

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, October 24, 2020 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (44 new fires)
New large incidents:	0
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires:***	30
Area Command teams committed:	3
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

Nationally, there are 23 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.

NIMO (Houseman) has been assigned to COVID-19 support at Forest Service headquarters in Washington, D.C.

NIMO (Reinarz) has been assigned to provide wildland fire support to California.

Five fire suppression crews and four overhead personnel from Mexico are supporting fire suppression efforts in southern California

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	8	869,889	6	19	1	396
ONCC	5	1,512,093	47	106	17	2,544
OSCC	8	794,508	44	54	27	2,266
NRCC	1	5,309	0	3	1	20
GBCC	6	101,649	10	16	6	385
SWCC	5	55,901	13	42	12	808
RMCC	11	651,732	68	253	40	3,617
EACC	2	327	0	0	0	8
SACC	1	340	0	1	0	1
Total	47	3,991,748	188	494	104	10,045

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 4)

New fires:	1
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	7
Area Command:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Area Command Team (Jalbert) has been mobilized to support wildland fire in Colorado.

East Troublesome, Medicine Bow-Routt NF and Thunder Basin National Grassland, USFS. IMT 1 (PNW Team 3). IMT is also managing the Williams Fork fire. Seventeen miles northeast of Kremmling, CO. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, group torching and spotting. Numerous structures, infrastructure and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Williams Fork, Arapaho and Roosevelt NF and Pawnee National Grassland, USFS. Fifteen miles southwest of Fraser, CO. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, single tree torching and smoldering. Several communities and energy infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Cameron Peak, Arapaho and Roosevelt NF and Pawnee National Grassland, USFS. IMT 1 (RM Team 1). Fifteen miles southwest of Redfeather Lakes, CO. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and smoldering. Several communities threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Calwood, Boulder County. Ten miles northwest of Boulder, CO. IMT 2 (RM Team Black). Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing and creeping. Several communities threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Ice, San Juan NF, USFS. Five miles west of Silverton, CO. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing, isolated torching and creeping. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Middle Fork, Medicine Bow-Routt NF and Thunder Basin National Grassland, USFS. Ten miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Mullen, Medicine Bow-Routt NF and Thunder Basin National Grassland, USFS. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (SA Blue Team) back to the local until will occur today. Thirty-eight miles west of Laramie, WY. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Several communities and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
East Troublesome	WY-MRF	188,079	17,916	4	Ctn	11/10	336	41	5	51	4	0	6.4M	FS
Williams Fork	CO-ARF	14,736	66	30	Ctn	10/30	333	143	4	11	6	0	25.3M	FS
Cameron Peak	CO-ARF	206,977	0	60	Ctn	11/8	1,903	99	42	131	13	250	100M	FS
Calwood	CO-BLX	10,073	0	66	Ctn	10/31	495	1	10	41	9	28	4.2M	CNTY
Ice	CO-SJF	596	0	45	Ctn	11/1	74	-24	2	3	2	0	740K	FS
Middle Fork	WY-MRF	20,384	190	8	Ctn	11/15	111	-1	0	4	3	0	6.9M	FS
Mullen	WY-MRF	176,878	0	85	Ctn	10/30	281	-104	2	5	1	66	41.2M	FS
Lefthand	CO-ARF	460	0	100	Ctn	---	50	0	2	3	0	0	720K	FS

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires:	15
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	7
Area Command:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

August Complex (2 fires), Mendocino NF, USFS. Area Command Team (Stutler) and IMT 1 (GB Team 1). Fourteen miles northwest of Elk Creek, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Several communities and infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Evacuations have been lifted.

Slater, Klamath NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NW Team 7). IMT is also managing the Devil fire. Five miles northeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Several communities and communication infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Devil, Klamath NF, USFS. Five miles north of Seiad, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect.

