

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Saturday, November 19, 2016 – 0800 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (85 new fires)
New large incidents:	8
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires:**	29
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

\*\*Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Southern Area (PL 5)**

New fires:	75
New large incidents:	6
Uncontained large fires:	29
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

**Party Rock**, North Carolina Forest Service. IMT 2 (Brandon). One mile north of Lake Lure, NC. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with backing and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Chestnut Knob**, North Carolina Forest Service. IMT 2 (Kern). Three miles south of Enola, NC. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, flanking and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Rock Mountain**, Chattahoochee-Oconee NF. IMT 1 (Livingston). Two miles south of Tate City, GA. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Pinnacle Mountain**, South Carolina Forestry Commission. Three miles southeast of Rocky Bottom, SC. Hardwood Litter and timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area and trail closures in effect.

**Tellico**, National Forests in North Carolina. IMT 1 (Dueitt). IMT is also managing the Boteler, Dick's Creek, Muskrat, and Cathy Gap fires. Three miles south of Almond, NC. Hardwood litter, timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

**Boteler**, National Forests in North Carolina. Nine miles east of Hayesville, NC. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Dick's Creek**, National Forests in North Carolina. Two miles northwest of Sylva, NC. Hardwood litter, short grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Muskrat**, North Carolina Forest Service. Eight miles southwest of Franklin, NC. Hardwood litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

**Cathy Gap**, National Forests in North Carolina. Four miles northwest of Balsam Grove, NC. Hardwood litter and timber. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing. Structures threatened.

**Maple Springs**, National Forests in North Carolina. IMT 2 (Esperance). Three miles northwest of Santeetlah Lake, NC. Hardwood litter, timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Tatum Gulf**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Eleven miles west of LaFayette, GA. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Eastern Cherokee Complex**, Eastern Cherokee Agency (2 fires). Four miles east of Cherokee, NC. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Rough Ridge**, Chattahoochee-Oconee NF. IMT 2 (Fogle). Thirteen miles northwest of Blue Ridge, GA. Hardwood litter, timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

\* **East Miller Cove**, Tennessee DOF. Started on private land one mile north of Walland, TN. Hardwood litter and southern rough. Extreme fire behavior with uphill runs. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Raven Rock**, George Washington & Jefferson NF. Started on private land one mile east of Jenkins, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Trail closures in effect.

\* **Rosston**, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles north of Laverne, OK. Brush, tall grass and short Grass. Extreme fire behavior with wind driven runs. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Bench Bluff**, Tennessee DOF. Two miles west of Pikeville, TN. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior.

**Abner Br**, Kentucky DOF. Two miles southwest of Big Laurel, KY. Timber and Hardwood Litter. Active fire behavior.

**Hwy 190**, Kentucky DOF. Two miles southwest of Pineville, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Poe Road**, Tennessee DOF. Four miles west of Soddy Daisy, TN. Timber and Hardwood Litter. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Quarry Creek**, Cherokee NF. Two miles east of Tellico Plains, TN. Hardwood litter, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Structures threatened.

**Big Branch**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles south of Rocksana, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Walters Rd**, Kentucky DOF. Two miles northeast of Pikeville, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Middlefield Fork Rd**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles west of Lick Creek, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Pathfork**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles south of Pathfork, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Hurricane Creek**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles southwest of Stopover, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Hollins Fork**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles north of Thousandsticks, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

\* **Big Poplar**, Cherokee NF. One mile west of Turtletown, TN. Hardwood litter, closed timber litter and timber. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and torching.

