

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, September 30, 2015 - 1030 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (69 new fires)
 New large incidents: 4
 Large fires contained: 5
 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.

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 17
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Butte, Amador-El Dorado Unit, Cal Fire. One mile north of Mokelumne Hill, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
BUTTE	CA-AEU	70,868	0	96	Ctn	10/01	352	-141	6	28	0	818	74.5M	ST

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 11
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Rough, Sierra NF. Five miles north of Hume, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, backing and creeping. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
ROUGH	CA-SNF	151,623	130	85	Ctn	NR	344	0	5	17	4	4	118.9M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

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

Crooked Creek, Shoshone NF. IMT 2 (Greer). Twelve miles northwest of Dubois, WY. Timber. Extreme fire behavior. Road closures in effect.

Smith Mountain, Rawlins Field Office, BLM. Forty miles southeast of Casper, WY. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior with group torching and short crown runs. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
CROOKED CREEK	WY-SHF	400	0	10	Ctn	NR	166	0	4	11	2	0	375K	FS
SMITH MOUNTAIN	WY-RAD	710	10	45	Ctn	10/02	79	40	3	4	1	0	100K	BLM

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 20
 New large incidents: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Rock Pile Mtn., Ouachita NF. Six miles east of Hochatown, AR. Timber and hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with running and creeping. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
Rock Pile Mtn.	AR-OUF	150	0	75	Ctn	10/04	31	7	0	3	0	0	15K	FS
Bar None	TX-TXS	480	30	100	Ctn	---	0	-20	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
*Eisenhower	TX-TXS	336	---	100	Ctn	---	26	---	0	2	1	0	1K	ST
*Shannon	TX-TXS	1,000	---	100	Ctn	---	7	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
*535B Fire	MS-MNF	125	---	100	Comp	---	4	---	0	1	0	0	3K	FS

TXS - Texas A & M Forest Service
 MNF – National Forests in Mississippi

Eastern Area (PL 1)

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

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn / Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crews	Eng	Heli			
*Crane Pond	NY-NYS	121.6	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST

NYS - New York Forest Rangers

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AKCC	1	38,250.1	0	0	0	0
NWCC	19	866,603.1	17	35	9	767
ONCC	4	254,377	30	70	6	1,263
OSCC	2	152,709	7	22	4	399
NRCC	14	77,072	2	4	4	158
GBCC	4	100,474	0	6	2	33
SWCC	1	650	0	0	0	0
RMCC	3	1,479	7	16	3	249
EACC	1	121.6	0	0	0	0
SACC	9	12,994	0	7	1	78
Total	58	1,504,729.8	63	160	29	2,947

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	3	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	3	6
Northern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	12	4	17
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	25	0	26
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	10	1	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	6,896	6,896
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	11	12
Southwest Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	0	3	6
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	710	0	0	0	50	760
Eastern Area	FIRES	0		0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0		0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES					20		20
	ACRES					85		85
TOTAL FIRES:		4	0	0	0	47	18	69
TOTAL ACRES:		2	711	0	0	118	6,960	7,791

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	263	0	0	474	23	760
	ACRES	0	4,034,077	0	0	1,076,069	796	5,110,942
Northwest Area	FIRES	264	299	44	74	1,764	1,354	3,799
	ACRES	234,893	243,704	16,324	26,138	100,063	525,947	1,147,069
Northern California Area	FIRES	136	30	5	29	2,947	971	4,118
	ACRES	244	10,786	354	2	285,870	240,619	537,875
Southern California Area	FIRES	23	61	13	91	2,897	526	3,611
	ACRES	107	2,024	13	8,903	25,700	245,463	282,210
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	929	91	7	28	1,280	1,156	3,491
	ACRES	26,290	13,803	736	26,114	188,540	453,879	709,362
Great Basin Area	FIRES	39	739	5	38	621	513	1,955
	ACRES	695	349,458	3	82	13,653	133,091	496,982
Southwest Area	FIRES	432	193	6	32	512	845	2,020
	ACRES	58,059	5,357	62	3,799	17,468	119,108	203,853
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	521	308	16	24	964	243	2,076
	ACRES	17,750	7,396	189	7,409	98,007	2,035	132,786
Eastern Area	FIRES	540	0	31	16	5,902	367	6,856
	ACRES	2,185	0	2,102	549	45,543	5,536	55,915
Southern Area	FIRES	315	0	37	15	19,892	337	20,596
	ACRES	37,321	0	3,074	249	320,988	16,828	378,460
TOTAL FIRES:		3,199	1,984	164	347	37,253	6,335	49,282
TOTAL ACRES:		377,544	4,666,605	22,857	73,245	2,171,901	1,743,302	9,055,454

Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)	61,354
Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)	6,710,223

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	400	400
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	5	0	0	0	175	180
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	904	904
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0		1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0		20	0	0	0	20
Southern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					5		5
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	1	0	5	5	11
TOTAL ACRES:		0	5	20	0	5	1,479	1,509

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	5	0	0	2	0	7
	ACRES	0	3,965	0	0	988	0	4,953
Northwest Area	FIRES	7	28	3	2	0	152	192
	ACRES	2,457	17,778	51	49	0	26,179	46,514
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	12	11	0	113	136
	ACRES	0	143	5,173	190	0	7,734	13,240
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	4	4	0	100	111
	ACRES	0	78	495	268	0	1,860	2,701
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	32	28	7	7	140	224
	ACRES	3,651	10,600	12,835	1,597	695	19,542	48,920
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	27	1	8	32	59	128
	ACRES	24	2,394	1,060	1,057	1,779	18,799	25,113
Southwest Area	FIRES	32	29	8	7	0	141	217
	ACRES	606	18,888	2,436	4,606	0	75,954	102,490
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	26	40	60	11	63	83	283
	ACRES	2,348	7,693	16,147	1,153	3,612	25,625	56,578
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	266	24	1,404	159	1,883
	ACRES	39,398	0	33,334	6,654	66,477	49,818	195,681
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	157	11	8,962	713	9,931
	ACRES	16,583	0	117,592	14,261	533,647	626,078	1,308,161
TOTAL FIRES:		194	164	539	85	10,470	1,660	13,112
TOTAL ACRES:		65,067	61,539	189,123	29,835	607,198	851,589	1,804,351

*** 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/>

Predictive Services Discussion: An upper level ridge of high pressure will bring very warm and dry conditions to the Southwest and southern California today. Isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible on the periphery of this ridge from the Sierras through portions of the Great Basin as well as the eastern slopes of the Rockies. Further east, a trough of low pressure will move through the eastern U.S. today with widespread rainfall from the Ohio Valley through the Appalachians along a cold frontal boundary. On the northern extreme of this front, there may be heavy rainfall through New England.

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



Subjective vs. Objective Hazards

Operational Engagement Category

A popular mountaineering test divides the alpinists' hazards into two distinct types: subjective, which one has direct control over (e.g., condition of the equipment, the decision to turn back) and objective hazards which are inherent to the alpine environment (e.g., avalanches, rock fall).

Objective hazards are a natural part of the environment. They cannot be eliminated and either one must not go into the environment where they exist or adhere to a procedure where safety from the hazard is assured.

Similarly, the wildland firefighter's hazards are either subjective or objective. Examples of subjective hazards would be working below a dozer constructing fireline or the use of improper techniques while felling a tree. The fireline supervisor has direct control over these types of hazards.

The wildland fire environment has four basic objective hazards; lightning, fire-weakened timber (standing and lying), rolling rocks and entrapment by running fires. When these hazards exist the options are to not enter the environment or to adhere to a safe procedure. I feel the key to this safe procedure is LCES.

Although, the following discussion applies to all objective hazards, we will directly address fire entrapments.

● Identify subjective or objective hazards of working in the vicinity of:

- Dozer(s) or Tractor Plows
- Snags
- Helicopters
- Fixed Wing Aircraft
- Other Engines and Vehicles
- ATVs
- Oil and Gas Wells and Pipelines
- Power lines

References:

["LCES and Other Thoughts" by Paul Gleason](#)

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