Red Salmon Complex, Six Rivers NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 12). Fourteen miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and flanking. Several communities threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

North Complex, Plumas NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 11). One mile southwest of Crescent Mills, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, backing and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Fork, Eldorado NF, USFS. Fifteen miles northeast of Pollock Pines, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous structures and infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
August Complex	CA-MNF	891,320	0	92	Ctn	11/15	991	0	18	41	7	881	145M	FS
Slater	CA-KNF	156,666	18	85	Ctn	11/1	498	-3	8	14	3	440	49.3M	FS
Devil	CA-KNF	8,885	0	65	Ctn	11/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	679K	FS
Red Salmon Complex	CA-SRF	143,507	141	75	Ctn	11/15	596	-128	14	37	6	0	102M	FS
North Complex	CA-PNF	318,930	0	95	Ctn	11/12	454	-16	7	13	1	2,352	172M	FS
Fork	CA-ENF	1,670	0	85	Ctn	12/31	5	0	0	1	0	0	7.2M	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	7
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	6
Area Command:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Area Command Team (Sexton) has been mobilized to support planning operations in California.

Creek, Sierra NF, USFS. IMT 1 (CA Team 1). Thirty-five miles northeast of Clovis, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with torching, backing and creeping. Several communities and energy infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

SQF Complex, Sequoia NF, USFS. IMT 2 (EA Gold Team). Thirty-three miles east of Porterville, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Dolan, Los Padres NF, USFS. IMT 2 (EA Silver Team). IMT is also managing the Coleman fire. Ten miles south of Big Sur, CA. Brush, chaparral and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Coleman, Los Padres NF, USFS. Thirteen miles southwest of King City, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Moraine, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP, NPS. Five miles northeast of Kanawyers, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, flanking and creeping.

El Dorado, San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire. Three miles northeast of Yucaipa, CA. Timber, chaparral and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

Bobcat, Angeles NF, USFS. Twelve miles northeast of Pasadena, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures and infrastructure 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			
Creek	CA-SNF	358,967	1,311	61	Ctn	10/31	775	-19	13	23	8	856	165M	FS
SQF Complex	CA-SQF	169,330	357	75	Ctn	11/1	838	-17	16	15	9	228	105M	FS
Dolan	CA-LPF	124,924	0	98	Comp	10/29	208	23	2	4	0	19	64.1M	FS
Coleman	CA-LPF	574	0	63	Ctn	10/30	241	33	10	5	4	0	2.5M	FS
Moraine	CA-KNP	988	4	70	Ctn	10/30	8	0	0	0	1	0	130K	NPS
El Dorado	CA-BDU	22,744	0	95	Ctn	12/31	83	-39	1	4	2	20	38.4M	ST
Bobcat	CA-ANF	115,796	0	95	Ctn	10/30	90	-29	1	3	3	171	80M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Bullfrog	CA-SNF	1,185	0	60	Comp	10/31	23	-2	1	0	0	0	370K	FS
Rattlesnake	CA-KNP	6,867	---	40	Comp	10/30	8	---	0	0	1	0	130K	NPS
Bluejay	CA-YNP	6,840	---	50	Comp	11/20	17	---	0	0	0	1	225K	NPS
Wolf	CA-YNP	1,935	---	40	Comp	11/20	0	---	0	0	0	0	51K	NPS

YNP – Yosemite NP, NPS

Southwest Area (PL 3)

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

Luna, Carson NF, USFS. Sixteen miles southeast of Taos, NM. IMT 1 (CA Team 5). Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, group torching and short-range spotting. Several communities and infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Horse, Prescott NF, USFS. IMT 1 (SW Team 2). Nineteen miles south of Prescott, AZ. Timber, dormant brush, hardwood slash and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures and communication infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Cow Canyon, Apache-Sitgreaves NF, USFS. Four miles southeast of Blue, AZ. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, isolated torching and smoldering. Residences threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