**Irwin Mill**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Two miles east of Fairmount, GA. Hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Scuddy 3**, Kentucky DOF. One mile south of Scuddy, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Party Rock	NC-NCS	7,171	459	36	Comp	12/01	920	0	18	138	2	0	3.2M	ST
Chestnut Knob	NC-NCS	6,340	411	35	Ctn	11/26	325	63	10	32	0	0	1.2M	ST
Rock Mountain	GA-CHF	9,382	837	30	Ctn	12/15	482	-77	12	19	5	0	2.6M	FS
Pinnacle Mountain	SC-SCS	5,407	0	35	Ctn	12/01	258	35	10	17	3	1	1.1M	ST
Tellico	NC-NCF	13,874	0	88	Ctn	11/20	260	-86	4	24	0	1	4.5M	FS
Boteler	NC-NCF	9,015	40	72	Ctn	12/15	390	-98	4	25	6	0	7.4M	FS
Dick's Creek	NC-NCF	728	0	98	Ctn	UNK	7	6	0	2	0	0	796K	FS
Muskrat	NC-NCS	103	0	99	Ctn	11/21	28	-2	1	2	0	0	217K	ST
Cathy Gap	NC-NCF	123	0	80	Ctn	11/25	71	36	3	3	0	0	26K	FS
Maple Springs	NC-NCF	7,788	47	51	Ctn	12/05	340	-2	5	25	7	0	4.4M	FS
Tatum Gulf	GA-GAS	2,336	0	50	Ctn	11/30	109	7	1	20	2	1	340K	ST
Eastern Cherokee Complex	NC-ECA	756	0	85	Ctn	11/25	80	0	2	6	0	0	1.1M	BIA
Rough Ridge	GA-CHF	27,870	866	45	Comp	11/30	234	-9	2	8	4	0	4.9M	FS
* East Miller Cove	TN-TNS	200	---	0	Ctn	12/07	39	---	0	16	0	0	3K	PRI
Raven Rock	VA-VAF	2,402	0	95	Ctn	11/30	74	-1	2	2	0	2	828K	PRI
* Rosston	OK-OKS	3,160	---	10	Ctn	11/19	45	---	0	11	2	0	3K	ST
* Bench Bluff	TN-TNS	2,018	---	92	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	15K	ST
Abner Br	KY-KYS	1,113	0	75	Ctn	11/23	23	0	2	1	0	0	18K	ST
Hwy 190	KY-KYS	800	0	80	Ctn	11/23	0	0	0	0	0	0	9K	ST
Poe Road	TN-TNS	707	---	70	Ctn	11/21	6	---	1	0	0	0	162K	ST
Quarry Creek	TN-CNF	520	---	75	Ctn	11/25	71	---	2	2	0	0	100K	FS
Big Branch	KY-KYS	450	300	80	Ctn	11/19	0	0	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
Walters Rd	KY-KYS	374	0	80	Ctn	11/19	11	0	1	1	0	0	3K	ST
Middlefield Fork Rd	KY-KYS	250	0	75	Ctn	11/23	18	0	2	0	0	0	2K	ST
Pathfork	KY-KYS	230	100	60	Ctn	11/23	10	0	1	1	0	0	3K	ST

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		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Hurricane Creek	KY-KYS	190	0	60	Ctn	11/19	11	0	1	0	0	0	3K	ST
Hollins Fork	KY-KYS	125	0	80	Ctn	UNK	0	-11	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
* Big Poplar	TN-CNF	120	---	15	Ctn	11/25	39	---	1	4	0	0	60K	FS
Irwin Mill	GA-GAS	107	---	99	Ctn	11/21	14	---	0	4	0	0	5K	ST
Scuddy 3	KY-KYS	100	0	80	Ctn	11/23	0	-11	0	0	0	0	6K	ST
* 17 Command	OK-OKS	450	---	100	Ctn	---	22	---	0	7	0	0	5K	ST
* Battelle	AL-ALS	125	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI

ALS – Alabama Forestry Commission

### Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 10  
 New large incidents: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
New Home	MO-MTF	357	---	100	Ctn	---	7	---	0	1	0	0	10K	FS
* Vintage	MO-MTF	241	---	100	Ctn	---	11	---	0	2	0	0	5K	FS
* Sugar	MO-MTF	187	---	100	Ctn	---	2	---	0	1	0	0	5K	PRI

MTF – Mark Twain NF

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	2	346.09	6	6	0	143
NRCC	1	699	0	0	0	1
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	1	3,070	0	5	0	10
EACC	7	2,430.56	2	12	0	87
SACC	86	141,740	110	413	32	4,566
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>148,285.65</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4,807</b>

### Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	2	8	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	18	824	842
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	1	67	7	75
	ACRES	0	0	0	10	2,090	139	2,239
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>3,081</b>

