

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Friday, October 18, 2019 – 0800 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (October 11 –October 17, 2019)**

Initial attack activity:	Light (662 new fires)
New large incidents:	12
Large fires contained:	14
Uncontained large fires:***	6
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there are 8 large fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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

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

[Link](#) to Understanding the IMSR.

This report will post every Friday at 0800 Mountain Time unless significant activity occurs.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	2	3,282	13	9	3	420
OSCC	4	15,315	42	77	2	1,323
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	3	1,947	2	3	0	54
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	5	10,970	29	56	17	1,275
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	12	12,412	1	21	0	109
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>43,926</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3,181</b>

## Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires:	18
New large incidents:	2
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2

**Decker**, Rio Grande NF, USFS. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (RM Type 1) to IMT 1 (GB Team 2) will occur tomorrow. Nine miles south of Salida, CO. Timber and light logging slash. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, torching and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

\* **Elk**, Larimer County, CO. Six miles southeast of Redfeather Lakes, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

\* **Cow Creek**, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF, USFS. Nine miles east of Ridgeway, CO. Timber, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, backing and long-range spotting. Structures threatened.

**Middle Mamm**, White River NF, USFS. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (RM Team Black) back to the local unit occurred 10/16. Eleven miles south of Rifle, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with smoldering, creeping and single tree torching. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Last narrative 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			
Decker	CO-RGF	8,570	1,536	30	Comp	12/20	943	66	23	40	8	2	16.4M	FS
* Elk	CO-LRX	175	---	58	Ctn	10/21	112	---	1	6	3	1	150K	C&L
* Cow Creek	CO-GMF	270	---	0	Ctn	12/1	63	---	2	2	3	0	500K	FS
Middle Mamm	CO-WRF	1,235	234	34	Comp	11/20	156	-19	3	8	3	0	3.5M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Granite Lake	CO-WRF	720	7	2	Comp	12/1	3	-5	0	1	0	0	225K	FS

## Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	124
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3

\* **Saddle Ridge**, Los Angeles FD, CA. Started on USFS land five miles northwest of San Fernando, CA. Tall grass, brush and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

**Briceburg**, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Eight miles north of Mariposa, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Taboose**, Inyo NF, USFS. Previously reported incident. Six miles southwest of Big Pine, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
* Saddle Ridge	CA-LFD	8,391	---	62	Ctn	10/19	1,047	---	33	63	0	24	22.4M	FS
Briceburg	CA-MMU	5,563	658	96	Ctn	10/21	239	-1,336	8	8	2	1	14.8M	ST
Taboose	CA-INF	10,400	0	75	Ctn	10/31	1	-18	0	0	0	0	12.5M	FS
Reche	CA-RRU	350	-50	100	Ctn	---	0	-113	0	0	0	0	350K	ST
Sandlewood	CA-RRU	1,011	511	100	Ctn	---	37	-284	1	6	0	72	3.1M	ST

RRU – Riverside Unit, Cal Fire

### Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	339
New large incidents:	5
Uncontained large fires:	0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
Rockcastle	KY-KYS	484	0	100	Ctn	---	21	0	0	4	0	0	75K	ST
Sky Bridge	KY-DBF	125	0	100	Ctn	---	23	0	1	1	0	0	290K	FS
SAC A LAIT	LA-SBR	7,433	34	100	Ctn	---	8	0	0	1	0	0	25K	FWS
Powell Lease	TX-TXS	1,705	0	100	Ctn	---	1	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Tecumseh Ranch	TX-TXS	733	---	100	Ctn	---	4	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Water Tank	TX-TXS	525	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Dustin Hudson	TX-TXS	750	---	100	Ctn	---	33	---	0	8	0	0	NR	ST
* OK 418C	AL-ALF	441	---	100	Ctn	---	33	---	0	1	2	0	40K	FS
* OK 426X	AL-ALF	214	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FS

KYS – Kentucky DOF DBF – Daniel Boone NF, USFS SBR – Sabine NWR, FWS TXS – Texas A&M Forest Service

