

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, October 18, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (26 new fires)
New large fires:	0 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires : **	0
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there are 53 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.

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Onshore flow will bring cooler weather and higher humidity to southern California today. Gusty winds and low humidity are expected in the southern Great Basin and northwest Arizona. The West will be dry except for showers over the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies.

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



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

### CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT A SAFE ANCHOR POINT

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.
- Do you have a lookout posted? Can they see the main fire?
- How have you mitigated Watchout Situation #8?

#### References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations  
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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					14		14
	ACRES					3		3
Southern California	FIRES					3	2	5
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					8	15	23
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	23	3	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	11	15	26

### 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	1,077	1,450	3,343
	ACRES	9,573	30,769	2,353	2,221	56,106	48,499	149,521
Northern California	FIRES	155	63	4	39	2,783	881	3,925
	ACRES	1,464	1,533	5	1,759	63,108	36,788	104,657
Southern California	FIRES	43	184	16	33	3,369	573	4,218
	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	614	539	1,778
	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	826	266	10	63	856	1,341	3,362
	ACRES	46,719	89,439	3,843	8,010	287,217	142,911	578,139
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	612	474	19	27	701	398	2,231
	ACRES	3,103	10,642	535	67	73,062	8,003	95,412
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		42	29	12,944	569	14,022
	ACRES	1,241		889	110	113,096	6,701	122,037
Southern Area	FIRES	699		235	54	34,489	589	36,066
	ACRES	90,888		48,205	44,166	959,235	31,072	1,173,566
TOTAL	FIRES	4,040	2,421	426	420	57,961	7,352	72,620
	ACRES	161,234	1,001,529	811,359	181,482	2,940,802	609,133	5,705,539

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,969</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,354,925</b>

\*\*\* 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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES			1	1		4	6
	ACRES			4	14		78	96
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0					0
	ACRES	475	5					480
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	0	4	6
	ACRES	475	5	4	14	0	78	576

### 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	22	4	1	161	352
	ACRES	6,487	34,410	3,123	47	1	33,784	77,852
Northern California	FIRES	26	17	27	63	23	168	324
	ACRES	224	2,515	27,707	2,506	2,540	9,936	45,428
Southern California	FIRES	1	10	13	11	1	124	160
	ACRES	1	636	1,732	1,460	195	8,980	13,004
Northern Rockies	FIRES	35	26	92	2	33	241	429
	ACRES	9,656	4,354	21,824	345	3,043	26,144	65,366
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	28	4	14	33	113	193
	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	41	20	3	4		258	326
	ACRES	13,370	45,612	501	530		130,394	190,407
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	71	49	132	16	52	156	476
	ACRES	8,658	5,241	21,328	7,706	2,013	33,332	78,278
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		547	51	2,595	196	3,460
	ACRES	72,390		78,315	9,251	150,742	52,514	363,212
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	271	300	1,126	250	3,563	2,533	8,043
	ACRES	113,850	106,857	306,106	115,475	462,155	1,325,446	2,429,889

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

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