

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, October 24, 2019 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (43 new fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	2
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	2	4,365	2	14	9	157
OSCC	3	14,782	3	21	0	221
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	2	377	2	7	0	62
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	4	11,620	14	36	8	861
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	6	2,788	1	2	0	41
Total	17	33,932	22	80	17	1,342

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 0
 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 isolated torching. 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	8,910	113	95	Comp	12/20	539	-39	10	21	4	4	21.5M	FS
Cow Creek	CO-GMF	853	0	0	Ctn	12/1	209	-54	3	3	2	0	1.8M	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: 2

Saddle Ridge, Los Angeles City Fire Department. Started on USFS land five miles northwest of San Fernando, CA. Tall grass, brush and chaparral. No new information.

Real, Santa Barbara County Fire Department. Twelve miles north of Goleta City, CA. Brush and tall grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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	---	97	Ctn	UNK	200	---	3	19	0	24	28.8M	FS
Real	CA-SBC	420	---	90	Ctn	UNK	8	---	0	2	0	0	730K	C&L
Briceburg	CA-MMU	5,563	0	100	Ctn	---	13	-6	0	0	0	1	16M	ST

MMU - Merced-Mariposa Unit, Cal Fire

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 8
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Kahana Ridge**, Maui County, HI. One mile east of Napili Honokowai, HI. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

Caples, Eldorado NF, USFS. Eighteen miles southwest of South Lake Tahoe, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, backing and flanking. Area 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			
* Kahana Ridge	HI-CNTY	931	---	54	Ctn	10/25	86	---	0	12	9	0	150K	C&L
Caples	CA-ENF	3,434	0	80	Ctn	10/31	71	-67	2	2	0	0	6.1M	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: 0
 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			
* South Notch	ID-TFD	375	---	100	Ctn	---	24	---	0	7	0	0	6K	BLM
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

TFD – Twin Falls District, BLM FIF – Fishlake NF, USFS RID – Richfield Field Office, BLM

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

GCP – Grand Canyon NP, NPS

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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	21	0	22
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	13	0	13
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	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	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	71	74
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	10	0	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	311	0	311
TOTAL FIRES:		0	1	0	0	41	1	43
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	343	71	414

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	19	29	1,899	1,042	3,454
	ACRES	49,940	43,930	23,491	6	20,867	25,347	163,582
Northern California Area	FIRES	53	47	4	7	2,641	491	3,243
	ACRES	28	5,656	25	1	34,551	88,607	128,869
Southern California Area	FIRES	24	87	11	21	3,511	364	4,018
	ACRES	269	2,831	2,729	107	24,927	23,616	54,479
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	750	47	22	15	831	475	2,140
	ACRES	12,081	952	10,026	116	37,520	11,616	72,311
Great Basin Area	FIRES	40	754	8	34	878	491	2,205
	ACRES	172	248,247	13	447	153,231	51,711	453,822
Southwest Area	FIRES	642	205	14	54	610	882	2,407
	ACRES	56,282	6,826	69	17,921	29,148	326,509	436,756
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	271	322	2	12	570	361	1,538
	ACRES	1,955	21,631	5,097	29	35,389	30,147	94,249
Eastern Area	FIRES	301	0	25	31	4,024	317	4,698
	ACRES	569	0	971	520	30,433	5,140	37,633
Southern Area	FIRES	262	0	36	46	19,038	314	19,696
	ACRES	22,729	0	2,549	2,320	413,466	21,013	462,079
TOTAL FIRES:		2,577	1,936	141	249	34,418	4,781	44,102
TOTAL ACRES:		144,025	2,022,540	44,970	21,467	1,664,083	583,723	4,480,811

Ten Year Average Fires (2009 – 2018 as of today)	54,041
Ten Year Average Acres (2009 – 2018 as of today)	6,463,157

***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	5	7	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	642	237	879
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	506	506
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	367	0	0	0	367
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	3	6	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	651	309	961
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	225	0	0	225
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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Southern Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	196	0	197
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	606	0	607
TOTAL FIRES:		1	0	1	1	204	16	223
TOTAL ACRES:		1	0	367	226	1,899	1,055	3,548

***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 hot, dry conditions and local terrain-influenced winds in California. Offshore Santa Ana winds in Southern California will continue today and will in fact be stronger than yesterday, with wind speeds gusting between 30 and 55 mph at times in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. Further north, the easterly Mono winds of northern California will reach gusts of 30 to 45 mph. Lastly, north winds will gust to 40 mph in southern Nevada and along the California-Arizona border, with areas of poor visibility due to blowing dust. All of these strong winds coincide with temperatures from around 80 to the mid 90s and relative humidity ranging from 2 to 20 percent, with the hottest and driest conditions in the south. Accordingly, Red Flag Warnings are in effect for these areas for hot, dry, and windy conditions today.



Fire Not Scouted And Sized Up

Operational Engagement Category

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and **every time** resources arrive at a fire.

● Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)
- What information can aerial resources provide about the fire?
- Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from the kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
- Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
- Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)

● To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until your assigned area of the fire was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide](#)

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