

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, September 21, 2017 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 4

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (42) new fires
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires:**	25
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	15

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

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Two hundred and forty-five soldiers from the 23rd Brigade Engineer Battalion and 1-23 Infantry Battalion based out of Fort Lewis, Washington are deployed in support of the Umpqua North Complex.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	26	765,528	144	216	36	6,127
ONCC	9	226,526	91	131	32	3,705
OSCC	5	56,654	18	25	3	714
NRCC	31	720,259	43	160	15	2,701
GBCC	10	162,825	3	21	4	284
SWCC	6	2,206	8	10	5	280
RMCC	3	5,403	1	2	0	39
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	4	2,675	0	3	0	13
Total	94	1,942,076	308	568	95	13,863

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	1
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	15
NIMOs Committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	5
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

Eagle Creek, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. IMT 1 (Pierson). One mile south of Cascade Locks, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Diamond Creek, Okanogan - Wenatchee NF. NIMO (Houseman). Twenty-seven miles north of Winthrop, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Chetco Bar, Rogue River - Siskiyou NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Lund) to IMT 1 (Schulte) will occur on 9/23. Sixteen miles west of Selma, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Whitewater, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Rabe). Ten miles east of Idanha, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Horse Creek Complex, (4 fires), Willamette NF. IMT 1 (T. Kurth). IMT is also managing the Rebel fire. Seven miles south of Belknap Springs, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Rebel, Willamette NF. Twenty-two miles north of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Umpqua North Complex, (6 fires), Umpqua NF. IMT 2 (Rohrer). Fifty miles east of Roseburg, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Norse Peak, Okanogan - Wenatchee NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Livingston) back to the local unit will occur on 9/23. IMT is also managing the American and Sawmill Creek fires. Eleven miles west of Cliffdell, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

American, Okanogan - Wenatchee NF. Eleven miles west of Cliffdell, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Sawmill Creek, South Puget Sound Region, Washington DNR. Twenty-five miles west of Cle Elum, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

High Cascades Complex, (5 fires), Rogue River - Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Sheldon) and IMT 2 (Roide) Nine miles northeast of Prospect, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the area yesterday.

Miller Complex, (4 fires), Rogue River - Siskiyou NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Goff) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Seventeen miles east of Cave Junction, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Jones, Willamette NF. IMT 2 (Knerr). IMT is also managing the Kelsey Creek fire. Ten miles northeast of Lowell, OR. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Kelsey Creek, Willamette NF. Eleven miles east of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Desolation, Ochoco NF. Twenty miles northeast of Prineville, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Milli, Deschutes NF. Nine miles west of Sisters, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Horse Prairie, Central Unit, Oregon Department of Forestry. Fifteen miles northwest of Canyonville, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Jolly Mountain, Okanogan - Wenatchee NF. Thirteen miles northwest of Cle Elum, WA. Timber. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Eagle Creek	OR-CGF	48,668	0	46	Ctn	9/30	167	-76	2	6	0	4	14.5M	FS
Diamond Creek	WA-OWF	129,000	0	65	Comp	10/15	249	-10	8	5	2	3	13M	FS
Chetco Bar	OR-RSF	190,512	0	77	Ctn	10/15	1,302	-138	37	34	6	30	56.9M	FS
Whitewater	OR-WIF	14,416	0	47	Comp	10/31	414	-15	9	9	2	0	36.4M	FS
Horse Creek Complex	OR-WIF	32,567	0	48	Comp	9/30	381	37	8	21	2	0	8M	FS
Rebel	OR-WIF	8,653	0	88	Comp	9/30	68	0	1	3	0	0	6.9M	FS
Umpqua North Complex	OR-UPF	43,139	0	50	Comp	9/30	599	27	13	15	3	1	36.4M	FS
Norse Peak	WA-OWF	52,056	0	80	Comp	11/1	431	-144	6	31	2	1	19.3M	FS
American	WA-OWF	3,853	0	99	Comp	10/15	0	0	0	0	0	0	800K	FS
Sawmill Creek	WA-SPS	1,061	0	99	Comp	10/1	170	0	4	3	0	0	4.5M	ST
High Cascades Complex	OR-RSF	79,342	0	32	Ctn	10/15	1,017	45	28	33	4	1	56.4M	FS
Miller Complex	OR-RSF	36,496	193	65	Comp	9/30	255	-83	4	8	3	0	26.5M	FS
Jones	OR-WIF	10,522	0	75	Ctn	10/14	142	-58	3	6	2	1	20.2M	FS
Kelsey Creek	OR-WIF	527	0	15	Comp	10/31	158	-2	3	5	1	0	1.6M	FS
Desolation	OR-OCF	4,512	12	25	Ctn	10/14	185	0	6	7	4	0	1.2M	FS
Milli	OR-DEF	24,025	0	85	Ctn	10/1	5	-9	0	0	0	0	16.8M	FS
Horse Prairie	OR-733S	16,436	0	95	Ctn	9/23	56	-1	1	4	1	2	16.3M	ST
Jolly Mountain	WA-OWF	36,808	---	40	Ctn	10/15	196	---	3	13	2	0	24M	FS

