

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Monday, September 6, 2010 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (96 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 8  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 76 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy. \*\*

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

Interagency personnel are assigned to a number of locations in the Gulf of Mexico to assess and mitigate impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

- Support to the Fish and Wildlife Service includes these areas: Bayou Sauvage NWR (LA), Big Branch Marsh NWR (LA), Breton NWR (LA), Delta NWR (LA), Shell Key NWR (LA), Bon Secour NWR (AL), Grand Bay NWR (AL), St. Vincent NWR (FL), and McFaddin NWR (TX).

- Support to the National Park Service includes these areas: Gulf Islands National Seashore (FL), Jean Lafitte Park and Preserve (LA), Everglades National Park (FL), Dry Tortugas (FL), Biscayne National Park (FL), De Soto National Memorial (FL) and Big Cypress National Preserve (FL).

BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	USFS
1	6	443	120	18

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Oak Flat**, Rogue River – Siskiyou NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Fillis) back to local unit will occur tomorrow. Ten miles northwest of Selma, OR. Closed timber litter. Minimal fire activity with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

**View Lake Complex** (3 fires). Mt. Hood NF. NIMO (Cable). Forty-five miles east of Estacada, OR. Mixed conifer. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

**Scott Mountain**, Willamette NF. Fourteen miles northeast of McKenzie Bridge, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Area 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
Oak Flat	OR	RSF	7,494	51	90	9/6	576	-31	14	20	5	0	17.8M	FS
View Lake Complex	OR	MHF	4,757	21	N/A	N/A	537	-123	14	8	5	0	8.6M	FS
Scott Mountain	OR	WIF	3,454	0	35	UNK	99	-10	2	2	2	0	4.0M	FS

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)**

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

**Whitehawk Complex**, Boise NF. Fourteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Timber. No new information.

**Hurd**, Boise NF. Eight miles northwest of Cascade, ID. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering with isolated group and single tree torching.

**Twitchell Canyon**, Fishlake NF. IMT 2 (Ourada). Previously reported incident. Seven miles east of Manderfield, UT. Timber. Surface and crown fire with long range spotting. Structures 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
Whitehawk Complex	ID	BOF	1,439	---	88	UNK	185	---	4	1	1	0	2.1M	FS
Hurd	ID	BOF	1,381	0	95	9/7	90	0	4	0	1	0	NR	FS
Twitchell Canyon	UT	FIF	7,000	---	N/A	N/A	151	---	4	2	3	1	3.2M	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 18  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Cowboy**, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Five miles east of Potrero, CA. Chaparral. Moderate fire activity with short-range spotting.

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
Cowboy	CA	MVU	827	0	90	9/6	354	-317	10	22	0	0	2.2M	ST

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 22  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Cooley Draw**, Niobrara County. Twenty-five miles northeast of Douglas, WY. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

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
* Cooley Draw	WY	NIX	1,200	---	10	UNK	39	---	1	6	0	0	NR	CNTY

### **Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 14  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 2

**Rough Edge**, Oklahoma DOF. Five miles southwest of Pickens, OK. Grass. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. No further information received.

\* **Bud Shaw**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Six miles northeast of Dierks, AR. Timber. No further information 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
Rough Edge	OK	OKS	1,809	-791	59	9/7	20	-21	0	2	0	0	10K	ST
* Bud Shaw	AR	ARS	500	---	10	9/6	8	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST

**Predictive Services Discussion: Significant fire potential is forecasted today for portions of the Rocky Mountain Area and Northern California.** Portions of the Rocky Mountain Area will continue to see dry and windy conditions associated with a low pressure system moving across the Great Plains. Northern California will see gusty offshore winds with poor overnight relative humidity recovery from the Sacramento Valley to the coast. Low relative humidity will continue in the East, mainly across the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast states.

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



**Today's discussion is from the  
Hazard Tree Category.**

### **Falling Snags**

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
  - Strong winds
  - Night operations
  - Steep slopes
  - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
  - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
  - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
  - Numerous downed trees
  - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead
  - Accumulation of downed limbs
  - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
  - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
  - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
  - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
  - Establish lookouts.

