

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, October 16, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (43 new fires)
 New large fires: 0 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires : ** 1
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 58 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.

Northwest Area (PL 1)

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

Tripp Canyon, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Two miles south of Cashmere, WA. Timber, brush and grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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
Tripp Canyon	WA	SES	525	---	80	UNK	171	---	9	6	1	0	225K	ST
Ward Canyon	OR	PRD	2,000	0	100	---	0	-3	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

PRD – Prineville District, BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: The upper level ridge over the Pacific Coast is shifting to the east, bringing warmer, drier air into eastern Washington/Oregon and Idaho. Southwesterly flow behind the ridge will bring the Pacific Northwest and northern California cloudy skies and the chance for some showers. Farther south, ridging will hold into the weekend, with a significant warming and drying trend for southern California, Arizona, and western New Mexico, where afternoon high temperatures are expected to be 6-10 degrees above normal today.

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



Today's discussion is from the
LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, Safety
Zones) Category.

Subjective vs. Objective Hazards

A popular mountaineering test divides the alpinists' hazards into two distinct types: subjective, which one has direct control over (e.g., condition of the equipment, the decision to turn back) and objective hazards which are inherent to the alpine environment (e.g., avalanches, rock fall).

Objective hazards are a natural part of the environment. They cannot be eliminated and either one must not go into the environment where they exist or adhere to a procedure where safety from the hazard is assured.

Similarly, the wildland firefighter's hazards are either subjective or objective. Examples of subjective hazards would be working below a dozer constructing fireline or the use of improper techniques while felling a tree. The fireline supervisor has direct control over these types of hazards.

The wildland fire environment has four basic objective hazards; lightning, fire-weakened timber (standing and lying), rolling rocks and entrapment by running fires. When these hazards exist the options are to not enter the environment or to adhere to a safe procedure. I feel the key to this safe procedure is LCES.

Although, the following discussion applies to all objective hazards, we will directly address fire entrapments.

● Identify subjective or objective hazards of working in the vicinity of:

- Dozer(s) or Tractor Plows
- Snags
- Helicopters
- Fixed Wing Aircraft
- Other Engines and Vehicles
- ATVs
- Oil and Gas Wells and Pipelines
- Power lines

References:

["LCES and Other Thoughts" by Paul Gleason](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1				8	9
	ACRES		2,000				14	2,014
Northern California	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1		1	3	4	9
	ACRES		0		8	1	372	381
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3				2	12	17
	ACRES	1				4	9	14
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	3	2	0	1	10	27	43
	ACRES	1	2,000	0	8	5	395	2,409

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	389	321	26	80	1,049	1,449	3,314
	ACRES	9,573	30,769	2,353	2,221	56,012	48,499	149,427
Northern California	FIRES	155	63	4	39	2,768	881	3,910
	ACRES	1,464	1,533	5	1,759	63,107	36,788	104,656
Southern California	FIRES	43	184	16	33	3,361	571	4,208
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	6,021	23,703	268,515	304,081
Northern Rockies	FIRES	818	121	18	33	650	842	2,482
	ACRES	4,110	1,015	398	10,878	24,722	24,046	65,169
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	541	5	30	613	539	1,777
	ACRES	106	69,628	226	7,038	18,285	42,270	137,553
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	402	9	11	102	143	677
	ACRES	2,440	29,477	150	22	956	318	33,363
Southwest	FIRES	825	264	10	63	856	1,338	3,356
	ACRES	46,719	89,439	3,843	8,010	287,217	134,223	569,451
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	612	474	19	27	699	398	2,229
	ACRES	3,103	10,642	535	67	73,062	8,003	95,412
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		42	29	12,943	569	14,021
	ACRES	1,241		889	110	113,095	6,701	122,036
Southern Area	FIRES	699		235	54	34,484	588	36,060
	ACRES	90,888		48,205	44,166	959,227	31,071	1,173,557
TOTAL	FIRES	4,039	2,419	426	420	57,901	7,345	72,550
	ACRES	161,234	1,001,529	811,359	181,482	2,940,698	600,444	5,696,746

Ten Year Average Fires	68,880
Ten Year Average Acres	6,338,439

*** 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				36	38
	ACRES	142	76				3,760	3,978
Northern California	FIRES				5		13	18
	ACRES				4		1,293	1,297
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						28	28
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2		6	5	8	21
	ACRES		562		392	366	319	1,639
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		0				357	357
	ACRES		300				1,747	2,047
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0			2	0	2
	ACRES		20			48	10	78
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	11	7	416	438
	ACRES	142	958	0	396	414	7,159	9,069

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	18	146	17	4	1	156	342
	ACRES	6,487	34,410	3,036	47	1	33,682	77,663
Northern California	FIRES	26	17	26	58	23	157	307
	ACRES	224	2,515	27,703	2,244	2,540	9,833	45,059
Southern California	FIRES	1	10	13	11	1	124	160
	ACRES	1	636	1,732	1,460	195	8,975	12,999
Northern Rockies	FIRES	35	26	92	2	33	239	427
	ACRES	9,656	4,354	21,824	345	3,043	26,135	65,357
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	26	4	14	33	113	191
	ACRES	8	12,437	1,225	701	814	24,743	39,928
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	2			6	12
	ACRES		1,652	62			859	2,573
Southwest	FIRES	40	20	3	4		257	324
	ACRES	13,285	45,462	501	530		129,944	189,722
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	69	48	131	16	52	156	472
	ACRES	7,916	5,066	21,198	7,706	2,013	33,272	77,171
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		546	51	2,595	196	3,459
	ACRES	72,390		78,280	9,251	150,742	52,514	363,177
Southern Area	FIRES	7		284	85	816	1,109	2,301
	ACRES	3,056		150,289	92,929	299,369	1,004,665	1,550,308
TOTAL	FIRES	268	297	1,118	245	3,563	2,514	8,005
	ACRES	113,023	106,532	305,850	115,213	462,155	1,324,717	2,427,490

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

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