

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, October 2, 2017 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (40) new fires
New large incidents:	0
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires:**	7
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	9

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

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

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	17	665,551	25	82	10	1,834
ONCC	9	224,106	32	80	8	1,395
OSCC	4	9,763.52	13	25	3	482
NRCC	8	327,874	4	21	1	419
GBCC	1	348	1	2	0	32
SWCC	3	4,540	1	0	0	31
RMCC	3	10,725	0	0	0	6
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	2	310	0	2	0	10
Total	47	1,243,219	76	212	22	4,209

Southern Area (PL 5)

New fires:	1
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	0
Type 1 IMTs Committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs Committed:	6

Hurricane Maria Puerto Rico, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). IMT 1 (McGowan) has been tasked with establishment of an incident support base for the receipt and distribution of commodities, supplies and resources. IMT 2 (Zombro) is coordinating with other agencies to plan and prioritize emergency road clearing. FDNY IMT 2 (Kane) has been tasked with assessment of damage to critical infrastructure including roads, water systems and communications.

Hurricane Maria U.S Virgin Islands, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). IMT 2 (Bird) has mobilized to St. Croix and is managing a logistical staging area for incoming responders while preparing for FEMA operations. IMT 2 (Parrish) has mobilized to St. Thomas and is supporting the receiving and distribution of emergency commodities to aid in the relief efforts.

Hurricane Harvey, Texas A&M Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Hanneman) has mobilized to College Station, TX to support recovery and mitigation efforts, surveying impacts on local fire departments and distributing donated fire equipment.

Hurricane Irma Recovery – South Florida Parks, National Park Service. IMT 2 (Foust) is overseeing site assessment, debris cleanup and emergency stabilization within national parks in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Hurricane Maria Puerto Rico	PR-FEM	N/A	---	N/A	N/A	---	206	0	0	0	0	0	NR	FEM
Hurricane Maria U.S. Virgin Islands	PR-FEM	N/A	---	N/A	N/A	---	45	0	0	0	0	0	NR	FEM
Hurricane Harvey	TX-TXS	N/A	---	N/A	N/A	---	74	0	11	0	0	0	NR	ST
Hurricane Irma Recovery South Florida Parks	FL-EVP	N/A	---	N/A	N/A	---	256	-14	7	0	1	0	2.4M	NPS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

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

Eagle Creek, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. IMT 2 (Harrod). One mile south of Cascade Locks, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Chetco Bar, Rogue River - Siskiyou NF. IMT 1 (Schulte). Sixteen miles west of Selma, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

High Cascades Complex, (2 fires), Rogue River - Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Johnson). Nine miles northeast of Prospect, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Jones, Willamette NF. Ten miles northeast of Lowell, OR. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

Whitehall, Washington State Fire Marshall's Office. Fifteen miles southwest of Coulee, WA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Eagle Creek	OR-CGF	48,831	0	46	Ctn	11/30	208	-21	3	4	1	4	17M	FS
Chetco Bar	OR-RSF	191,090	0	98	Ctn	10/15	298	-61	4	5	3	30	67.6M	FS
High Cascades Complex	OR-RSF	27,460	0	35	Comp	10/15	212	-78	2	4	1	1	29.5M	FS
Jones	OR-WIF	10,114	0	91	Ctn	10/14	179	-25	4	5	1	1	21.2M	FS

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Whitehall	WA-WFS	4,000	1,500	95	Ctn	10/02	124	5	1	31	0	1	252K	ST

Southern California Area (PL 3)

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

Canyon, Orange County Fire Department. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Estes). Five miles southwest of Corona, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Rucker, Santa Barbara County. Two miles northeast of Lompoc, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Lion, Sequoia NF. Previously reported incident. Ten miles northeast of Camp Nelson, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with flanking and uphill runs. Structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Canyon	CA-ORC	2,662	0	95	Ctn	10/02	186	-739	5	12	0	0	10.8M	C&L
Rucker	CA-SBC	444	3	90	Ctn	10/03	166	-345	4	11	0	0	1.1M	CNTY
Lion	CA-SQF	1,700	1,500	0	Comp	11/27	91	---	2	0	3	0	65K	FS

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 16
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Soda, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Fourteen miles northeast of Forest Ranch, CA. Timber litter and understory. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Soda	CA-BTU	143	0	85	Ctn	10/02	273	-22	11	25	0	0	1M	ST

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

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

Rice Ridge, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Hutton). Six miles north of Seeley Lake, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Rice Ridge	MT-LNF	160,187	0	93	Comp	10/15	126	-18	1	3	0	1	49M	FS

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	4	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	43	0	43
Northern California Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	14	1	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	24	365	389
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	9	2	12
	ACRES	0	5	0	0	6	18	29
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	2	1	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
TOTAL FIRES:		1	4	0	0	29	6	40
TOTAL ACRES:		0	6	0	0	73	385	464