#### References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 80  
[Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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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			5	2	8
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES					13	4	17
	ACRES					11	0	11
Southern California	FIRES				1	13	4	18
	ACRES				950	118	5	1,073
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	1			5	2	11
	ACRES	3	2			1	1	7
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0		0	0	2	2
	ACRES		20		25	8	37	90
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	1					2	3
	ACRES	0					7	7
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			9	12	22
	ACRES		5			1,441	77	1,523
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					14		14
	ACRES					1,865		1,865
TOTAL	FIRES	4	4	0	1	59	28	96
	ACRES	3	27	0	975	3,444	127	4,576

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	75	66	53	437	16	648
	ACRES	103	292,748	136,911	110,724	561,067	10	1,101,563
Northwest	FIRES	163	202	11	27	365	1,102	1,870
	ACRES	34,755	16,971	3,354	4,734	31,775	4,040	95,629
Northern California	FIRES	54	122		13	1,584	426	2,199
	ACRES	47	12,222		8	18,477	3,231	33,985
Southern California	FIRES	18	198	4	31	2,094	398	2,743
	ACRES	186	10,337	14	5,625	24,655	22,136	62,953
Northern Rockies	FIRES	445	62	6	14	369	545	1,441
	ACRES	4,193	10,866	17,986	722	14,805	13,174	61,746
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	43	532	2	27	503	467	1,574
	ACRES	12,383	405,986	605	5,082	166,134	27,069	617,259
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	207	9	15	63	54	351
	ACRES	0	17,536	35	5	3,157	1,143	21,876
Southwest	FIRES	527	207	8	62	455	919	2,178
	ACRES	7,686	18,709	38	24,505	43,212	74,404	168,554
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	633	417	8	38	412	380	1,888
	ACRES	3,167	7,853	3,064	7,300	37,256	8,197	66,837
Eastern Area	FIRES	636		39	21	10,228	515	11,439
	ACRES	2,709		4,883	27	81,031	4,520	93,170
Southern Area	FIRES	533		58	24	17,318	522	18,455
	ACRES	33,109		6,545	224	228,954	21,480	290,312
TOTAL	FIRES	3,056	2,022	211	325	33,828	5,344	44,786
	ACRES	98,338	793,228	173,435	158,956	1,210,523	179,404	2,613,884

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>60,085</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>5,567,515</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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						300	300
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		900					900
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	900	0	0	0	300	1,200

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					21,502		21,502
Northwest	FIRES	12	104	8	1		152	277
	ACRES	6,781	21,603	1,688	11		17,529	47,612
Northern California	FIRES	1	12	26	19	29	229	316
	ACRES	10	771	22,335	34	4,042	9,397	36,589
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	7	20	63	109
	ACRES		1,612	1,493	547	2,506	1,969	8,127
Northern Rockies	FIRES	97	33	107	8	28	143	416
	ACRES	3,982	4,674	25,961	1,240	894	16,344	53,095
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		18	6	7	29	45	105
	ACRES		4,110	2,745	520	2,288	10,953	20,616
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		7	14
	ACRES		68	1,395	546		638	2,647
Southwest	FIRES	30	20	10	9		125	194
	ACRES	2,183	22,716	8,870	1,108		64,099	98,976
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	43	61	119	26	47	136	432
	ACRES	5,877	10,555	27,738	5,019	6,215	19,614	75,018
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		371	41	1,974	182	2,615
	ACRES	62,783		56,769	6,021	119,123	59,259	303,955
Southern Area	FIRES	20		192	69	8,836	1,090	10,207
	ACRES	3,175		87,408	72,148	281,301	1,041,487	1,485,519
TOTAL	FIRES	250	260	851	189	10,975	2,172	14,697
	ACRES	84,791	66,109	236,402	87,194	437,871	1,241,289	2,153,656

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

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

### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	4	26	1,578	322,395
Yukon Territory	0	0	86	155,862
Alberta	0	0	1,706	83,395
Northwest Territory	1	25	220	320,739
Saskatchewan	0	0	570	1,768,641
Manitoba	0	0	569	150,179
Ontario	1	0	891	14,987
Quebec	2	7	705	352,624
Newfoundland	1	0	52	816
New Brunswick	2	0	170	150
Nova Scotia	0	0	291	461
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	0	0	101	6,173
Total	11	58	6,941	3,176,425

\*\*\*CIFFC information updated weekly\*\*\*

\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\*