

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, September 7, 2010 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (96 new fires)  
 New large fires: 4 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 10  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 78 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	5	434	120	17

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 12  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Four Mile Canyon**, Boulder County. IMT 2 (Richardson). Twelve miles northwest of Boulder, CO. Grass. Active, wind-driven fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

**Cooley Draw**, Niobrara County. Twenty-five miles northeast of Douglas, WY. Brush and grass. Smoldering.

**Cow Creek**, Rocky Mountain NP. Previously reported incident. Four miles west of Glen Haven, CO. Timber. Creeping with occasional group torching and spotting. 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
* Four Mile Canyon	CO	BLX	3,000	---	0	UNK	NR	---	0	0	0	12	NR	CNTY
Cooley Draw	WY	NIX	6,100	4,900	75	9/7	41	2	1	4	0	0	NR	CNTY
Cow Creek	CO	RMP	1,000	---	N/A	N/A	5	---	0	0	0	0	2M	NPS

**Northwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 11  
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 today. Ten miles northwest of Selma, OR. Closed timber litter. Backing fire with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

**View Lake Complex** (3 fires). Mt. Hood NF. Transfer of command from NIMO (Cable) back to local unit will occur tomorrow. 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	0	95	9/7	427	-149	8	14	5	0	18.4M	FS
View Lake Complex	OR	MHF	4,775	18	N/A	N/A	424	-113	10	2	2	0	8.6M	FS
Scott Mountain	OR	WIF	3,454	0	35	UNK	99	0	2	2	2	0	4.1M	FS

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

New fires: 9  
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. Last report unless new information is received.

**Hurd**, Boise NF. Eight miles northwest of Cascade, ID. Timber and grass. No new information.

**Twitchell Canyon**, Fishlake NF. IMT 2 (Ourada). Previously reported incident. Seven miles east of Manderfield, UT. Timber. Minimal fire activity. 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
Whitehawk Complex	ID	BOF	1,439	---	88	UNK	185	---	4	1	1	0	2.1M	FS
Hurd	ID	BOF	1,381	---	95	9/7	90	---	4	0	1	0	NR	FS
Twitchell Canyon	UT	FIF	8,870	1,870	N/A	N/A	198	47	5	2	5	1	NR	FS

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 15  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3

**Rough Edge**, Oklahoma DOF. Five miles southwest of Pickens, OK. Grass. No new information.

**Bud Shaw**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Six miles northeast of Dierks, AR. Timber. No further information received. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

\* **Docs Lane**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Five miles northwest of Greenbrier, 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	---	59	9/7	20	---	0	2	0	0	10K	ST
Bud Shaw	AR	ARS	400	-100	90	9/7	8	0	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
* Docs Lane	AR	ARS	150	---	75	9/7	17	---	0	3	0	0	1.5K	ST

**Eastern Area (PL 1)**

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

\* **Devil's Falls**, Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection. Five miles southeast of Pittston, PA. Closed timber litter. Creeping fire. Commercial property 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
* Devil's Falls	PA	PAS	100	---	50	9/7	78	---	5	9	0	0	NR	ST

**Southwest Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 6  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

\* **Weir**, Coconino NF. Fifteen miles southeast of Sedona, AZ. Hardwood litter. Backing and flanking fire. 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
* Weir	AZ	COF	173	---	N/A	N/A	70	---	2	5	0	0	30K	FS

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 22  
 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
Cowboy	CA	MVU	827	0	100	---	6	-348	0	2	0	0	NR	ST

MVU – Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire

**Predictive Services Discussion: Significant fire potential is forecast today for northeast California and western Nevada.** A low pressure trough moving onto the West Coast will bring dry, windy weather to the Sierras, Great Basin and Wyoming. Winds will be lighter in Colorado today compared to Monday. Some dry thunderstorms are possible in Utah. 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.**

### **Hazard Trees – Situational Awareness**

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and green hazard trees present a significant threat to wildland firefighter safety. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw off embers creating spot fires in advance of the main fire. Snags may burn through more quickly than green trees and can fall without warning. Live, green trees weakened by insects, disease, weather, fire, and age presents another hazard and they can also fall without notice.

