

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, September 27, 2016 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (110 new fires)
New large incidents:	4
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires:**	11
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

\*\*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:	23
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1

**Soberanes**, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Opliger) to IMT 2 (Arroyo) will occur on 9/29/16. Seven miles northwest of Big Sur, CA. Timber, Chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

\* **Marshes**, Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, Cal Fire. Five miles west of Groveland, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs and short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Owens River**, Inyo NF. Ten miles northeast of Mammoth Lakes, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Soberanes	CA-BEU	127,580	664	81	Ctn	9/30	2,046	-101	38	110	23	68	229.9M	ST
* Marshes	CA-TCU	850	---	0	Ctn	9/30	482	---	18	36	2	0	250K	ST
Owens River	CA-INF	5,443	0	95	Ctn	10/15	184	-15	5	9	0	4	4.9M	FS

**Northern California (PL 3)**

New fires:	21
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

\* **Loma**, Santa Clara Unit, Cal Fire. Fifteen miles south of San Jose, CA. Timber and Chaparral. Extreme fire behavior with torching, short crown runs and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Sawmill**, Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit, Cal Fire. Nine miles northeast of Geyserville, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

\* **Tobin**, Plumas NF. IMT 2 (Young). Twenty miles northeast of Paradise, CA. Timber, medium logging slash and Chaparral. Active fire behavior with short-range spotting. Residences threatened.

**Soup Complex**, Modoc NF. Sixteen miles northeast of Likely, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Loma	CA-SCU	1,000	---	0	Ctn	10/3	431	---	14	48	5	7	565K	ST
Sawmill	CA-LNU	1,500	0	45	Ctn	9/30	1,033	560	32	84	4	0	700K	ST
* Tobin	CA-PNF	100	---	5	Ctn	10/10	274	---	9	9	5	0	25K	FS
Soup Complex	CA-MDF	2,647	0	60	Ctn	10/31	67	-25	2	4	1	0	5.4M	FS

### **Great Basin Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 4  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Pioneer**, Boise NF. IMT 2 (Bird). Eight miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Evacuations, 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	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Pioneer	ID-BOF	188,404	0	65	Ctn	10/15	336	2	4	14	5	6	95.1M	FS

### **Southwest Area (PL 1)**

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

**Fulton**, Tonto NF. IMT 1 (Day). Twenty-five miles east of Payson, AZ. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Fulton	AZ-TNF	3,238	378	92	Ctn	9/30	251	-109	4	10	2	0	4M	FS

### **Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 52  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**\* Jefferson Rd**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Five miles northwest of Cave Springs, GA. Closed timber litter. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Structures threatened.

**Happy Valley Ridge**, Great Smoky Mountains NP. Ten miles southeast of Maryville, TN. Hardwood litter and brush. Moderate fire behavior. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Jefferson Rd	GA-GAS	200	---	75	Ctn	UNK	17	---	0	1	0	0	8K	ST
Happy Valley Ridge	TN-GSP	120	---	70	Ctn	9/30	11	---	0	0	0	0	60K	NPS

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	1	1,383	2	4	0	103
ONCC	4	7,035	44	96	10	1,402
OSCC	6	147,340	76	255	26	3,659
NRCC	7	77,043	0	1	0	13
GBCC	15	201,490	4	17	10	396
SWCC	6	8,052	5	20	2	310
RMCC	5	60,098	1	9	3	120
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	2	320	0	1	0	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>502,761</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>6,031</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	2	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10	4	14
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	18	3	21
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	432	36	468
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	19	4	23
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5,648	788	6,436
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	512	512
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Southern Area	FIRES	1	0	1	0	50	0	52
	ACRES	2	0	75	0	249	0	326
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,339</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>7,760</b>

