

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, November 15, 2008 – 0800 MST  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (38 new fires)  
 New large fires: 1 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0  
 Fire Use Teams committed: 0

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

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

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Sayre**, Los Angeles City FD. Three miles northeast of San Fernando, CA. Logging slash, chaparral and brush. Active fire behavior. Numerous residence and powerlines threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Tea**, Montecito FD. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Kerschen). One mile northeast of Montecito, CA. Chaparral and oak. Active fire behavior. Numerous residence threatened. Evacuations 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
* Sayre	CA	LFD	2,600	---	0	UNK	882	---	20	55	16	65	NR	CNTY
Tea	CA	MTO	1,800	-200	40	UNK	1,141	-643	25	193	0	111	3.5M	CNTY

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 25  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Woody Creek**, Chattahoochee-Oconee NF. Ten miles north of Dahlonega, GA. Logging slash. No new information.

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
Woody Creek	GA	CHF	450	---	80	UNK	38	---	0	2	1	0	25K	FS

**Eastern Area (PL 1)**

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

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
Tinker Hollow	MO	MTF	165	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	4K	FS

MTF – Mark Twain NF

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Significant fire potential in Southern California today. A building high pressure ridge across the West will bring warmer temperatures and drier conditions. Strong offshore winds in combination with low humidity and unseasonably warm temperatures will continue today across the southern mountains and valleys of Southern California. Widespread showers associated with a cold front will move across the East.

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



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## Driving Safety

Driving is one of the most hazardous tasks that we perform when assigned to fires. Because of the fact that we perform the task literally hundreds of times in the course of our daily lives we tend to take it for granted. Based on recent accident trends, vehicle accidents are the source of more deaths and serious injuries to wildland firefighters than any other single cause. Vehicle operators need to recognize their own poor driving habits and strive to develop proper defensive driving techniques.

- A good starting point is attitude. A positive attitude towards improving your defensive driving skills will help you achieve the necessary changes in your driving habits. Most of what you do in operating vehicles is performed from habit. You do not consciously think about everything you do when you drive. Rather, your subconscious performs most techniques. It's important to remember that a bad habit is as easy to develop as a good one. Take a good, hard look at your driving habits. Are you training yourself to do the right things the right way, like fastening your seat belt, checking your mirrors, and maintaining safe following distances?
- Inattentiveness is a major contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents within the wildland firefighting community. Because driving is such a common component of our lives, it is difficult to realize that it requires 100% of our attention. Since the average adult attention span is 15-20 minutes we must develop techniques that allow us to refocus our attention on the task at hand, operating a motor vehicle safely. There are many forms of inattentive driving; fatigue, telematics, daydreaming, eating, drinking, reading, writing, and talking. Here are some techniques for maintaining your attention while driving.
  - Drive only when you are well rested and alert; avoid driving during the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Take a 10 to 15 minute break after every 2 hours of driving.
  - Practice situational awareness when driving; be aware of what is happening in front, behind, and on both sides of your vehicle. Never drive when taking medications that make you drowsy.
  - Avoid using cell phones, radios, GPS units, CD players or computers while driving. Have a passenger operate them, or pull off the road and park.
  - By constantly moving your vision, checking mirrors and distant road conditions, you can avoid highway hypnosis and daydreaming.
  - Avoid eating or drinking while driving. Take frequent breaks to perform these activities.
  - Do not attempt to read maps or write directions while driving, pull over and park.
  - When talking with passengers, keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. Keep conversations casual and limited to small talk. Avoid conversations of a serious or technical nature. Do not engage in confrontational or argumentative conversations.
  - Do not be in a hurry, be patient. The more impatient you are, the more agitated you can become. Agitation will only magnify other inattentive driving behaviors.
- Safe driving starts with a safe vehicle. While mechanical failure is rarely a contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents something as simple as under inflated tires can have serious consequences. Before operating any vehicle, you must be sure the vehicle is in safe operating condition. Not only should you perform a pre-operation inspection, some vehicle defects can only be detected while the vehicle is operating. The vehicle operator is also responsible pre-operation, during operation, and post-operation inspections.

