

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (44 new fires)
New large incidents:	1
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:***	5
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there are 7 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.

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	1	3,434	3	2	2	138
OSCC	3	14,782	3	21	0	227
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	1	2	2	0	0	38
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	4	11,507	16	41	9	952
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	6	2,788	1	7	0	64
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>32,513</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,419</b>

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

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

**Decker**, Rio Grande NF, USFS. IMT 1 (GB Team 2). Nine miles south of Salida, CO. Timber and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

**Cow Creek**, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NF, USFS. IMT 2 (RM Blue Team). Nine miles east of Ridgeway, CO. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Area, road 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			
Decker	CO-RGF	8,797	74	75	Comp	12/20	576	-36	10	25	4	4	20.5M	FS
Cow Creek	CO-GMF	853	50	0	Ctn	12/1	263	55	5	4	3	0	1.3M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Middle Mamm	CO-WRF	1,235	---	34	Comp	11/20	23	---	0	3	2	0	3.6M	FS
Granite Lake	CO-WRF	720	---	2	Comp	12/1	3	---	0	1	0	0	225K	FS

WRF – White River NF, USFS

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	22
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3

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

**Briceburg**, Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire. Eight miles north of Mariposa, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Area and road closures in effect.

**Real**, Santa Barbara County Fire Department. Twelve miles north of Goleta City, CA. 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			
Saddle Ridge	CA-LFD	8,799	0	97	Ctn	10/23	200	0	3	19	0	24	28.8M	FS
Briceburg	CA-MMU	5,563	0	99	Ctn	10/23	19	-46	0	0	0	1	16M	ST
Real	CA-SBC	420	---	90	Ctn	UNK	8	---	0	2	0	0	730K	C&L

**Northern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 9  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Caples**, Eldorado NF, USFS. Eighteen miles southwest of South Lake Tahoe, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, backing and flanking. Area, road 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			
Caples	CA-ENF	3,434	0	80	Ctn	10/31	138	-2	3	2	2	0	6M	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	1	---	0	0	0	2	10M	FS

SHF – Shasta-Trinity NF, USFS

**Great Basin Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 1  
 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														
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

FIF – Fishlake NF, USFS    RID – Richfield Field Office, BLM

**Southwest 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														
Ikes	AZ-GCP	16,400	---	80	Comp	12/1	20	---	0	3	0	0	3.9M	NPS

GCP – Grand Canyon NP, NPS

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 8  
 New large incidents: 1  
 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			
* M&M	TX-TXS	392	---	100	Ctn	---	24	---	0	5	0	0	NR	PRI

TXS – Texas A&M Forest Service

**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	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	11	1	12
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	20	2	22
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	12	2	14
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	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	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	0	0	0	1	3	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	3	0	0	0	5	0	8
	ACRES	5	0	0	0	73	0	78
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>105</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	243	0	0	416	44	<b>703</b>
	ACRES	0	1,692,467	0	0	884,548	13	<b>2,577,028</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	234	231	19	29	1,899	1,040	<b>3,452</b>
	ACRES	49,940	43,930	23,491	6	20,867	25,347	<b>163,582</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	53	47	4	7	2,633	491	<b>3,235</b>
	ACRES	28	5,656	25	1	34,535	88,607	<b>128,853</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	24	86	11	21	3,490	364	<b>3,996</b>
	ACRES	269	2,831	2,729	107	24,914	23,616	<b>54,466</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	750	47	22	15	831	475	<b>2,140</b>
	ACRES	12,081	952	10,026	116	37,520	11,611	<b>72,306</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	40	754	8	34	878	491	<b>2,205</b>
	ACRES	172	248,247	13	447	153,231	51,711	<b>453,822</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	641	205	14	54	601	872	<b>2,387</b>
	ACRES	56,282	6,826	69	17,921	28,968	326,427	<b>436,494</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	271	322	2	12	570	360	<b>1,537</b>
	ACRES	1,955	21,631	5,097	29	35,386	30,060	<b>94,159</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	301	0	25	31	4,024	317	<b>4,698</b>
	ACRES	569	0	971	520	30,433	5,140	<b>37,633</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	262	0	36	46	18,993	314	<b>19,651</b>
	ACRES	22,729	0	2,549	2,320	410,155	21,013	<b>458,768</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2,576</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>34,335</b>	<b>4,768</b>	<b>44,004</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>144,026</b>	<b>2,022,540</b>	<b>44,970</b>	<b>21,467</b>	<b>1,660,560</b>	<b>583,548</b>	<b>4,477,114</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2009 – 2018 as of today)</b>	<b>53,949</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2009 – 2018 as of today)</b>	<b>6,478,512</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://gacc.nifc.gov/>

**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	6	11	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	438	347	785
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	376	376
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	5	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	273	273
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	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	305	0	0	60	0	0	365
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
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	5	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>305</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>996</b>	<b>1,805</b>

\*\*\*Prescribed fire acres are for reference only and may not reflect the most up-to-date information.

\*\*\*Official prescribed fire accomplishment reporting occurs through agency specific systems of record.

**Predictive Services Discussion:** The top weather issue of the day remains the dry conditions and local terrain-influenced winds in California. Weak to locally-moderate offshore Santa Ana winds in Southern California will continue today, with wind speeds gusting between 15 and 25 mph. The wind speeds will increase overnight, however, to as high as 40 to 65 mph by Thursday morning. Further north, the easterly Mono winds of central California will build through the day to reach gusts of 30 to 45 mph by late afternoon. These strong winds coincide with hot temperatures and relative humidities ranging from the teens in central California down to the high single digits in the south. Accordingly, Red Flag Warnings are in effect for these parts of California today for hot, dry, and windy conditions.

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



## No Communication Link

*Fire Communication Category*

Watchout Situation #7 is a danger that must be mitigated by maintaining good communications while working on fires. Firefighters must constantly ask themselves the following questions as situations change on the fireline:

● Can communication(s) be established?

- Talk about how communications are set up on fires, including the variables that have to be considered.
- Review situations where communications were a problem and what was done to fix the problem.
- Do you need a repeater setup or can an experienced firefighter act as a human repeater?

● Is the communication triangle complete?

- Review the communication triangle, and where it comes up in the "10 Standard Fire Orders" and the "18 Watchout Situations."
- Discuss ways that firefighters can maintain the communication triangle on the fireline.

● Reduce the risks

- If the situation is complex, wait until communications are in place.
- Talk about the fires where crews had to leave the line, didn't go out on the line, or something negative happened because communications were inadequate. Discuss what was done to establish communications.
- Discuss possible scenarios in which communications could be disrupted, and possible solutions.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide](#)

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