		5,489	25,931
Southern California	FIRES		10	10	5	15	75	115
	ACRES		756	1,963	1,231	2,260	2,090	8,300
Northern Rockies	FIRES	39	14	47	6	17	116	239
	ACRES	1,321	912	8,428	4,681	234	21,539	37,115
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	22	3	4	39	40	108
	ACRES	54	10,018	1,023	724	879	13,609	26,307
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	1	4	2	11	24
	ACRES		569	550	1,342	64	1,661	4,186
Southwest	FIRES	18	28	3	6		95	150
	ACRES	1,725	20,251	1,428	206		77,232	100,842
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	48	34	102	19	45	110	358
	ACRES	5,182	7,034	15,761	7,404	8,563	30,820	74,764
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		351	33	857	139	1,410
	ACRES	60,283		49,598	3,900	50,397	41,435	205,613
Southern Area	FIRES	42		142	24	1,445	575	2,228
	ACRES	7,835		74,469	13,997	306,033	465,059	867,393
TOTAL	FIRES	200	184	696	127	2,431	1,441	5,079
	ACRES	81,729	53,183	173,486	33,711	376,906	669,668	1,388,683

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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

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