### 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					1		1
	ACRES					2		2
Southern California	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					2		2
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	1					2
	ACRES	1	400					401
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					24	1	25
	ACRES					22	1	23
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	0	0	34	1	38
	ACRES	1	400	0	0	27	1	429

### 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	311	267	9	76	765	1,506	2,934
	ACRES	36,707	75,878	8,358	649	91,437	45,815	258,844
Northern California	FIRES	185	44	8	38	3,409	1,028	4,712
	ACRES	699	72	175	12,991	305,712	612,811	932,460
Southern California	FIRES	79	148	14	55	4,075	616	4,987
	ACRES	385	27,003	871	3,720	58,606	300,777	391,362
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,003	78	20	13	800	660	2,574
	ACRES	20,649	14,316	7,898	9,332	149,678	21,092	222,965
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	50	513	5	32	578	474	1,652
	ACRES	8,885	71,058	513	937	24,642	34,614	140,649
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	255	7	17	84	73	444
	ACRES	10	21,838	61	6	4,585	45,418	71,918
Southwest	FIRES	710	237	9	52	874	1,026	2,908
	ACRES	19,510	82,119	679	982	357,814	100,898	562,002
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	669	383	26	27	599	382	2,086
	ACRES	2,236	30,660	2,015	319	187,665	10,001	232,896
Eastern Area	FIRES	356		17	31	10,167	364	10,935
	ACRES	2,059		157	73	59,606	2,667	64,562
Southern Area	FIRES	1,098		266	69	38,609	751	40,793
	ACRES	69,566		73,232	55,694	1,919,112	44,075	2,161,679
TOTAL	FIRES	4,469	1,939	400	411	60,260	6,883	74,362
	ACRES	160,706	323,588	95,311	84,703	3,219,508	1,218,168	5,101,984

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>73,800</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>7,302,721</b>

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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	0	4	3			1	8
	ACRES	100	245	30			148	523
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						31	31
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						20	20
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1	3	17	21
	ACRES				30	36	538	604
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0		1	1	4	6
	ACRES		475		1	2	430	908
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						2,275	2,275
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0					1	1
	ACRES	30					8	38
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						76	76
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				500			500
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	3	3	4	27	41
	ACRES	130	720	30	531	38	3,526	4,975

### 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	20	86	44	2		404	556
	ACRES	6,696	29,877	4,579	51		55,254	96,457
Northern California	FIRES	25	16	24	37	16	368	486
	ACRES	415	1,888	26,035	1,811	2,836	22,068	55,053
Southern California	FIRES		4	8	9	6	144	171
	ACRES		118	2,683	2,492	73	13,689	19,055
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	26	64	7	78	308	506
	ACRES	2,095	4,375	17,608	1,182	3,347	27,808	56,415
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	34	6	11	37	147	239
	ACRES	680	13,286	376	5,797	3,896	36,265	60,300
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	5	4		5	19
	ACRES		2,280	1,690	66		3,437	7,473
Southwest	FIRES	51	69	12	15		263	410
	ACRES	12,778	41,346	20,231	3,245		91,052	168,652
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	35	40	104	22	58	156	415
	ACRES	3,973	7,278	19,371	5,489	6,424	45,931	88,466
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		360	18	1,819	108	2,350
	ACRES	30,335		60,469	905	133,494	12,850	238,053
Southern Area	FIRES	14		225	84	489	920	1,732
	ACRES	6,515		120,967	61,636	268,032	898,154	1,355,304
TOTAL	FIRES	217	280	852	209	2,513	2,823	6,894
	ACRES	63,487	100,448	274,009	82,674	422,092	1,206,508	2,149,218

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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		23	38
	ACRES				209		2,937	3,146
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						9,300	9,300
Southern California	FIRES				14		9	23
	ACRES				4,180		15,942	20,122
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		49	51
	ACRES				0		11,863	11,863
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		35	36
	ACRES				0		51,633	51,633
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5		1		10	16
	ACRES		81		0		10,458	10,539
Southwest	FIRES				2		25	27
	ACRES				112		30,243	30,355
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		2		5	12
	ACRES		25		0		54,728	54,753
Eastern Area	FIRES			3				3
	ACRES			3				3
Southern Area	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						1,986	1,986
TOTAL	FIRES	0	17	18	42	1	171	249
	ACRES	0	7,503	31,833	5,921	3	189,090	234,350

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