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	171	0	0	176	13	360
	ACRES	0	571,516	0	0	81,348	1	652,865
Northwest Area	FIREs	185	229	37	28	1,459	1,280	3,218
	ACRES	11,915	213,073	20,980	5,358	38,818	468,355	758,499
Northern California Area	FIREs	81	74	5	16	2,619	897	3,692
	ACRES	118	39,891	70	38	36,621	335,004	411,742
Southern California Area	FIREs	162	70	2	44	3,361	463	4,102
	ACRES	641	36,537	0	10,992	215,780	95,792	359,742
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	648	97	19	29	1,560	685	3,038
	ACRES	57,339	377,312	1,223	21,568	237,873	724,109	1,419,424
Great Basin Area	FIREs	36	1,018	4	37	899	449	2,443
	ACRES	56,329	1,257,475	2	38	448,622	216,639	1,979,105
Southwest Area	FIREs	716	232	19	42	715	990	2,714
	ACRES	46,667	23,398	1,027	1,389	114,114	359,678	546,273
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	718	349	8	24	1,004	392	2,495
	ACRES	9,867	54,095	354	259	563,115	13,513	641,203
Eastern Area	FIREs	344	0	13	14	3,368	302	4,041
	ACRES	696	0	19	129	17,014	3,100	20,958
Southern Area	FIREs	303	472	47	27	22,226	385	23,460
	ACRES	43,463	6,546	154,024	54,654	1,347,535	26,218	1,632,440
TOTAL FIRES:		3,193	2,712	154	261	37,387	5,856	49,563
TOTAL ACRES:		227,035	2,579,843	177,699	94,425	3,100,840	2,242,409	8,422,251

Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)	55,617
Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)	5,915,728

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	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	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FIREs:		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	IRES	0	0	0	0	6	2	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	64,850	100	64,950
Northwest Area	FIREs	7	11	9	2	2	81	112
	ACRES	1,799	1,336	5,207	39	10	12,800	21,191
Northern California Area	FIREs	1	5	6	13	0	91	116
	ACRES	20	654	239	396	0	9,940	11,249
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	3	5	5	0	153	166
	ACRES	0	62	464	768	0	4,321	5,615
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	6	13	42	6	11	97	175
	ACRES	462	3,820	18,690	752	514	6,503	30,741
Great Basin Area	FIREs	3	18	5	8	30	72	136
	ACRES	27	7,828	933	3,113	799	13,243	25,943
Southwest Area	FIREs	23	33	4	5	5	135	205
	ACRES	3,796	46,871	4,952	1,639	6,105	71,650	135,013
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	25	34	37	10	80	94	280
	ACRES	1,116	2,963	18,305	2,370	3,269	38,389	66,412
Eastern Area	FIREs	51	0	170	22	1,264	186	1,693
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,117	6,148	96,872	65,231	221,047
Southern Area	FIREs	48	0	123	28	66,387	684	67,270
	ACRES	6,894	0	94,960	133,644	1,532,560	643,430	2,411,488
TOTAL FIRES:		164	117	401	99	67,785	1,595	70,161
TOTAL ACRES:		40,793	63,534	169,867	148,869	1,704,979	865,607	2,993,649

*** 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: Cooler than average conditions are expected across nearly the entire west as the low pressure trough elongates over the western half of the country and dips far south into northern Mexico. The low pressure center at the heart of the trough will wrap moisture around it into Montana creating areas of snowy, windy conditions along the Continental Divide. Meanwhile in the East, the ridge of high pressure will continue to linger and will lead to another day of sunny, dry condition.

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



This Day in History is a brief summary of a powerful learning opportunity and is not intended to second guess or be judgmental of decisions and actions. Put yourself in the following situation as if you do not know what the outcome will be. What are the conditions? What are you thinking? What are YOU doing?

Grant West Prescribed Fire – Hazard Tree Fatality October 2nd, 2004

Incident Summary: October 2nd 2004, a prescribed fire is planned in the Grant Grove Sub District of Kings Canyon National Park. This park has long been known for its active prescribed fire program and since 1981, has been home to the Arrowhead Hotshots. The unit being burned this day has been burned several times before. The predominant tree in this unit is White Fir, a high-risk species, which had suffered a considerable die-off due to a Tussock Moth infestation. The unit has been prepped and hose-lays installed. Numerous snags along the line have been evaluated for firefighter safety and holding concerns. Some hazard trees were cut down or lined. One white fir snag about 146 feet tall and 12 feet inside the line was considered sound by experienced firefighters and is left standing. Torching brush and short trees during the test burn send embers into the top of the snag and within minutes smoke and then flames are observed. The snag has become a hazard and a holding concern and it is decided that it needs to be felled. Class C-fallers are called over to size-up the tree; Daniel Holmes, an Arrowhead Hotshot, is the swamper. Because of its lean, it is decided to drop it across the line and to move the hose-lay so that it can be suppressed as a spot fire. Holmes and another faller pass under the snag on the fireline as they walk over to assist in moving the hose-lay so that they can then cut the tree. Several firefighters see the top of the snag fall and yell. They start to run but the falling tree top hits Holmes on the head and he is knocked out. He never regains consciousness.

To that date, Daniel Holmes would be the 20th firefighter killed by a snag since 1960.

Lessons Learned Discussion Points

The morning began with a safety briefing and most of the firefighters confirm that snag hazards were emphasized several times.

- If you were giving your crew a briefing about hazard trees in *your* area, what will your emphasis points be?

You and your crew are sizing up hazard trees in preparation for a prescribed burn in *your* area.

- What are the common high-risk species of trees there?
- Discuss how you will determine the soundness of the trees.
- What are the common indicators that they have become unhealthy/unsafe?

Knowing when the top of this tree would fall is impossible. The top of the snag had only been burning for less than 2 hours. The winds had been light.

- Would you have considered this tree as hazardous as it really was?
- Knowing that the top of the tree might eventually fall, what will you do to be ready for it?

Though there were 3 experienced fallers paying attention to the burning snag during its size-up, once the firefighters transitioned to moving the hose-lay there was not a dedicated lookout assigned for that task.

- How will you and your crew manage the safety of all firefighters when you are in a similar transition situation?
- How can you better expect the unexpected after reading this tragic accident?



Arrowhead Hotshot Daniel Holmes – 2004

Resources

[Holmes Accident Investigation and other documents](#)
[Hazard Tree Subcommittee website](#)

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.