

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, September 23, 2017 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (31) new fires
New large incidents:	1
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:**	20
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	19

\*\*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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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	24	757,862	118	158	25	5,026
ONCC	8	226,887	77	114	27	3,116
OSCC	6	61,887	15	13	1	551
NRCC	32	668,551	28	101	11	1,750
GBCC	6	143,506	2	3	1	76
SWCC	7	5,166	8	12	5	302
RMCC	6	8,053	6	31	0	201
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	2	1,766	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,873,678</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>11,022</b>

#### **Northwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	0
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	12
NIMOs Committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

**Eagle Creek**, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Pierson) to IMT 2 (Harrod) occurred yesterday. One mile south of Cascade Locks, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**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 today. 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 today. IMT is also managing the Sawmill Creek fire. Eleven miles west of Clifdell, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, trail and area closures in effect. 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. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**High Cascades Complex**, (5 fires), Rogue River - Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Roide). Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Sheldon) to IMT 2 (Johnson) will occur tomorrow. Nine miles northeast of Prospect, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. 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.

**Kelsey Creek**, Willamette NF. Eleven miles east of Oakridge, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area closures in effect.

**Desolation**, Ochoco NF. Twenty miles northeast of Prineville, OR. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Milli**, Deschutes NF. Nine miles west of Sisters, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Trail and area closures in effect.

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

**Jolly Mountain**, Okanogan - Wenatchee NF. Thirteen miles northwest of Cle Elum, WA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, 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			
Eagle Creek	OR-CGF	48,668	0	46	Ctn	9/30	154	-4	2	6	1	4	14.6M	FS
Diamond Creek	WA-OWF	127,498	0	75	Comp	10/15	227	-4	7	5	2	3	14M	FS
Chetco Bar	OR-RSF	191,067	555	97	Ctn	10/15	1,098	-129	29	29	8	30	59.5M	FS
Norse Peak	WA-OWF	52,056	0	80	Comp	11/1	250	-71	5	9	0	1	19.8M	FS
Sawmill Creek	WA-SPS	848	-213	99	Comp	10/1	176	0	5	1	0	0	4.5M	ST
Whitewater	OR-WIF	14,416	0	47	Comp	10/31	380	-9	8	7	0	0	35.9M	FS
Horse Creek Complex	OR-WIF	32,567	0	64	Comp	9/30	311	-19	5	18	1	0	8.7M	FS
Rebel	OR-WIF	8,653	0	88	Comp	9/30	63	-10	1	3	0	0	7M	FS
Umpqua North Complex	OR-UPF	43,139	0	50	Comp	10/30	521	-22	11	12	3	1	37.5M	FS
High Cascades Complex	OR-RSF	79,042	0	32	Ctn	10/15	934	-56	24	26	5	1	58.6M	FS
Jones	OR-WIF	10,017	0	75	Ctn	10/14	103	-4	2	1	2	1	20.7M	FS
Kelsey Creek	OR-WIF	527	0	15	Comp	10/31	205	-1	5	5	1	0	1.8M	FS
Desolation	OR-OCF	4,512	0	30	Ctn	10/14	59	-20	2	2	0	0	1.2M	FS
Milli	OR-DEF	24,025	0	85	Ctn	10/1	7	0	0	0	0	0	16.8M	FS
Horse Prairie	OR-733S	16,436	0	95	Ctn	9/23	51	-3	1	3	0	2	16.3M	ST
Jolly Mountain	WA-OWF	36,808	0	40	Ctn	10/15	164	-1	3	13	0	0	24.5M	FS

### **Northern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	14
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 with backing and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. 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. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect.

**Salmon August Complex**, (2 fires). Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Bollier). Nine miles west of Etna, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

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

**Buck**, Shasta - Trinity NF. Previously reported incident. Twelve miles southwest of Platina, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, flanking and creeping. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area 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			
Helena	CA-SHF	21,459	-462	80	Comp	10/1	582	-25	12	14	7	133	28.8M	FS
CA-KNF-006098 Complex	CA-KNF	100,065	0	50	Comp	10/10	464	-37	7	15	5	0	41.7M	FS
Orleans Complex	CA-SRF	27,276	0	80	Comp	10/12	450	-54	11	17	3	0	41.1M	FS
Salmon August Complex	CA-KNF	65,875	0	65	Comp	10/20	426	-61	6	8	6	1	37.7M	FS
Berry	CA-SHU	982	40	65	Ctn	9/29	519	-4	24	30	2	0	5.9M	ST
Buck	CA-SHF	4,400	1,900	35	Comp	10/15	395	-12	11	14	3	0	2.3M	FS

#### **Southern Area (PL 5)**

New fires:	4
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	0
NIMO's Committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs Committed:	3

**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) has mobilized to the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**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.

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	---	84	-11	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Hurricane Harvey	TX-TXS	N/A	---	N/A	N/A	---	123	0	1	23	0	0	NR	ST
Sultiemier Ranch	TX-TXS	651	351	100	Ctn	---	0	-9	0	0	0	0	0	ST

#### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	1
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

**West Fork**, Kootenai NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Esperance) back to the local unit will occur on 9/25. 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.

**Highway 200 Complex**, (3 fires), Lolo NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Leach) back to the local unit will occur today. Nine miles northwest of Plains, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Sprague**, Glacier National Park. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Thompson) back to the local unit will occur today. 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. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**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.

