

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Wednesday, September 21, 2016 – 0530 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (65 new fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:**	12
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

\*\*Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	12
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Canyon**, Vandenberg Airforce Base Fire Department, DOD. IMT 2 (Mills) Four miles west of Lompoc, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior with spotting and backing. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Soberanes**, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Opliger). Seven miles northwest of Big Sur, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Owens River**, Inyo NF. Ten miles northeast of Mammoth Lakes, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Canyon	CA-AFV	12,272	5,986	45	Ctn	9/30	1,056	423	16	123	10	0	4.6M	DOD
Soberanes	CA-BEU	121,356	1,900	71	Ctn	9/30	2,113	93	37	113	21	68	210.4M	ST
Owens River	CA-INF	5,443	-607	32	Ctn	9/30	636	100	16	48	7	4	1.2M	FS

### Northern California (PL 3)

New fires:	24
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 2 IMTs Committed:	1

**Soup Complex**, Modoc NF. IMT 2 (Kurth). Sixteen miles northeast of Likely, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with torching, spotting and backing. Residences threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

**Willard**, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Five miles west of Susanville, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Soup Complex	CA-MDF	2,371	156	20	Ctn	10/31	900	182	24	41	10	0	2M	FS
Willard	CA-LMU	2,575	0	98	Ctn	UNK	95	-178	3	5	0	7	11.5M	ST

### Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires:	9
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Pioneer**, Boise NF. IMT 2 (Bird). Eight miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Black Mountain**, Soledad Volunteer Fire Department. Thirty-five miles northwest of Tooele, UT. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

\* **Sawmill**, Unita/Wasatch-Cache NF. Twelve miles east of Mapleton, UT. Brush, timber litter and tall grass. Active fire behavior with torching, short-range spotting and backing. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Jocks Canyon**, Unita/Wasatch-Cache NF. Seventeen miles southeast of Springville, UT. Timber, brush and chaparral. Moderate fire behavior with group torching, spotting and backing. 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			
Pioneer	ID-BOF	188,404	0	64	Ctn	10/15	503	-38	10	19	4	6	92.7M	FS
Black Mountain	UT-SLD	1,263	0	80	Ctn	UNK	44	-36	1	3	2	0	300K	Local
* Sawmill	UT-UWF	600	---	0	Comp	10/1	23	---	0	3	1	0	40K	FS
* Jocks Canyon	UT-UWF	1,100	---	0	Comp	9/30	9	---	0	1	0	0	7K	FS

## Rocky Mountain (PL 2)

New fires:	1
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
NIMOs Committed:	1

**Snake**, Medicine Bow NF. Eighteen miles southwest of Encampment, WY. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, backing and creeping. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Beaver Creek**, Routt NF. NIMO (Houseman). NIMO is also managing the Broadway fire. Twenty-four miles north of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Residences and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Broadway**, Medicine Bow NF. Thirty miles northwest of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Silver Creek**, Routt NF. Ten miles east of Phippsburg, CO. Timber. Short crown runs, single tree torching and backing.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Snake	WY-MBF	2,565	0	85	Ctn	10/1	162	-5	5	2	2	0	1.9M	FS
Beaver Creek	CO-RTF	38,380	0	72	Ctn	10/21	124	-3	1	4	3	17	29.3M	FS
Broadway	WY-MBF	2,121	0	10	Ctn	10/21	4	-6	0	0	0	0	2.9M	FS
Silver Creek	CO-RTF	462	140	0	Ctn	10/7	19	2	0	4	0	0	528K	FS

## Southwest Area (PL 1)

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

**Fulton**, Tonto NF. IMT 1 (Day). Twenty-five miles east of Payson, AZ. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Fulton	AZ-TNF	1,138	413	15	Comp	9/30	349	83	9	14	2	0	1.4M	FS

## Northwest Area (PL 2)

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

**Rock Creek**, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Twelve miles northwest of Naches, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Rock Creek	WA-OWF	1,383	0	95	Ctn	9/25	122	7	2	6	1	0	3.9M	FS

### Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 15

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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Herbertburg Road	TN-TNS	226	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST

