

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, October 4, 2008 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (45 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 8
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3
 Fire Use Teams committed: 0

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

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

The Joint Field Office in Austin, TX is staffed to support hurricane activity.

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 0
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Lonesome Complex, Rogue River NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Pendleton) back to local unit today. Twelve miles east of Prospect, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Gnarl Ridge, Mt. Hood NF. Ten miles south of Parkdale, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

Wizard, Deschutes NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Paul) back to local unit today. Eighteen miles northwest of Sisters, OR. Ponderosa pine. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Lonesome Complex	OR	RRF	21,125	0	50	10/15	317	-11	5	5	2	0	18.5M	FS
Gnarl Ridge	OR	MHF	3,280	0	90	10/15	198	-74	3	5	6	0	14.9M	FS
Wizard	OR	DEF	1,840	40	80	10/4	334	-108	7	14	1	0	3.6M	FS

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 9
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Chalk, Los Padres NF. IMT 2 (Smith). Nine miles north of Gorda, CA. Chaparral. Slow rates of spread. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Chalk	CA	LPF	10,650	1,543	22	10/17	1,494	21	38	73	9	0	7.3M	FS
Dome Rock – WFU	CA	STF	220	0	N/A	N/A	50	0	3	0	0	0	25K	FS

Northern California Area (PL 2)

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

Panther, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Kaage). Previously reported confine/contain fire. Fifteen miles south of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. No further information received.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Panther	CA	KNF	69,000	---	25	10/5	211	---	8	3	0	0	NR	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Lynn Seeding, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. Twenty miles west of Park Valley, UT. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

Timber – WFU, Caribou-Targhee NF. Previously reported WFU incident. Thirteen miles northeast of Spencer, ID. Timber and grass. Single and group tree torching. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

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* Lynn Seeding	UT	SLD	902	---	80	UNK	63	---	2	10	1	0	100K	BLM
Timber – WFU	ID	CTF	1,747	---	N/A	N/A	14	---	0	0	2	0	NR	FS
Portneuf	ID	CTF	454	0	100	---	24	0	0	5	0	0	NR	FS

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 0
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Sacramento, Havasu NWR. One mile north of Topock, AZ. Timber and brush. Smoldering with occasional torching. Road closures in effect.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Sacramento	AZ	HVR	328	0	50	10/4	114	0	4	4	0	0	NR	FWS

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 23
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Pinch-Em Tight, Daniel Boone NF. Ten miles south of Frenchburg, KY. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with torching.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Pinch-Em Tight	KY	DBF	320	---	50	10/4	10	---	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: A large low pressure system with widespread showers, scattered thunderstorms and much cooler temperatures will move across the West today. Dry and windy conditions will develop ahead of the storm system in eastern Colorado, eastern New Mexico and northwest Texas. The Southeast will see another day of low relative humidity before gradual improvement begins on Sunday.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Fire Shelter Site Selection

The primary objective of every operational fire plan is to keep firefighters out of an entrapment situation. However, firefighters must always be prepared for the possibility of having to deploy their fire shelters. The key to a successful fire shelter deployment is proper site selection. Consider the following when discussing shelter deployment site selection:

- Pick a site that will keep the fire shelter away from flames and convective heat. It should also limit the amount of radiant heat that reaches the shelter.
- Select an area with no fuels, or if that isn't possible, select a site in light fuels such as grass where the flaming front passes quickly. Clear the site to mineral soil if at all possible. If time is critical, pick a site with the least fuel.
- Pick natural firebreaks (e.g., wet meadows; creek beds; wet, swampy areas; large rockslides with no fuels). Note that rough terrain in rockslides may make obtaining an effective seal impossible, thus making the site unacceptable.
- Areas on the lee side of ridge tops and knobs can be effective deployment sites because convective heat and flames will generally continue rising above them.
- Wide areas that have been cleared of fuel such as dozer lines or roads can be effective deployment sites. In larger areas, don't let trucks, dozers, and other equipment occupy the best deployment sites.
- Flat areas on slopes, such as benches or road cuts, offer some protection from radiant and convective heat. Level areas like these can keep you below the path of flames and convective heat. The ditch on the inside of the road, if free of fuel, can improve the effectiveness of deploying in a road cut.
- Avoid areas that tend to funnel smoke, flames, and hot gases.
 - Narrow draws
 - Chutes
 - Chimneys
 - Saddles on ridge tops
- Know how long it takes to reach your safety zone. Crew supervisors should identify and communicate likely escape routes and safety zones.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern California	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					0	1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	0					1
	ACRES	60	27					87
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	2	2
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3				1	4
	ACRES		0				0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					66		66
Southern Area	FIRES					22	1	23
	ACRES					100	320	420
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	0	36	5	45
	ACRES	60	27	0	0	167	323	577