Habanero, Southeast District, Arizona DOF. Fifteen miles southwest of Globe, AZ. Grass and chaparral. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Luna	NM-CAF	10,136	1,238	0	Ctn	11/10	327	-53	6	11	3	2	2.8M	FS
Horse	AZ-PNF	9,537	1	63	Ctn	11/15	333	-16	4	22	7	0	4.9M	FS
Cow Canyon	AZ-ASF	35,371	0	22	Ctn	10/31	106	-16	3	5	2	0	2M	FS
Habanero	AZ-A3S	600	---	0	Ctn	10/26	38	---	0	4	0	0	100K	ST

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Range, Northwest Area, Utah DOF. Two miles northeast of Orem, UT. Dormant brush and hardwood slash, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

East Fork, Ashley NF, USFS. Previously reported incident. Thirteen miles north of Hanna, UT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching, backing and creeping. Structures, energy infrastructure and sage-grouse threatened. Area, road 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			
Range	UT-NWS	3,496	0	88	Ctn	10/31	105	-99	4	5	1	0	2.8M	ST
East Fork	UT-ASF	89,140	2,140	69	Comp	11/15	252	0	5	10	5	11	21.7M	FS

Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned

Woodhead	ID-PAF	96,614	---	70	Comp	10/31	11	---	0	2	0	34	11.2M	ST
Pilgrim Creek 1	WY-BTF	498	---	0	Comp	11/1	1	---	0	0	0	0	65K	FS
Meridian	ID-SCF	628	---	7	Comp	11/1	1	---	0	0	0	0	204K	FS
Buck	ID-BOF	19,682	---	45	Comp	10/31	3	---	0	0	0	0	5.3M	FS
Trap	ID-STF	2,523	---	90	Comp	10/30	9	---	0	1	0	0	2M	FS
Grouse	ID-BOF	3,999	---	61	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	3.6M	FS
William	UT-NWS	5,832	0	96	Comp	11/1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6.2M	PRI

PAF – Payette NF, USFS BTF – Bridger-Teton NF, USFS SCF – Salmon-Challis NF, USFS BOF – Boise NF, USFS STF – Sawtooth NF, USFS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

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

Beachie Creek, Willamette NF, USFS. Six miles north of Detroit, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Riverside, Mt. Hood NF, USFS. One mile southeast of Estacada, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Energy infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

OR-WIF-200430, Willamette NF, USFS. Thirty-five miles east of Eugene, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

White River, Mt. Hood NF, USFS. Twenty miles west of Wamic, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Lionshead, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Twenty miles west of Warm Springs, OR. Timber and brush. 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			
Beachie Creek	OR-WIF	193,573	0	85	Ctn	10/31	15	-49	0	1	0	1,323	22.3M	FS
Riverside	OR-MHF	138,054	0	72	Ctn	10/31	55	0	1	5	0	139	20.4M	FS
OR-WIF-200430	OR-WIF	173,393	0	96	Ctn	10/29	50	-10	0	0	0	768	28.4M	FS
White River	OR-MHF	17,383	0	90	Ctn	11/30	39	-1	2	4	0	1	22.9M	FS
Lionshead	OR-WSA	204,469	---	67	Ctn	10/30	76	---	3	0	1	280	60.6M	BIA

Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned

Thielsen	OR-UPF	9,975	---	80	Comp	UNK	40	---	0	1	0	0	13M	FS
Big Hollow	WA-GPF	24,995	---	70	Comp	UNK	11	---	0	2	0	0	4.1M	FS
Downey Creek	WA-MSF	3,166	---	0	Comp	10/31	1	---	0	0	0	0	200K	FS

UPF – Umpqua NF, USFS

GPF – Gifford Pinchot NF, USFS

MSF – Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF, USFS

Eastern 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			
Boardinghouse Hollow	MO-MTF	223	0	100	Ctn	---	3	-4	0	0	0	0	5K	FS