- The risk of serious injuries from hazard trees may increase during the night operational period when visibility is reduced.
- While work in cooler, nighttime environments can help control efforts, it also presents an increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees. Night operations should be restricted in areas of high risk rated dead and dying trees.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong or gusty winds from storm cells. Air operations - water or retardant drops, rotor wash from helicopters. Steep slopes with rolling material. Erosion and undercut root systems. Diseased or bug-killed areas (Mountain Pine Beetle).
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) in the area. Numerous downed trees/material. Broken tops and dead limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs, tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks, lack of needles, bark, limbs or other indicators of overhead hazards. Roots damaged by equipment, fire or erosion create hazards.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and establish No-Work-Zones (NWZ) in all high-risk areas until the hazard has been mitigated. Instruct firefighters of established NWZ in briefings. Identify with flagging/signs, and show area on maps. Establish lookouts to protect NWZs. Assign only qualified sawyers and Falling Bosses. Order additional professional fallers in advance. Use heavy equipment, and blasters when appropriate. Plan a quick and safe escape routes. Do not turn your back on a falling tree or known hazard. Use lookouts to maintain secure felling areas. Maintain situational awareness.

References: [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				0
	ACRES			1,733				1,733
Northwest	FIRES	1			0		10	11
	ACRES	1			358		1	360
Northern California	FIRES					14	2	16
	ACRES					6	0	6
Southern California	FIRES				0	16	6	22
	ACRES				25	124	5	154
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				1	1	4
	ACRES	2				0	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			5	3	9
	ACRES		845			15	1,601	2,461
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southwest	FIRES					1	5	6
	ACRES					0	164	164
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0			5	7	12
	ACRES		30			3,009	2	3,041
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					12	3	15
	ACRES					56	22	78
TOTAL	FIRES	3	1	0	0	55	37	96
	ACRES	3	875	1,733	383	3,210	1,795	7,999

### 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	138,644	110,724	559,025	10	1,101,254
Northwest	FIRES	164	202	11	27	366	1,112	1,882
	ACRES	34,756	16,971	3,354	5,794	31,787	4,042	96,704
Northern California	FIRES	54	122		13	1,584	428	2,201
	ACRES	47	12,222		8	18,477	3,231	33,985
Southern California	FIRES	18	198	4	31	2,110	407	2,768
	ACRES	186	10,337	14	5,650	24,779	22,596	63,562
Northern Rockies	FIRES	445	62	6	14	370	546	1,443
	ACRES	4,193	10,866	17,986	722	14,805	13,174	61,746
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	43	534	3	27	507	470	1,584
	ACRES	12,383	406,831	605	5,082	166,149	28,670	619,720
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	207	9	15	64	54	352
	ACRES	0	17,536	35	5	3,157	1,143	21,876
Southwest	FIRES	527	207	8	62	456	924	2,184
	ACRES	7,686	18,709	38	24,505	43,212	74,568	168,718
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	633	417	8	38	417	386	1,899
	ACRES	3,167	7,883	3,064	7,300	45,540	8,218	75,172
Eastern Area	FIRES	636		39	21	10,235	515	11,446
	ACRES	2,709		4,883	27	81,039	4,520	93,178
Southern Area	FIRES	533		58	24	17,330	525	18,470
	ACRES	33,109		6,545	224	229,010	21,502	290,390
TOTAL	FIRES	3,057	2,024	212	325	33,876	5,383	44,877
	ACRES	98,339	794,103	175,168	160,041	1,216,980	181,674	2,626,305

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>60,258</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>5,611,895</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						0	0
	ACRES						180	180
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	180	180

### 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	11,133	20,796
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	1,241,469	2,153,836

**\*\*\* 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\*\*\*

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