ALF – National Forests in Alabama, USFS

### Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:	95
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	1

\* Caples, Eldorado NF, USFS. Eighteen miles southwest of South Lake Tahoe, CA. Timber and chaparral. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
* Caples	CA-ENF	3,275	---	55	Ctn	10/31	417	---	13	9	3	0	4.5M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
South	CA-SHF	5,332	---	75	Comp	10/31	43	---	1	1	1	2	4.4M	FS

SHF – Shasta-Trinity NF, USFS

### Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires:	12
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	0

**Ikes**, Grand Canyon NP, NPS. Sixty miles southwest of Page, AZ. Timber, chaparral and brush. Moderate fire behavior. Last narrative 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			
Ikes	AZ-GCP	16,400	1,152	80	Comp	12/1	20	-13	0	3	0	0	3.9M	NPS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Sheridan	AZ-PNF	21,510	0	100	Comp	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.2M	FS

PNF – Prescott NF, USFS

### Great Basin Area (PL 1)

New fires:	46
New large incidents:	3
Uncontained large fires:	0

\* **Skull Flat 2**, Fishlake NF, USFS. Seven miles east of Beaver, UT. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing, torching and spotting. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Swasey Peak**, Richfield Field Office, BLM. Started on FS land 37 miles west of Delta, UT. Timber. Active fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and single-tree torching. Last narrative 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			
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
* Skull Flat 2	UT-FIF	450	---	0	Comp	11/7	5	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FS
* Swasey Peak	UT-RID	103	---	0	Comp	11/30	1	---	0	0	0	0	20K	FS
* Hunter	NV-EKD	1,495	---	100	Ctn	---	11	---	0	3	0	0	100K	BLM
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Tincup	ID-CTF	268	0	100	Comp	---	0	-4	0	0	0	0	280K	FS

EKD – Elko District, BLM CTF – Caribou-Targhee NF, USFS

### Alaska Area (PL 1)

New fires:	0
New large incidents:	0
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			
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Swan Lake	AK-KKS	167,164	---	90	Comp	12/31	8	---	0	1	0	0	49M	FWS

KKS – Kenai-Kodiak Area, Alaska DOF

**Fires and Acres Last Week (by Protection) from October 11, 2019 to October 17, 2019:**

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	1	0	0	0	4	2	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	87	6	95
	ACRES	0	57	0	0	114	1,268	1,439
Southern California Area	FIREs	3	1	0	0	104	16	124
	ACRES	81	0	0	0	5,939	453	6,473
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	2	0	0	0	5	3	10
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	35	6	42
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	10	0	0	19	17	46
	ACRES	0	1,718	0	17	200	415	2,351
Southwest Area	FIREs	5	1	0	0	1	5	12
	ACRES	8	0	0	0	8	34	50
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	1	3	0	0	5	9	18
	ACRES	1	27	0	0	809	1,648	2,485
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	18	0	18
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	334	5	339
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2,091	677	2,768
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>662</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>1,802</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9,216</b>	<b>4,502</b>	<b>15,630</b>