**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.

\* **Beauvais**, Crow Agency, BIA. Five miles west of Xavier, MT. Tall Grass. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Meyers**, Beaverhead - Deerlodge NF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Philipsburg, MT. Timber. No new information. 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			
West Fork	MT-KNF	20,072	0	60	Comp	10/1	101	-4	3	8	0	0	8.5M	FS
Moose Peak	MT-KNF	13,854	0	70	Comp	10/1	46	-42	1	6	0	0	5.1M	FS
Highway 200 Complex	MT-LNF	47,118	0	62	Comp	10/15	260	-92	3	11	2	0	12.9M	FS
Sprague	MT-GNP	16,790	0	75	Comp	11/1	123	-23	1	8	1	1	6.2M	NPS
Rice Ridge	MT-LNF	160,181	0	72	Comp	10/15	286	-2	3	14	1	0	46.4M	FS
Lolo Peak	MT-LNF	53,902	0	90	Comp	10/31	220	-2	2	7	0	10	48.2M	FS
* Beauvais	MT-CRA	472	---	90	Ctn	9/24	2	---	0	1	0	0	12K	BIA
Meyers	MT-BDF	62,034	---	90	Ctn	10/21	64	---	0	0	1	1	31.2M	FS

### **Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	8
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1

**Pier**, Sequoia NF. Seven miles east of Springville, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. 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	98	Ctn	9/30	262	-25	5	3	0	2	38.7M	FS

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 2  
New large incidents: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Winter Valley**, White River Field Office, BLM. Thirty miles southwest of Maybell, CO. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Winter Valley	CO-WRD	6,400	3,900	30	Ctn	9/30	178	41	6	12	0	0	220K	BLM

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

New fires: 0  
New large incidents: 0  
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 and smoldering. 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			
Navajo Mtn 1	AZ-NAA	500	0	2	Ctn	9/30	106	0	3	0	5	0	500K	BIA

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (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	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	11	2	<b>14</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	101	28	<b>129</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	7	1	<b>8</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	187	0	<b>187</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	1	1	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	1	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	15	0	<b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>331</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	171	0	0	173	13	<b>357</b>
	ACRES	0	571,516	0	0	81,347	1	<b>652,864</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	183	224	30	28	1,422	1,252	<b>3,139</b>
	ACRES	11,912	212,998	20,980	5,358	26,545	570,290	<b>848,083</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	80	74	5	15	2,499	886	<b>3,559</b>
	ACRES	118	39,891	70	38	36,026	330,782	<b>406,925</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	162	68	2	44	3,262	448	<b>3,986</b>
	ACRES	641	36,532	0	10,992	215,483	94,119	<b>357,767</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	647	97	19	29	1,543	678	<b>3,013</b>
	ACRES	57,337	377,312	1,223	21,151	237,124	749,890	<b>1,444,037</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	35	999	4	37	895	447	<b>2,417</b>
	ACRES	56,328	1,241,094	2	38	471,097	218,147	<b>1,986,706</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	706	232	17	42	694	942	<b>2,633</b>
	ACRES	46,415	23,398	1,027	1,389	114,106	356,962	<b>543,297</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	716	343	8	24	988	387	<b>2,466</b>
	ACRES	9,956	51,071	354	259	562,811	13,512	<b>637,963</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	343	0	13	14	3,358	296	<b>4,024</b>
	ACRES	696	0	19	129	17,008	3,098	<b>20,950</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	303	471	47	27	21,964	376	<b>23,188</b>
	ACRES	43,463	6,536	154,024	54,654	1,345,688	26,087	<b>1,630,452</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,175</b>	<b>2,679</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>36,798</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>48,782</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>226,866</b>	<b>2,560,348</b>	<b>177,699</b>	<b>94,008</b>	<b>3,107,235</b>	<b>2,362,888</b>	<b>8,529,044</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>53,386</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>5,826,361</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	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	3	3
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	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	315	0	315
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	3	0	3
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	315	3	318

**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	94	172
	ACRES	462	3,820	18,690	752	514	6,416	30,654
Great Basin Area	FIRES	3	18	5	6	34	65	131
	ACRES	24	1,628	933	43	803	12,932	16,363
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	25	34	37	10	80	94	280
	ACRES	1,116	2,963	18,305	2,370	3,279	38,389	66,422
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	65,130	676	66,005
	ACRES	6,894	0	94,960	133,644	1,522,147	637,775	2,395,420
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>162</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>66,529</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>68,813</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>40,768</b>	<b>57,334</b>	<b>169,421</b>	<b>145,396</b>	<b>1,694,569</b>	<b>847,681</b>	<b>2,955,169</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:** The persistent upper level low pressure trough will finally begin to weaken over the West and will allow for the precipitation to decrease in coverage. A drier, northerly flow will develop along the West Coast and will allow for temperatures to begin to moderate. However, temperatures will still be well below normal from the Continental Divide west to the Pacific Ocean. Over the East, well above normal temperatures are expected under mostly sunny skies as a high pressure ridge strengthens between the weakening trough to the west and the two tropical systems located to the east. Breezy southerly winds are expected across the Great Plains as a frontal boundary becomes better developed.

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



## WORKING WITH HELICOPTER DROPS

*Aviation Category*

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

If the helicopter is a Type 1 increase the distance of standby place from the drop zone.

Use helicopter drops to knock down or secure a fire area that poses a direct imminent threat to escaping control lines or climbing up ladder fuels.

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- What is the turnaround time for the helicopter?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Give feedback to the pilot about drop accuracy. Be honest and constructive.
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

### References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide

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