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	183	0	0	357	19	559
	ACRES	0	390,706	0	0	104,837	3	495,546
Northwest Area	FIREs	299	251	30	26	1,266	687	2,559
	ACRES	41,132	324,979	2,778	5,042	61,535	48,385	483,851
Northern California Area	FIREs	111	9	1	26	2,749	432	3,328
	ACRES	145	227	1	5	48,990	46,110	95,478
Southern California Area	FIREs	13	92	11	54	3,223	434	3,827
	ACRES	5,971	30,049	405	1,147	124,321	305,956	467,849
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	800	99	11	27	1,260	472	2,669
	ACRES	14,733	5,851	2,013	61,914	42,192	61,511	188,214
Great Basin Area	FIREs	35	750	8	58	658	545	2,054
	ACRES	12,439	303,225	3	24,239	139,275	281,055	760,236
Southwest Area	FIREs	871	248	11	65	914	1,170	3,279
	ACRES	80,802	66,535	6,976	32,187	131,858	259,618	577,976
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	855	449	14	24	1,321	740	3,403
	ACRES	26,644	35,085	615	2,140	515,932	99,418	679,834
Eastern Area	FIREs	519	0	30	53	8,712	436	9,750
	ACRES	2,209	0	1,113	966	59,963	8,696	72,947
Southern Area	FIREs	404	1	59	76	25,136	675	26,351
	ACRES	134,045	1	1,555	28,953	1,081,561	94,172	1,340,287
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,907</b>	<b>2,082</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>45,596</b>	<b>5,610</b>	<b>57,779</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>318,120</b>	<b>1,156,658</b>	<b>15,459</b>	<b>156,593</b>	<b>2,310,464</b>	<b>1,204,924</b>	<b>5,162,218</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>65,494</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>6,788,673</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	40	0	0	0	0	40
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	82	82
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	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	108	0	108
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	154	0	154
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		0	1	0	0	12	2	15
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		0	40	0	0	262	82	384

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	2	0	2	1	5
	ACRES	0	0	18	0	33,218	38	33,274
Northwest Area	FIREs	14	127	20	2	9	421	593
	ACRES	9,554	12,687	1,159	29	1,128	58,647	83,204
Northern California Area	FIREs	8	2	11	18	0	230	269
	ACRES	103	219	3,813	2,697	0	22,903	29,735
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	5	10	5	0	149	169
	ACRES	0	71	1,419	1,391	0	5,477	8,358
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	15	32	59	13	93	460	672
	ACRES	5,520	6,243	14,333	956	4,236	27,289	58,577
Great Basin Area	FIREs	4	31	10	15	44	112	216
	ACRES	151	8,262	5,622	2,575	1,913	37,758	56,281
Southwest Area	FIREs	24	31	3	9	5	167	239
	ACRES	20,745	26,931	92	2,349	3,365	92,777	146,259
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	37	38	69	35	71	94	344
	ACRES	9,213	5,306	27,232	13,891	4,602	43,145	103,389
Eastern Area	FIREs	87	0	369	40	1,097	261	1,854
	ACRES	45,614	0	52,415	6,910	85,975	59,125	250,039
Southern Area	FIREs	24	0	197	69	12,432	948	13,670
	ACRES	4,767	0	162,624	51,834	720,026	849,885	1,789,136
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>213</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>13,753</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>18,031</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>95,667</b>	<b>59,719</b>	<b>268,727</b>	<b>82,632</b>	<b>854,463</b>	<b>1,197,044</b>	<b>2,558,252</b>

\*\*\* 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 ridge will set up over the central U.S. with one trough exiting the Northeast and another entering the Northwest. A cold front will sweep through the eastern U.S. with rain and snow across the Great Lakes region and New England. Rain with snow in the mountains will move into the Northwest, northern California and the northern Rockies. Breezy and dry conditions will develop over the far southeastern states. Temperatures across the most of the northern half of the U.S. will be cold to very cold. The central and western states will be cool to mild while the far Southwest and the Southeast Coast remain very warm.

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



## ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

*Operational Engagement Category*

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

- If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:
- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.
- Are you relying on aircraft for support operation? Any operation, especially frontal assault, should not need air resources to be safe.

In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

**Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.**

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