

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, October 8, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (41 new fires)
 New large fires: 0 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires : ** 4
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally, there are 62 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment that are not shown on today's report.

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents.

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

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 10
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Sheep, San Bernardino NF. IMT2 (Woychak). Four miles north of Lytle Creek, CA. Timber and brush. Creeping and smoldering. 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
Sheep	CA	BDF	7,128	0	85	10/10	1,446	444	47	70	5	5	7.5M	FS

Southwest Area (PL 2)

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

Twin, Kaibab NF. IMT1 (Van Bruggen) Three miles southwest of Williams, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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Twin	AZ	KNF	908	-13	90	10/11	322	-161	7	16	2	0	2.7M	FS

Northwest Area (PL 1)

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

Preston-Fox, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Twenty miles west of Entiat, WA. Hardwood litter and brush. Active fire behavior with single-tree torching.

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Preston-Fox	WA	OWF	1,081	95	NR	10/14	139	69	6	5	3	0	105K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Nugget, Idaho Panhandle NF. Started on private land eight miles southeast of Avery, ID. Timber. No further information received. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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Nugget	ID	IPF	1,259	0	80	10/19	13	-24	0	1	0	0	305K	PRI

Predictive Services Discussion: With high pressure off the coast, warm and dry continues to be the trend for much of the Pacific Northwest, northern California, and the Great Basin. The upper level low in the southwest will track eastward, pushing cooler weather and a chance of showers into eastern New Mexico and western Texas by Thursday afternoon. Behind that disturbance, southern California will remain cooler than normal with onshore flow. Meanwhile, western Montana and northern Idaho will see some partial clearing today, though snow and colder temperatures are expected to plunge down from Canada late tonight.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Weather / Fire Behavior Category.

Extreme Fire Behavior 1

Mild, moderate and EXTREME fire behavior has always been present in cases of shelter deployment. It is critical for firefighters to maintain situational awareness of live and dead fuel moisture conditions as well as predicted and current weather conditions. As fire behavior changes, it is critical to act decisively to the changing situation.

● Discuss the following indicators of extreme fire behavior:

- Relative humidity less than 15%
- 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%
- Transition from surface to crown fire
- Smoldering fires that exist in the early part of the day are beginning to burn very actively as the day progresses.
- Approaching thunderheads with dark clouds beneath
- Presence of dust devils indicating an unstable atmosphere
- Increased spotting
- Sudden calm
- High clouds moving fast in direction different from surface wind
- Predicted Haines Index of 5 and 6 in those areas where this level is a good indicator of atmospheric instability
- Fire whirls

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	2				1		3
	ACRES	3				5		8
Northern California	FIRES	1				14	5	20
	ACRES	10				16	1	27
Southern California	FIRES				0	10		10
	ACRES				29	4		33
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		2			1	1	4
	ACRES		1			0	0	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					13		13
TOTAL	FIRES	3	2	0	0	28	8	41
	ACRES	13	1	0	29	38	1	82

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	42	21	376	27	516
	ACRES	1	764,818	754,710	101,190	1,321,312	10	2,942,041
Northwest	FIRES	388	317	26	80	1,033	1,389	3,233
	ACRES	9,545	27,402	2,353	2,221	55,952	47,134	144,607
Northern California	FIRES	154	62	4	38	2,694	881	3,833
	ACRES	137	1,533	5	1,754	62,727	35,451	101,607
Southern California	FIRES	43	184	16	32	3,300	564	4,139
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	5,915	23,668	268,499	303,924
Northern Rockies	FIRES	788	121	17	33	638	837	2,434
	ACRES	3,631	1,017	397	10,878	24,718	24,077	64,718
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	535	5	29	603	542	1,763
	ACRES	106	69,569	226	4,782	17,048	41,883	133,614
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	402	9	11	102	142	676
	ACRES	2,440	29,477	150	22	956	303	33,348
Southwest	FIRES	819	228	10	63	890	1,327	3,337
	ACRES	46,719	89,072	3,843	8,010	288,142	133,766	569,552
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	612	432	19	26	689	395	2,173
	ACRES	3,103	9,199	535	67	72,937	8,003	93,844
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		42	29	12,911	568	13,988
	ACRES	1,241		889	110	113,085	6,701	122,026
Southern Area	FIRES	693		235	54	32,896	578	34,456
	ACRES	90,873		48,205	44,166	943,825	31,012	1,158,081
TOTAL	FIRES	3,995	2,330	425	416	56,132	7,250	70,548
	ACRES	159,385	996,295	811,358	179,115	2,924,370	596,839	5,667,362

Ten Year Average Fires	69,199
Ten Year Average Acres	6,323,062

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

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		35					35
Northern California	FIRES			0		1	1	2
	ACRES			623		19	80	722
Southern California	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		70	590				660
Northern Rockies	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						100	100
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2		0		2	4
	ACRES		190		3		121	314
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						41	41
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1,229	1,229
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	1	0	1	7	13
	ACRES	0	295	1,213	3	19	1,572	3,102

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					3,438	95	3,533
Northwest	FIRES	15	119	17	4	1	88	244
	ACRES	6,242	31,134	3,036	47	1	25,500	65,960
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	26	47	20	113	248
	ACRES	224	2,515	27,703	1,540	2,512	6,914	41,408
Southern California	FIRES	1	8	13	9	1	116	148
	ACRES	1	634	1,730	1,341	195	8,628	12,529
Northern Rockies	FIRES	27	27	92	2	27	217	392
	ACRES	2,851	4,421	21,824	345	2,295	25,751	57,487
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	4	8	24	95	155
	ACRES	8	11,416	1,225	309	206	23,822	36,986
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	2			6	12
	ACRES		1,652	62			859	2,573
Southwest	FIRES	40	27	3	4		249	323
	ACRES	13,285	48,082	501	530		128,151	190,549
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	69	46	131	15	49	151	461
	ACRES	7,916	4,994	21,198	7,694	1,662	32,652	76,116
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		546	51	2,594	193	3,455
	ACRES	72,390		78,280	9,251	150,725	52,413	363,059
Southern Area	FIRES	7		284	85	816	1,110	2,302
	ACRES	3,056		150,289	92,929	299,369	1,004,965	1,550,608
TOTAL	FIRES	257	270	1,118	225	3,541	2,339	7,750
	ACRES	105,973	104,848	305,848	113,986	460,403	1,309,750	2,400,808

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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