TNS – Tennessee Division of Forestry

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	6	53,046	5	11	2	221
ONCC	3	36,822	15	15	1	621
OSCC	5	171,827	71	291	38	3,899
NRCC	3	29,320	3	7	4	123
GBCC	15	226,820	16	40	13	800
SWCC	5	4,039	14	24	2	495
RMCC	7	74,741	6	13	5	321
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	0	1,681	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>598,296</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>6,480</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	20	4	24
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	9	2	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	12	11,685	11,697
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	3	0	0	3	3	9
	ACRES	0	3	0	0	2	85	90
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	80	0	0	0	0	866	946
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	140	140
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	31	0	31
Southern Area	FIREs	2	0	0	0	12	1	15
	ACRES	3	0	0	0	25	0	28
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>12,776</b>	<b>12,934</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	341	18	542
	ACRES	0	394,877	0	0	104,822	3	499,702
Northwest Area	FIREs	296	233	30	26	1,137	608	2,330
	ACRES	41,130	337,968	2,778	2,480	18,493	46,158	449,007
Northern California Area	FIREs	105	9	1	25	2,385	368	2,893
	ACRES	145	227	1	5	41,423	44,991	86,792
Southern California Area	FIREs	12	83	9	46	2,733	343	3,226
	ACRES	5,971	30,035	370	1,089	191,411	274,710	503,586
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	771	97	11	27	1,161	444	2,511
	ACRES	14,902	5,791	2,013	61,914	38,173	60,665	183,458
Great Basin Area	FIREs	33	711	7	54	594	494	1,893
	ACRES	12,448	299,714	3	22,598	151,140	278,966	764,869
Southwest Area	FIREs	665	235	10	63	981	1,106	3,060
	ACRES	79,284	66,640	6,976	32,186	131,389	248,413	564,888
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	738	425	14	24	1,138	485	2,824
	ACRES	22,677	34,836	615	2,138	459,878	78,348	598,492
Eastern Area	FIREs	490	0	25	20	5,906	367	6,808
	ACRES	2,007	0	1,087	910	33,664	7,160	44,828
Southern Area	FIREs	365	1	57	64	16,784	458	17,729
	ACRES	133,240	1	1,479	28,535	940,695	43,585	1,147,535
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,475</b>	<b>1,977</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>33,160</b>	<b>4,691</b>	<b>43,816</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>311,804</b>	<b>1,170,089</b>	<b>15,322</b>	<b>151,855</b>	<b>2,111,088</b>	<b>1,082,999</b>	<b>4,843,157</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>57,277</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>6,067,825</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	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	217	217
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	40	0	0	0	0	0	40
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	123	123
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	32	32
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	33	0	33
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	517	0	517
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		1	0	0	0	33	5	39
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		40	5	0	0	517	387	949

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

Area	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	1	0	8	1 <b>10</b>
	ACRES	0	0	12	0	33,218	38 <b>33,268</b>
Northwest Area	FIREs	9	23	7	0	0	159 <b>198</b>
	ACRES	8,752	2,049	374	0	0	24,867 <b>36,042</b>
Northern California Area	FIREs	4	1	9	9	0	124 <b>147</b>
	ACRES	41	90	3,356	328	0	8,244 <b>12,059</b>
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	5	4	2	0	136 <b>147</b>
	ACRES	0	71	422	820	0	3,587 <b>4,900</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	13	21	54	12	11	160 <b>271</b>
	ACRES	5,356	5,489	12,860	951	433	15,393 <b>40,482</b>
Great Basin Area	FIREs	7	29	6	8	34	72 <b>156</b>
	ACRES	125	7,851	3,584	1,356	905	27,743 <b>41,564</b>
Southwest Area	FIREs	8	31	3	9	5	129 <b>185</b>
	ACRES	894	26,931	92	2,333	3,365	61,617 <b>95,232</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	35	33	59	25	67	71 <b>290</b>
	ACRES	6,417	4,040	26,224	11,889	4,402	30,092 <b>83,064</b>
Eastern Area	FIREs	87	0	350	24	911	184 <b>1,556</b>
	ACRES	45,614	0	51,128	5,781	61,779	56,157 <b>220,459</b>
Southern Area	FIREs	21	0	195	66	10,965	934 <b>12,181</b>
	ACRES	4,269	0	162,507	51,547	682,146	846,974 <b>1,747,443</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>12,001</b>	<b>1,970</b>	<b>15,141</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>	<b>71,468</b>	<b>46,521</b>	<b>260,559</b>	<b>75,005</b>	<b>786,248</b>	<b>1,074,712</b>	<b>2,314,513</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:** A stalled front along the East Coast and another in the northern Plains and West will bring a mix of conditions across the country. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue across the Southeast Coast and across the Upper Midwest. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will also continue in the southern Rockies and the Southwest. Showers and a few thunderstorms will move across the Great Basin and the northern Rockies. Snow showers are likely at higher elevations. Temperatures will remain cold along the Canadian border and into the northern Great Basin. Mild weather will also spread along the Northeast and the Mid-Atlantic. Warm conditions will continue across the South and the Plains. The desert Southwest will remain warm.

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



## ASH PIT HAZARDS

*Miscellaneous Fireline Hazards*

Ash pits are an inherent and hidden risk to wildland firefighters that can cause severe burns and injuries. Ash pits are created when a ground fire consumes underground fuels creating an empty space that is imperceptible from the surface.

- Environmental factors that increase the risk of ash pit formation after a wildfire:
  - Extensive root systems of trees and shrubs.
  - Deep duff or peat, the organic layer covering mineral soil.
  - Landscapes that have once been cultivated or manipulated by heavy equipment, old dozer piles, sawmills, timber sale yards or decking areas.
  - Small rodent holes that have become filled with decadent combustible debris, beaver holes near dams and stream beds, badger and coyote dens.
  - White ash is sometimes an indicator of ash pits as are swarms of hovering insects.
  - With the sun behind the suspected ash pit, look for small nearly translucent smokes that dissipate quickly above the ground.
  - Ash pits often give off the smell of incomplete combustion or of creosote burning.
- Mitigation measures to consider:
  - Identification of high risk landscape.
  - Identify and flag all hazardous discovered ash pits.

Resources:

[Safety Advisory: Ash Pit Safety](#)

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