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		14	19	1	300	3	337
	ACRES		644	1,352	0	60,651	0	62,647
Northwest	FIRES	299	260	25	76	770	1,498	2,928
	ACRES	36,340	100,008	8,227	649	33,906	45,511	224,641
Northern California	FIRES	172	42	8	34	3,139	973	4,368
	ACRES	693	71	175	12,989	284,716	582,565	881,209
Southern California	FIRES	77	131	14	48	3,568	539	4,377
	ACRES	385	26,884	871	3,698	53,141	293,205	378,184
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,000	81	18	13	772	646	2,530
	ACRES	20,592	13,913	7,898	9,332	153,078	21,050	225,863
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	48	495	5	30	442	466	1,486
	ACRES	8,884	70,499	513	927	23,183	34,984	138,990
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	271	6	17	80	68	450
	ACRES	10	21,921	51	6	3,375	45,425	70,788
Southwest	FIRES	651	230	9	49	705	954	2,598
	ACRES	19,448	81,219	679	982	263,268	96,017	461,613
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	628	371	24	26	546	359	1,954
	ACRES	2,128	17,443	2,008	318	184,092	9,410	215,399
Eastern Area	FIRES	349		17	19	9,190	306	9,881
	ACRES	1,961		157	65	53,517	705	56,405
Southern Area	FIRES	964		84	65	36,105	569	37,787
	ACRES	59,267		48,375	54,942	1,845,487	37,635	2,045,706
TOTAL	FIRES	4,196	1,895	229	378	55,617	6,381	68,696
	ACRES	149,708	332,602	70,306	83,908	2,958,414	1,166,507	4,761,445

Ten Year Average Fires	68,541
Ten Year Average Acres	6,289,877

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Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						93	93
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						515	515
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					22	951	973
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1				5	6
	ACRES		375				582	957
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		153					153
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES			67		10		77
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						75	75
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	2	14	18
	ACRES	0	528	67	0	32	2,226	2,853

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	10	42	27	2		145	226
	ACRES	2,435	21,396	2,704	51		20,385	46,971
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	17	13	11	103	183
	ACRES	415	797	23,588	404	2,130	2,663	29,997
Southern California	FIRES		4	7	7	6	129	153
	ACRES		118	1,337	1,326	73	13,114	15,968
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	22	61	5	34	215	360
	ACRES	2,095	3,837	17,338	309	2,127	25,621	51,327
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	27	6	9	11	64	121
	ACRES	860	10,681	376	3,632	1,675	21,222	38,446
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	4	4		4	16
	ACRES		2,655	90	66		2,437	5,248
Southwest	FIRES	35	65	11	14		178	303
	ACRES	4,214	39,908	20,031	3,148		64,573	131,874
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	27	34	108	20	46	131	366
	ACRES	2,971	6,137	19,451	4,983	5,834	39,132	78,508
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		338	17	1,606	97	2,103
	ACRES	30,335		53,762	860	108,294	11,447	204,698
Southern Area	FIRES	20		216	82	489	792	1,599
	ACRES	13,894		112,189	60,846	268,032	729,652	1,184,613
TOTAL	FIRES	189	212	795	173	2,213	1,858	5,440
	ACRES	57,219	85,529	250,866	75,625	392,155	930,246	1,791,640

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		7	15	5	1		28
	ACRES		7,397	31,830	1,420	3		40,650
Northwest	FIRES				15		24	39
	ACRES				159		2,938	3,097
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						9,301	9,301
Southern California	FIRES				13		8	21
	ACRES				4,128		15,154	19,282
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		49	51
	ACRES				0		11,852	11,852
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		31	32
	ACRES				0		50,029	50,029
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		10	13
	ACRES		81		0		10,148	10,229
Southwest	FIRES				2		21	23
	ACRES				112		17,958	18,070
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		2		4	11
	ACRES		25		0		54,645	54,670
Eastern Area	FIRES			3				3
	ACRES			3				3
Southern Area	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						1,986	1,986
TOTAL	FIRES	0	14	18	41	1	162	236
	ACRES	0	7,503	31,833	5,819	3	174,011	219,169

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