

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, October 15, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (14 new fires)
 New large fires: 0 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires : ** 2
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 59 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.

Northern California Area (PL 2)

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

Mill Creek #4, Hoopa Valley Tribe. Confine/contain management strategy. Seven miles northeast of Hoopa, CA. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Road closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
Mill Creek #4	CA	HIA	2,750	0	N/A	N/A	95	0	1	5	0	0	3.1M	OT

Northwest Area (PL 1)

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

Ward Canyon, Prineville District, BLM. Seven miles west of Grass Valley, OR. Grass. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Tripp Canyon, Southeast Region, Washington DNR. Two miles south of Cashmere, WA. Timber, brush and grass. No new information.

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Ward Canyon	OR	PRD	2,000	1,000	60	10/15	3	-12	0	1	0	0	NR	BLM
Tripp Canyon	WA	SES	525	---	80	UNK	171	---	9	6	1	0	225K	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: An upper level ridge is building in from off the west coast of Mexico north through eastern Washington and up into Canada. This will begin a drying trend for much of the west coast today. The strongest heating and drying will be over southern California, Arizona, and western New Mexico, where afternoon high temperatures are expected to be 5-8 degrees warmer than Wednesday. From southern Oregon through Central California, some clearing and drying will begin to occur, though a bit more slowly. The Pacific Northwest will remain under the influence of southwesterly flow, and will continue to see bands of moisture push through, with wettest conditions west of the Cascades.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.**

COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mop-up stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

References:

- [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 4
- [Fireline Handbook](#)
- [Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)

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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					3		3
	ACRES					3		3
Southern California	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					4		4
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					20	5	25
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					42		42
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	11	3	14
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	70	6	76

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	320	26	80	1,049	1,441	3,305
	ACRES	9,573	28,769	2,353	2,221	56,012	48,485	147,413
Northern California	FIRES	155	63	4	39	2,761	881	3,903
	ACRES	1,464	1,533	5	1,759	63,107	36,788	104,656
Southern California	FIRES	43	184	16	33	3,359	570	4,205
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	6,021	23,703	268,515	304,081
Northern Rockies	FIRES	787	121	17	33	650	842	2,450
	ACRES	3,624	1,017	397	10,878	24,722	24,046	64,684
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	540	5	29	604	541	1,768
	ACRES	106	69,569	226	7,030	17,090	41,912	135,933
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	402	9	11	102	143	677
	ACRES	2,440	29,477	150	22	956	318	33,363
Southwest	FIRES	822	228	10	63	891	1,329	3,343
	ACRES	46,721	89,072	3,843	8,010	288,391	133,772	569,809
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	612	474	19	27	699	398	2,229
	ACRES	3,103	10,642	535	67	73,045	8,003	95,395
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	34,473	588	36,049
	ACRES	90,888		48,205	44,166	959,219	31,071	1,173,549
TOTAL	FIRES	4,005	2,381	425	419	57,907	7,329	72,466
	ACRES	160,750	999,105	811,358	181,474	2,940,652	599,621	5,692,960

Ten Year Average Fires	68,407
Ten Year Average Acres	6,325,691

*** 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	3	1				5	9
	ACRES	40	200				133	373
Northern California	FIRES				4		13	17
	ACRES				2		576	578
Southern California	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						114	114
Northern Rockies	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						78	78
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		8				85	93
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						101	101
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	3	3	0	4	0	32	42
	ACRES	40	208	0	2	0	1,087	1,337

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	19	136	17	4	1	117	294
	ACRES	6,345	33,740	3,036	47	1	29,756	72,925
Northern California	FIRES	26	17	26	54	23	143	289
	ACRES	224	2,515	27,703	2,243	2,540	8,533	43,758
Southern California	FIRES	1	8	13	11	1	123	157
	ACRES	1	634	1,732	1,460	195	8,945	12,967
Northern Rockies	FIRES	27	27	92	2	33	234	415
	ACRES	2,851	4,421	21,824	345	3,043	26,087	58,571
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	24	4	8	28	102	167
	ACRES	8	11,875	1,225	309	448	24,121	37,986
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	2			6	12
	ACRES		1,652	62			859	2,573
Southwest	FIRES	40	28	3	4		250	325
	ACRES	13,285	48,282	501	530		128,411	191,009
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	69	48	131	16	50	156	470
	ACRES	7,916	5,046	21,198	7,706	1,965	33,262	77,093
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	261	292	1,118	235	3,556	2,437	7,899
	ACRES	106,076	108,165	305,850	114,820	461,741	1,317,248	2,413,900

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

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