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	243	0	0	416	44	703
	ACRES	0	1,692,467	0	0	884,548	13	2,577,028
Northwest Area	FIRES	234	231	17	29	1,894	1,036	3,441
	ACRES	49,940	43,743	23,489	4	20,843	25,339	163,359
Northern California Area	FIRES	53	47	4	7	2,586	485	3,182
	ACRES	28	5,656	25	1	34,451	88,219	128,381
Southern California Area	FIRES	24	85	11	21	3,417	356	3,914
	ACRES	269	2,831	2,729	107	24,754	23,587	54,277
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	750	47	22	15	831	474	2,139
	ACRES	12,081	952	10,026	116	37,520	11,611	72,306
Great Basin Area	FIRES	40	754	8	34	873	491	2,200
	ACRES	172	248,247	13	447	153,227	51,692	453,799
Southwest Area	FIRES	641	205	14	53	600	870	2,383
	ACRES	56,282	6,826	69	16,769	28,968	326,427	435,342
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	270	321	2	12	568	353	1,526
	ACRES	1,955	21,616	5,097	29	30,860	29,289	88,847
Eastern Area	FIRES	301	0	16	31	4,006	313	4,667
	ACRES	569	0	428	520	30,428	5,139	37,084
Southern Area	FIRES	258	0	36	46	18,854	313	19,507
	ACRES	22,723	0	2,549	2,320	406,531	21,013	455,137
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2,571</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>34,045</b>	<b>4,735</b>	<b>43,662</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>144,020</b>	<b>2,022,338</b>	<b>44,425</b>	<b>20,313</b>	<b>1,652,132</b>	<b>582,331</b>	<b>4,465,562</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2009 – 2018 as of today)</b>	<b>53,316</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2009 – 2018 as of today)</b>	<b>6,223,929</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week (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	1	0	2	9	13
	ACRES	93	79	513	0	54	3,533	4,272
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	2	3	5
	ACRES	0	0	50	0	117	437	604
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	2	4	6
	ACRES	0	5	0	5	102	170	282
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	1	1	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	3	10	1	0	0	276	290
Southwest Area	FIREs	6	0	0	0	0	3	9
	ACRES	4,730	0	0	0	0	10,100	14,830
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	738	0	645	1,383
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	219	0	219
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	627	0	627
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>258</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>4,826</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>15,166</b>	<b>22,293</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.

\*\*\*Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <https://qacc.nifc.gov/>

**Predictive Services Discussion:** The Sundowner Wind event across Southern California will continue Friday into the Weekend and be reinforced as a cold front passes by to the north on Saturday night and Sunday. At this point, the event will begin to expand with the development of Mono and Santa Ana Winds as pressure gradients begin to line up along the Sierra and over California and Nevada. The event will continue into Tuesday before ending. To the north, a breezy westerly flow will continue as a cold front moves across the Continental Divide on Friday and as a stronger system begins to move on shore into the Pacific Northwest. Significant rain and mountain snowfall is expected over the weekend across the Border States as far east as Montana. By Monday and Tuesday, the system will begin to move east toward the Great Lakes. As it does so, the associated cold front will drop as far south as the Gulf Coast and will draw a tropical wave north ahead of the front across the southeast Monday night. Heavy rainfall will be possible across the drought-starved areas of the Southeast through early Tuesday. Looking toward the latter portion of the week, the continued offshore flow across southern California will strengthen again on Thursday, which could lead to some periods of critical fire weather conditions locally. Right now, it does not appear to be another full-blown Santa Ana wind event.

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



## Fight Fire Aggressively, But Provide For Safety First

*Operational Engagement Category*

Standard Fire Order #10 must be taken into account at all times when fighting fire. In order to fight fire safely and aggressively, every firefighter must be able to answer the following questions:

- Is the suppression method adequate? Ask yourselves, are we making progress? Are we beating our heads against a wall? Is there a better way to get this done? Give examples when you have had to change your suppression method.
- Are there adequate resources and time for effective suppression? Ask yourselves, do we need to retreat and reevaluate? Talk about times when you have realized you weren't getting anywhere and needed to retreat and start managing firefighters and placing orders.
- Are lookouts posted? Discuss when you post lookouts, who you would choose to be a lookout, and where they should be located.
- Are communications prompt with crews and other resources? Review the importance of good communications on the fireline.
- Have escape routes and safety zones been established? Talk about your crew's procedure for establishing escape routes and safety zones. Review what constitutes an escape route and a safety zone.
- Do you feel comfortable with your assignment? Discuss the situation check. Remind firefighters that every individual has the right to question an assignment.
- To reduce the risks:
  - Post lookouts.
  - Retreat if the situation is too complex. Emphasize that safety is everyone's responsibility; we all want to be good firefighters and being safe is part of that.
  - Do you have established trigger points?

### Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide](#)

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