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	5
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

Helena, Shasta – Trinity NF. IMT 2 (Young). Five miles northwest of Junction City, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

CA-KNF-006098 Complex, (3 fires). Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Fogle). Ten miles northwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

Orleans Complex, (3 fires). Six Rivers NF. IMT 2 (Mills). Twenty miles north of Orleans, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Salmon August Complex, (2 fires). Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Bollier). Nine miles west of Etna, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Berry, Shasta – Trinity Unit, Cal Fire. Thirty-one miles southeast of Redding, CA. Medium logging slash and brush. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, flanking and backing. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Helena	CA-SHF	21,962	-6	75	Comp	10/1	643	-22	12	22	7	133	27.2M	FS
CA-KNF-006098 Complex	CA-KNF	100,065	0	45	Comp	10/10	529	0	8	16	8	0	41M	FS
Orleans Complex	CA-SRF	27,276	52	66	Comp	10/12	532	35	12	18	3	0	39.9M	FS
Salmon August Complex	CA-KNF	65,875	0	60	Comp	10/20	745	-60	16	9	6	1	35.7M	FS
Berry	CA-SHU	923	52	50	Ctn	9/24	527	-2	24	30	2	0	5M	ST

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires:	3
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

West Fork, Kootenai NF. IMT 2 (Esperance). IMT is also managing the Moose Peak fire. Seven miles northwest of Libby, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Moose Peak, Kootenai NF. Thirteen miles east of Trout Creek, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Highway 200 Complex, (4 fires), Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Leach). Nine miles northwest of Plains, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

Sprague, Glacier National Park. IMT 2 (Thompson). IMT is also managing the Adair Peak fire. Nine miles northeast of West Glacier, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Adair Peak, Glacier National Park. Eighteen miles north of West Glacier, MT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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.

Lolo Peak, Lolo NF. IMT 2 (Almas). Ten miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Meyers, Beaverhead - Deerlodge NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Dueitt) back to the local unit occurred yesterday. IMT is also managing the Sapphire Complex. Twenty-five miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Sapphire Complex, (3 fires), Lolo NF. Fifteen miles southeast of Clinton, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Blacktail, Helena – Lewis and Clark NF. Twenty-two miles southwest of Harlowton, MT. Timber, brush and tall grass. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
West Fork	MT-KNF	20,008	0	60	Comp	10/1	282	-44	6	10	0	0	7.5M	FS
Moose Peak	MT-KNF	13,854	0	70	Comp	10/1	254	-58	5	22	0	0	3.4M	FS
Highway 200 Complex	MT-LNF	47,118	0	37	Comp	10/15	480	-7	8	26	3	0	12.3M	FS
Sprague	MT-GNP	16,790	0	75	Comp	11/1	163	-13	1	14	2	1	5.8M	NPS
Adair Peak	MT-GNP	4,034	0	75	Comp	11/1	0	-4	0	0	0	0	46K	NPS
Rice Ridge	MT-LNF	160,181	0	72	Comp	10/15	348	-18	5	15	1	0	46.3M	FS
Lolo Peak	MT-LNF	53,902	0	87	Comp	10/31	246	13	3	8	0	10	47.1M	FS
Meyers	MT-BDF	62,034	0	90	Ctn	10/21	8	-233	0	0	1	1	32.4M	FS
Sapphire Complex	MT-LNF	43,733	0	90	Comp	10/31	54	-17	1	6	0	19	36.3M	FS
Blacktail	MT-HLF	5,351	---	25	Ctn	10/20	41	---	0	3	1	0	934K	FS

Southern Area (PL 4)

New fires:	7
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
NIMO's Committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs Committed:	2

Hurricane Irma, Florida Forest Service. Affected area encompasses much of the state of Florida and other United States territories in the Region. Florida Forest Service IMT 2 (Kern) has mobilized to Buckingham, FL to manage a receiving and distribution center. Florida Forest Service IMT 2 (Dolan) has mobilized to Marathon, FL to manage a receiving and distribution center. NIMO (Quesinberry) will be mobilizing to the U.S. Virgin Islands on 9/22.

Hurricane Harvey, Texas A&M Forest Service. Affected area encompasses much of the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast. Texas IMT 2 (Hanneman) has mobilized to College Station, TX to assist with coordinating city and county response efforts.