MTF – Mark Twain NF, USFS

Northern Rockies 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														
Double	ID-NCF	1,134	---	0	Comp	11/15	0	---	0	0	0	0	6.7K	FS
Bryan Mountain	ID-NCF	1,000	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	25K	FS
Lobo Mesa	MT-BDF	330	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	250K	FS
Shissler	ID-NCF	10,686	---	50	Comp	10/29	3	---	0	0	0	0	3.7M	FS
State Creek	MT-BDF	4,400	---	50	Comp	10/30	0	---	0	0	0	2	2M	FS
Lion Creek	MT-FNF	198	---	50	Comp	10/31	3	---	0	1	0	0	165K	FS
Bear Creek	MT-BDF	12,150	---	85	Comp	10/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	11.5M	FS

NCF – Nez Perce-Clearwater NF, USFS

BDF – Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS

FNF – Flathead NF, USFS

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	13	2	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	16	60	76
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	1	2,141	2,143
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	257	257
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	18,584	18,584
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	12	0	0	0	2	0	14
	ACRES	5	0	0	0	2	0	7
TOTAL FIRES:		12	2	0	0	24	6	44
TOTAL ACRES:		5	1	0	4	19	21,042	21,071

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	140	0	0	186	16	342
	ACRES	0	45,295	0	0	135,915	24	181,234
Northwest Area	FIREs	275	219	65	18	1,808	1,034	3,419
	ACRES	395,171	146,638	32,965	86	309,753	619,750	1,504,363
Northern California Area	FIREs	59	68	3	39	3,398	626	4,193
	ACRES	22,041	90,450	44	10,007	1,127,594	1,269,033	2,519,169
Southern California Area	FIREs	34	126	8	37	4,147	609	4,961
	ACRES	304	26,910	1	64,367	123,413	401,961	616,957
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	1,568	80	6	10	1,028	553	3,245
	ACRES	137,667	11,668	833	4,132	226,907	62,719	443,926
Great Basin Area	FIREs	45	925	17	54	1,120	556	2,717
	ACRES	7,052	384,573	154	70	125,141	320,948	837,940
Southwest Area	FIREs	955	269	23	37	586	1,309	3,179
	ACRES	162,912	31,431	1,929	1,513	88,168	719,792	1,005,746
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	485	384	11	16	1,068	561	2,525
	ACRES	12,751	180,228	462	131	165,894	627,973	987,439
Eastern Area	FIREs	345	0	34	16	7,314	485	8,194
	ACRES	305	0	3,415	52	21,636	2,191	27,599
Southern Area	FIREs	313	86	26	55	13,103	348	13,931
	ACRES	18,948	404	4,236	32,986	409,493	23,817	489,885
TOTAL FIRES:		4,079	2,297	193	282	33,758	6,097	46,706
TOTAL ACRES:		757,152	917,598	44,039	113,344	2,733,916	4,048,211	8,614,262

Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)	51,037
Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)	6,354,923

***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	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	2	5	8	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	6	185	306	497
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
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	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	2	5	9	16
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	6	185	326	517

***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: An upper-level trough will drop south out of Canada into the West and strengthen. A weaker upper low will approach southern California and begin to move onshore tonight as it starts to merge with the larger scale troughing. Precipitation, falling mostly as snow, is expected across portions of the Pacific Northwest and much the Northern Rockies and northern Plains. Snow will also move into southern Wyoming, northern Colorado, and northern Nebraska tonight. A cold front will continue pushing south across the Intermountain West with elevated to critical fire weather conditions developing ahead of this front in portions of the Great Basin into the Colorado Rockies and Southwest. A cold front will continue moving east through the Atlantic Coast with scattered precipitation in portions of the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic from the Appalachians to the coast.

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



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, PMS 461](#)

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

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210](#)

[10 Standard Firefighting Orders, PMS 110](#)

[18 Watch Out Situations, PMS 118](#)

[10 and 18 Poster, PMS 110-18](#)

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