

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, November 15, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (36 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2(\*)  
 Large fires contained: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 3  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0  
 \*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Eastern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 NIMO's committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Hurricane Sandy Support, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Two Type 1 incident management teams are assigned.

Two Type 1 Teams (Wilder and Opliger) are assigned.

- Wilder: Is assisting the state Fire Marshall with coastal assessments in New Jersey. Will be released tomorrow.
- Opliger: Is assisting with emergency road clearing coordination in New Jersey. Will be released today.

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 10  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Creek**, San Luis Obispo Unit, Cal Fire. Twelve miles west of San Luis Obispo, CA. Brush and hardwood slash. 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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Creek         | CA | SLU  | 530  | 0                | 75    | UNK     | 321       | -104             | 9   | 14  | 2    | 0         | 1MM      | ST         |

### Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 13  
New large fires: 2  
Uncontained large fires: 2

**\* WF Willow Slough**, McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge. Thirteen miles west of Port Arthur, TX. Tall grass. Structures threatened. No further information received.

**Pilot Mountain**, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. Twenty miles northwest of Winston-Salem, NC. Hardwood litter. No new information.

| 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 |
|--------------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * WF Willow Slough | TX | FWS  | 1,500 | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 30        | ---              | 0   | 3   | 1    | 0         | 5K       | FWS        |
| Pilot Mountain     | NC | NCS  | 675   | ---              | 80    | 11/15   | 83        | ---              | 3   | 2   | 1    | 0         | 25K      | ST         |
| Spade              | VA | VAF  | 839   | 89               | 100   | ---     | 29        | -23              | 0   | 4   | 1    | 1         | 70K      | FS         |
| * Noble Again      | NC | ECA  | 119   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 35K      | BIA        |

VAF – George Washington and Jefferson NF

ECA - Eastern Cherokee Agency

### Other Fires

(As of November 9)

| GACC  | Fires | Cumulative Acres | Crews | Engines | Helicopters | Total Personnel |
|-------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| AK    | 1     | 47,154           | 0     | 0       | 0           | 0               |
| NW    | 0     | 0                | 0     | 0       | 0           | 0               |
| NO    | 0     | 0                | 0     | 0       | 0           | 0               |
| SO    | 2     | 3                | 9     | 10      | 4           | 205             |
| NR    | 1     | 8,815            | 0     | 0       | 0           | 1               |
| EB    | 1     | 1,601            | 0     | 0       | 0           | 0               |
| WB    | 0     | 0                | 0     | 0       | 0           | 0               |
| SW    | 2     | 6,563            | 0     | 0       | 0           | 7               |
| RM    | 5     | 3,698            | 0     | 4       | 3           | 50              |
| EA    | 0     | 0                | 0     | 0       | 0           | 0               |
| SA    | 0     | 0                | 0     | 0       | 0           | 0               |
| Total | 12    | 67,834           | 9     | 14      | 7           | 263             |

**Predictive Services Discussion:** High pressure over the central U.S. will keep cool and dry weather over most of the country. A few showers will develop over the central California mountains and along the Northwest coast.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.html>



**Today's discussion is from the  
Weather / Fire Behavior Category.**

## **FREQUENT SPOT FIRES ACROSS THE LINE**

There are few watchout situations that state more clearly how much potential your fire has for rapid, uncontrolled growth. Consider the following questions if you are getting spot fires across your line:

- Can you handle increased spotting? List some ways you can keep ahead of spot fires (gridding the green, lookouts, etc.)
- What is your probability of ignition doing? Is it increasing or decreasing?
- Do you have a plan for long-range spotting? In what fuel type and under what conditions will you likely have long-range spotting? What types of plans can you think of for handling long-range spotting?
- Is help available if necessary? What kinds of resources will you have in place or order to handle spot fires?
- If fire behavior increases, is your position still defensible? Discuss what type of action you might take if a spot fire takes off.
- Do you have more than one safety zone in case one gets cut off? Describe how you might have multiple safety zones.
- Do the primary lookouts have a good view of the situation? Discuss who might be acting as a lookout (e.g., crew member, air resources, etc.) and how you will get good information from that person. (Are you relying on an air attack that is busy with air tankers?)
- Where are you in the burning period? Talk about how your tactics may vary from finding spot fires early in the day to later into the evening. Review Probability of Ignition (PIG) and what it can tell you about spotting potential.
- To reduce the risk, be ready to retreat. Keep your guard up even if spotting has not occurred for a few hours. Review fires where you have had frequent spot fires and what you learned about controlling them.

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)  
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

### 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 |     |     |       |     | 4     | 1    | 5     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     | 2     | 0    | 2     |
| Southern California | FIRES |     | 1   |       |     | 7     | 2    | 10    |
|                     | ACRES |     | 0   |       |     | 0     | 0    | 0     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |      | 0     |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |      | 0     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |       |     | 8     |      | 8     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     | 17    |      | 17    |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     | 1     |     | 8     | 4    | 13    |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 1,500 |     | 662   | 71   | 2,233 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 1   | 1     | 0   | 27    | 7    | 36    |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 1,500 | 0   | 681   | 71   | 2,252 |