Kirby Ranch, Texas A&M Forest Service. Two miles west of Talpa, TX. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Hurricane Irma	FL-FLS	N/A	---	N/A	N/A	---	97	2	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Hurricane Harvey	TX-TXS	N/A	---	N/A	N/A	---	123	0	1	23	0	0	NR	ST
Kirby Ranch	TX-TXS	915	415	95	Ctn	9/21	11	0	0	3	0	0	0	ST

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 14
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Pier, Sequoia NF. Seven miles east of Springville, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Trail and 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			
Pier	CA-SQF	36,556	0	95	Ctn	UNK	453	-33	9	16	2	2	36M	FS

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 4
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Highline, Payette NF. Twenty-five miles northeast of Warren, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. 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			
Highline	ID-PAF	84,619	0	0	Comp	10/15	13	0	0	0	0	0	2.6M	FS

Southwest Area (PL 1)

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

* **Navajo Mtn 1**, Navajo Region, BIA. Thirty-three miles east of Page, AZ. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with single tree torching. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

* **Palmer**, Santa Fe NF. Eight miles southeast of Rowe, NM. Timber, brush and light logging slash. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, smoldering and creeping. 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			
* Navajo Mtn 1	AZ-NAA	500	---	2	Ctn	9/30	106	---	3	0	5	0	500K	BIA
* Palmer	NM-SNF	120	---	0	Comp	10/31	48	---	2	0	0	0	50K	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	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	301	319	620
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	13	1	14
	ACRES	0	0	0	20	143	1	164
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	3	0	0	0	1	4
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	3	3	6
	ACRES	14	59	0	0	2	1	76
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	7	0	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	32	0	32
TOTAL FIRES:		0	4	0	0	31	7	42
TOTAL ACRES:		14	61	0	20	479	322	896

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	171	0	0	173	13	357
	ACRES	0	571,516	0	0	81,347	1	652,864
Northwest Area	FIREs	183	224	30	28	1,419	1,252	3,136
	ACRES	11,912	212,998	20,980	5,358	26,544	568,604	846,396
Northern California Area	FIREs	78	73	5	13	2,478	878	3,525
	ACRES	117	39,891	70	37	35,898	330,657	406,670
Southern California Area	FIREs	162	68	2	43	3,239	447	3,961
	ACRES	641	36,532	0	10,991	214,932	94,119	357,215
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	646	102	19	29	1,437	677	2,910
	ACRES	57,335	358,073	1,199	21,151	278,767	749,890	1,466,415
Great Basin Area	FIREs	35	994	4	37	2,459	449	3,978
	ACRES	56,328	1,241,094	2	38	469,409	218,147	1,985,018
Southwest Area	FIREs	695	231	17	42	692	892	2,569
	ACRES	45,895	23,398	1,027	1,389	114,048	355,634	541,391
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	713	341	8	24	983	385	2,454
	ACRES	9,956	48,571	354	259	562,785	13,472	635,397
Eastern Area	FIREs	343	0	13	14	3,357	295	4,022
	ACRES	696	0	19	129	17,008	3,097	20,949
Southern Area	FIREs	303	471	47	27	21,904	375	23,127
	ACRES	43,463	6,536	154,024	54,654	1,344,465	26,087	1,629,229
TOTAL FIRES:		3,158	2,675	145	257	38,141	5,663	50,039
TOTAL ACRES:		226,343	2,538,609	177,675	94,006	3,145,203	2,359,708	8,541,544

Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)	53,399
Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)	5,655,289

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	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	42	42
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	11	0	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	244	0	244
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	11	2	13
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	244	42	286

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	6	2	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	64,850	100	64,950
Northwest Area	FIREs	6	11	4	1	0	70	92
	ACRES	1,782	1,336	4,761	38	0	11,523	19,440
Northern California Area	FIREs	1	5	6	11	0	89	112
	ACRES	20	654	239	258	0	9,671	10,842
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	3	5	3	0	152	163
	ACRES	0	62	464	504	0	4,252	5,282
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	6	13	42	6	11	93	171
	ACRES	462	3,820	18,690	752	514	6,413	30,651
Great Basin Area	FIREs	3	18	5	6	34	65	131
	ACRES	24	1,628	933	43	803	12,877	16,308
Southwest Area	FIREs	22	33	4	5	5	97	166
	ACRES	3,791	46,871	4,952	1,639	6,105	61,661	125,019
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	24	34	37	10	80	94	279
	ACRES	1,053	2,963	18,305	2,370	3,279	38,389	66,359
Eastern Area	FIREs	51	0	169	22	1,263	179	1,684
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,117	6,148	96,871	64,962	220,777
Southern Area	FIREs	48	0	123	28	64,808	676	65,683
	ACRES	6,894	0	94,960	133,644	1,519,954	637,775	2,393,227
TOTAL FIRES:		161	117	395	92	66,207	1,517	68,489
TOTAL ACRES:		40,705	57,334	169,421	145,396	1,692,376	847,623	2,952,855

*** 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: The large, cold, and wet low pressure system located over southwestern Canada and the northwestern states will get a reinforcing shot of moisture and cold air as another system approaching from the Gulf of Alaska moves into the base of the system over the Pacific Northwest and merges with it. Snow levels will remain low, approximately on the midslopes. Breezy westerly winds will continue across California, the southern Great Basin, and the Four Corners region. So chances will continue in these areas for IA. By late afternoon, Maria comes into view as she moves toward the northwest to be located just southwest of the Bahamas.



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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