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

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	183	0	0	357	19	<b>559</b>
	ACRES	0	390,706	0	0	104,837	3	<b>495,546</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	298	239	30	26	1,225	629	<b>2,447</b>
	ACRES	41,131	323,059	2,778	2,480	18,518	46,169	<b>434,135</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	109	9	1	25	2,475	380	<b>2,999</b>
	ACRES	145	227	1	5	42,075	45,029	<b>87,482</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	12	86	9	50	2,815	361	<b>3,333</b>
	ACRES	5,971	30,036	370	1,094	204,872	292,072	<b>534,415</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	778	99	11	27	1,245	447	<b>2,607</b>
	ACRES	14,905	5,851	2,013	61,914	42,033	60,762	<b>187,478</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	34	718	7	54	605	503	<b>1,921</b>
	ACRES	12,439	306,634	3	22,598	135,371	279,360	<b>756,405</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	673	237	10	64	993	1,119	<b>3,096</b>
	ACRES	79,392	66,640	6,976	32,187	131,393	252,702	<b>569,290</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	742	433	14	24	1,143	491	<b>2,847</b>
	ACRES	22,677	34,847	615	2,140	460,293	80,672	<b>601,244</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	490	0	25	20	5,914	370	<b>6,819</b>
	ACRES	2,007	0	1,087	910	33,708	7,172	<b>44,884</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	366	1	58	65	16,987	467	<b>17,944</b>
	ACRES	133,242	1	1,554	28,535	941,914	43,441	<b>1,148,687</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,502</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>33,759</b>	<b>4,786</b>	<b>44,572</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>311,909</b>	<b>1,158,001</b>	<b>15,397</b>	<b>151,863</b>	<b>2,115,014</b>	<b>1,107,382</b>	<b>4,859,566</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>57,826</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>6,282,077</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	4	5
	ACRES	0	7	0	0	0	955	962
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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	151	151
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	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	40	0	40
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	943	0	943
TOTAL FIRES:		0	1	0	0	40	6	47
TOTAL ACRES:		0	7	0	0	943	1,121	2,071

**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	2	1	4
	ACRES	0	0	12	0	33,218	38	33,268
Northwest Area	FIRES	9	26	7	1	0	183	226
	ACRES	8,752	2,181	374	17	0	27,367	38,691
Northern California Area	FIRES	4	1	9	9	0	124	147
	ACRES	41	90	3,356	328	0	8,244	12,059
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	5	4	2	0	136	147
	ACRES	0	71	422	820	0	3,587	4,900
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	13	29	54	12	14	175	297
	ACRES	5,356	6,016	12,860	951	479	18,874	44,536
Great Basin Area	FIRES	3	29	7	8	34	71	152
	ACRES	125	7,851	3,589	2,417	905	27,832	42,719
Southwest Area	FIRES	8	31	3	9	5	131	187
	ACRES	894	26,931	92	2,333	3,365	61,969	95,584
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	37	33	59	25	68	72	294
	ACRES	6,511	4,040	26,224	11,889	4,402	30,656	83,722
Eastern Area	FIRES	87	0	350	25	911	188	1,561
	ACRES	45,614	0	51,128	5,808	61,779	56,309	220,638
Southern Area	FIRES	21	0	195	66	11,113	939	12,334
	ACRES	4,269	0	162,507	51,547	685,602	847,266	1,751,191
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>182</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>689</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>12,147</b>	<b>2,020</b>	<b>15,349</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>71,562</b>	<b>47,180</b>	<b>260,564</b>	<b>76,110</b>	<b>789,750</b>	<b>1,082,142</b>	<b>2,327,308</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 level ridge in the West and a deep trough in the East will control the weather across the U.S. A slow-moving front will bring showers and thunderstorms to the eastern and southern U.S. along the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts. Areas of rain will move through the Great Lakes region under the upper low system. Another upper low in northwestern Mexico will produce scattered showers and thunderstorms across the southwest from the deserts of southern California to the West Texas. A cold front approaching the Northwest will bring showers to the Oregon and Washington coasts. Cool to mild weather will spread over much of the nation with warming over the West. Very warm conditions will continue in California, especially the interior valleys.

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



## LOOKOUTS (LCES)

*Operational Engagement Category*

Lookouts are often better situated to notice the cumulative changes of fire behavior.

- Fire Order #5 says “Post lookouts when there is possible danger.” Should you utilize lookouts at all times?
  - Lookouts should be posted at all times.
- What are you looking for when you are selecting a lookout location?
  - Choose a good vantage point, preferably with a good overview of the entire area where firefighters are located, including escape routes and safety zones.
  - Never rely exclusively on aircraft as your lookout.
- What are the desired qualities, capabilities, knowledge, and responsibilities of a lookout person?
  - Experienced firefighter.
  - Solid knowledge of fire behavior and ability to recognize and monitor other environmental hazards.
  - Knowledge of crew locations, escape and safety locations and trigger points.
  - Good communicator--keeps the crew advised of fire behavior changes, tracks weather trends and relays the information, informs crew of work progress and updates from the latest strategy and tactical briefings.
  - Monitors and accounts for all individuals within his/her assigned area at all times, and will notify others if breaks are needed.
- What is the necessary equipment for a lookout?
  - PPE, radio with extra batteries, compass, binoculars, belt weather kit, IAP, map, food, water and watch.

References:

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

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