

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, October 17, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (51 new fires)
 New large fires: 0 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires: ** 5
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1
 ** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Southwest Area (PL 1)

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

Big Canyon, Tonto NF. Fifteen miles northeast of Payson, AZ. Logging slash, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with torching and spotting.

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
Big Canyon	AZ	TNF	170	20	0	10/28	124	-12	5	2	2	0	383K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Fern Lake, Rocky Mountain NP. Three miles west of Estes Park, CO. 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
Fern Lake	CO	RMP	673	0	30	UNK	51	-14	1	3	1	0	878K	NPS

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 15
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

North Minnie, Minnesota DNR. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Kollmeyer) back to the local unit will occur today. Five miles northeast of Fourtown, MN. Timber, brush, grass and peat. 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
North Minnie	MN	MNS	25,396	0	75	11/1	78	-72	0	0	1	0	2M	ST

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

Head, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Eight miles west of Mountain City, NV. Timber, brush and grass. Smoldering. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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Head	NV	HTF	427	-93	80	10/20	106	-16	4	2	1	0	480K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

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

Sheep, Nez Perce NF. One mile east of Lucile, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Porcupine Complex (2 fires), Nez Perce NF. Previously reported incident. Twenty-five miles east of Elk City, ID. Timber. Road and trail closures in effect. No further information received. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Sheep	ID	NPF	48,626	0	68	UNK	62	-1	2	0	1	4	17.6M	FS
Porcupine Complex	ID	NPF	37,069	---	N/A	N/A	1	---	0	0	0	0	453K	FS

Other Fires

(As of October 12)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	1	47,154	0	0	0	0
NW	8	28,530	5	8	3	229
NO	1	150	4	7	2	118
SO	1	1,638	1	0	0	16
NR	32	147,329	2	10	0	139
EB	9	435,275	4	14	2	158
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	3	47,425	0	2	0	9
EA	1	288	0	1	0	2
SA	1	252	0	0	0	0
Total	57	708,041	16	55	7	671

This table does not include fires reported in the large fire section of this report. Updated weekly.

Predictive Services Discussion: A strong storm system will move across the northern Plains, dragging a cold front to the Mississippi Valley. Cool high pressure will settle over the western half of the nation. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will form along and ahead of the front through the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys as well as the Great Lakes region. Warm and windy conditions will develop from the central Gulf states and along the Appalachians while mild conditions continue over the eastern seaboard.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.**

DOWNHILL FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION CHECKLIST

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

- Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with resources until the job is completed.
- Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).
- LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.
 - Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
 - Communication is established between all crews.
 - Ensure rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).
- Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.
- Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.
- Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.
- Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.
- Can fire be carried with you?

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES					7	1	8
	ACRES					4	0	4
Southern California	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		0			0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					1	18	19
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			1	4	7
	ACRES		1			0	72	73
Eastern Area	FIRES	1				14		15
	ACRES	0				41		41
Southern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					21		21
TOTAL	FIRES	1	4	0	0	37	9	51
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	67	90	158

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	39	30	21	297	5	396
	ACRES	164	51,289	39,629	72,948	102,264	0	266,294
Northwest	FIRES	128	224	27	29	870	929	2,207
	ACRES	44,235	1,136,341	1,902	20	46,361	264,978	1,493,837
Northern California	FIRES	123	24	2	12	2,716	588	3,465
	ACRES	275	423,780	0	28,526	34,287	321,260	808,128
Southern California	FIRES	34	166	12	64	3,069	620	3,965
	ACRES	47	32,692	8	2,246	42,034	10,223	87,250
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,259	211	41	23	902	835	3,271
	ACRES	415,571	306,113	11,267	5,174	205,949	464,203	1,408,277
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	61	848	1	33	829	617	2,389
	ACRES	30,314	788,972	2	2,130	219,867	997,852	2,039,137
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	632	3	16	201	142	999
	ACRES	1	513,331	60	28	67,933	42,745	624,098
Southwest	FIRES	739	201	12	42	524	1,055	2,573
	ACRES	36,161	5,326	187	4,334	33,753	460,529	540,290
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,439	544	35	41	1,666	712	4,437
	ACRES	155,861	67,791	4,183	1,497	665,539	190,100	1,084,971
Eastern Area	FIRES	834		64	19	8,792	612	10,321
	ACRES	2,010		4,823	403	84,978	12,461	104,675
Southern Area	FIRES	661		79	46	15,096	614	16,496
	ACRES	130,022		34,238	16,752	259,661	81,599	522,272
TOTAL	FIRES	5,287	2,889	306	346	34,962	6,729	50,519
	ACRES	814,661	3,325,635	96,299	134,058	1,762,626	2,845,950	8,979,229

Ten Year Average Fires	64,135
Ten Year Average Acres	6,510,063

*** 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						17	17
	ACRES						371	371
Northern California	FIRES			1	1			2
	ACRES			6	1			7
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						236	236
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						100	100
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	0	19	21
	ACRES	0	0	6	1	0	707	714

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	11	15	28
	ACRES				18	13,443	218	13,679
Northwest	FIRES	8	62	19	1		172	262
	ACRES	3,502	6,029	1,586	9		32,465	43,591
Northern California	FIRES	3	13	37	24	3	156	236
	ACRES	108	203	23,422	187	15	13,137	37,072
Southern California	FIRES		6	9	5	6	129	155
	ACRES		1,521	1,526	946	1,831	4,997	10,821
Northern Rockies	FIRES	26	9	75	3	35	193	341
	ACRES	3,060	4,609	18,436	233	1,812	20,869	49,019
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	2	4	22	45	84
	ACRES		898	188	230	418	25,186	26,920
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	4	3	15	4	30
	ACRES		825	419	413	3,079	221	4,957
Southwest	FIRES	31	18	12	18		140	219
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	470		43,256	58,971
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	39	13	113	21	14	51	251
	ACRES	5,406	1,543	22,880	2,492	1,290	8,662	42,273
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		505	49	980	152	1,723
	ACRES	22,116		81,114	9,069	58,483	57,595	228,377
Southern Area	FIRES	23		146	53	9,371	861	10,454
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	493,903	817,034	1,413,193
TOTAL	FIRES	167	136	922	183	10,457	1,918	13,783
	ACRES	40,189	24,147	214,922	51,701	574,274	1,023,640	1,928,873

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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