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA                |       | BIA     | BLM       | FWS    | NPS     | ST/OT     | USFS      | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIRES | 4       | 39        | 30     | 22      | 300       | 5         | 400       |
|                     | ACRES | 164     | 51,616    | 39,629 | 76,752  | 107,600   | 0         | 275,761   |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 129     | 228       | 27     | 29      | 880       | 983       | 2,276     |
|                     | ACRES | 44,236  | 1,138,445 | 1,902  | 20      | 46,410    | 268,088   | 1,499,101 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 123     | 24        | 1      | 13      | 2,824     | 603       | 3,588     |
|                     | ACRES | 275     | 423,780   | 1      | 28,526  | 34,356    | 284,597   | 771,535   |
| Southern California | FIRES | 35      | 244       | 12     | 65      | 3,255     | 693       | 4,304     |
|                     | ACRES | 47      | 40,773    | 8      | 2,197   | 42,142    | 12,664    | 97,831    |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 1,306   | 211       | 47     | 23      | 917       | 852       | 3,356     |
|                     | ACRES | 415,987 | 306,113   | 11,419 | 5,210   | 206,255   | 489,383   | 1,434,367 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 61      | 853       | 1      | 33      | 856       | 611       | 2,415     |
|                     | ACRES | 30,314  | 793,885   | 2      | 2,130   | 222,046   | 1,003,500 | 2,051,877 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 5       | 634       | 4      | 16      | 205       | 140       | 1,004     |
|                     | ACRES | 1,200   | 503,356   | 61     | 28      | 66,740    | 42,737    | 614,122   |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 756     | 202       | 13     | 42      | 549       | 1,088     | 2,650     |
|                     | ACRES | 38,891  | 5,326     | 187    | 4,334   | 33,945    | 461,651   | 544,334   |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 1,683   | 558       | 41     | 47      | 2,078     | 758       | 5,165     |
|                     | ACRES | 172,908 | 69,831    | 4,274  | 2,096   | 760,692   | 207,309   | 1,217,110 |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 834     |           | 65     | 21      | 9,056     | 644       | 10,620    |
|                     | ACRES | 2,010   |           | 4,823  | 403     | 118,696   | 12,568    | 138,500   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 636     |           | 85     | 46      | 16,658    | 661       | 18,086    |
|                     | ACRES | 122,869 |           | 36,332 | 16,752  | 271,750   | 82,467    | 530,170   |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 5,572   | 2,993     | 326    | 357     | 37,578    | 7,038     | 53,864    |
|                     | ACRES | 828,901 | 3,333,125 | 98,638 | 138,448 | 1,910,632 | 2,864,964 | 9,174,708 |

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Ten Year Average Fires</b> | <b>69,591</b>    |
| <b>Ten Year Average Acres</b> | <b>7,453,669</b> |

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### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Northwest           | FIRES |     | 4   |     |     |       | 1    | 5     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 127 |     |     |       | 20   | 147   |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     |     | 0   |       | 4    | 4     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     | 6   |       | 541  | 547   |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 0    | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 8    | 8     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 0    | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 18   | 18    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     | 1   |     |     | 0     | 1    | 2     |
|                     | ACRES |     | 190 |     |     | 361   | 15   | 566   |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 0    | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 104  | 104   |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |      | 0     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     | 2   | 1     |      | 3     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     | 12  | 1     |      | 13    |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       | 1    | 1     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 52   | 52    |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 5   | 0   | 2   | 1     | 7    | 15    |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 317 | 0   | 18  | 362   | 758  | 1,455 |

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| AREA                |       | BIA    | BLM    | FWS     | NPS    | ST/OT   | USFS      | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |        |        |         | 2      | 11      | 15        | 28        |
|                     | ACRES |        |        |         | 18     | 13,449  | 218       | 13,685    |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 20     | 104    | 21      | 3      |         | 527       | 675       |
|                     | ACRES | 4,053  | 10,690 | 1,986   | 39     |         | 48,388    | 65,156    |
| Northern California | FIRES | 5      | 13     | 35      | 29     | 3       | 196       | 281       |
|                     | ACRES | 121    | 203    | 2,387   | 335    | 15      | 12,298    | 15,359    |
| Southern California | FIRES |        | 7      | 13      | 7      | 6       | 132       | 165       |
|                     | ACRES |        | 2,421  | 2,781   | 1,283  | 1,831   | 5,128     | 13,444    |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 26     | 19     | 75      | 5      | 155     | 330       | 610       |
|                     | ACRES | 3,060  | 4,716  | 18,436  | 240    | 7,162   | 23,596    | 57,210    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |        | 17     | 3       | 5      | 35      | 77        | 137       |
|                     | ACRES |        | 1,535  | 245     | 240    | 1,900   | 27,640    | 31,560    |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |        | 4      | 4       | 4      | 17      | 4         | 33        |
|                     | ACRES |        | 825    | 419     | 1,657  | 3,100   | 245       | 6,246     |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 30     | 20     | 12      | 21     |         | 177       | 260       |
|                     | ACRES | 1,938  | 8,994  | 5,515   | 6,230  |         | 64,243    | 86,920    |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 42     | 14     | 116     | 22     | 24      | 57        | 275       |
|                     | ACRES | 6,589  | 1,543  | 24,710  | 2,487  | 1,283   | 8,854     | 45,466    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 37     |        | 509     | 53     | 993     | 165       | 1,757     |
|                     | ACRES | 22,116 |        | 83,814  | 9,453  | 59,035  | 58,244    | 232,662   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 21     |        | 154     | 54     | 9,865   | 906       | 11,000    |
|                     | ACRES | 4,543  |        | 61,723  | 39,434 | 501,799 | 842,319   | 1,449,818 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 181    | 198    | 942     | 205    | 11,109  | 2,586     | 15,221    |
|                     | ACRES | 42,420 | 30,927 | 202,016 | 61,416 | 589,574 | 1,091,173 | 2,017,526 |

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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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