

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, September 8, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (188 new fires)
 New large fires: 6 (*)
 Large fires contained: 4
 Uncontained large fires: ** 10
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 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.

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Four Mile Canyon, Boulder County. IMT 1 (Thomas) and IMT 2 (Richardson). Twelve miles northwest of Boulder, CO. Timber. Active fire behavior with crowning, running and spotting. Residences threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect.

Cooley Draw, Niobrara County. Twenty-five miles northeast of Douglas, WY. Brush and grass. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Illinois Creek**, Medicine Bow NF. Three miles west of Fox Park, WY. Lodgepole pine and grass. Active fire behavior with group torching and short-range spotting. Numerous residences 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
Four Mile Canyon	CO	BLX	6,168	3,168	0	UNK	201	201	3	24	3	12	1.2M	CNTY
Cooley Draw	WY	NIX	6,100	0	90	UNK	27	-14	1	0	0	0	NR	CNTY
* Illinois Creek	WY	MBF	100	---	0	9/14	55	---	1	3	2	0	50K	FS

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 27
New large fires: 2
Uncontained large fires: 2
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

* **Buckeye**, Humbolt-Del Norte Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Waterman). Four miles east of Petrolia, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

* **Windy**, Butte Unit, Cal Fire. Thirteen miles south of Mineral, CA. Timber. Backing fire with isolated torching and 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
* Buckeye	CA	HUU	348	---	15	9/9	1,044	---	36	28	9	1	100K	ST
* Windy	CA	BTU	125	---	30	9/9	550	---	22	24	2	0	1M	ST

Northwest Area (PL 2)

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

View Lake Complex (3 fires). Mt. Hood NF. Transfer of command from NIMO (Cable) back to local unit will occur today. Forty-five miles east of Estacada, OR. Mixed conifer. Smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Scott Mountain, Willamette NF. Fourteen miles northeast of McKenzie Bridge, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Area closures in effect. 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
View Lake Complex	OR	MHF	4,775	0	N/A	N/A	307	-117	5	4	1	0	9.2M	FS
Scott Mountain	OR	WIF	3,464	10	N/A	N/A	92	-7	2	1	2	0	4.1M	FS
Oak Flat	OR	RSF	7,494	0	100	---	359	-68	7	12	5	0	18.4M	FS

RSF - Rogue River – Siskiyou NF

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. Moderate fire activity with interior torching.

Hurd, Boise NF. Eight miles northwest of Cascade, ID. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Twitchell Canyon, Fishlake NF. IMT 2 (Ourada). Seven miles east of Manderfield, UT. Timber. Backing fire with isolated group torching and short-range spotting. 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	0	---	0	0	0	0	2.1M	FS
Hurd	ID	BOF	1,381	---	95	UNK	45	---	2	0	0	0	7.4M	FS
Twitchell Canyon	UT	FIF	10,608	1,738	N/A	N/A	215	17	8	1	5	2	3.9M	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 99
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Rough Edge, Oklahoma DOF. Five miles southwest of Pickens, OK. Grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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	---	59	UNK	20	---	0	2	0	0	10K	ST
Bud Shaw	AR	ARS	550	150	95	9/8	20	12	0	0	0	0	34K	ST
* Scalded Rabbit	OK	OKS	1,000	---	100	---	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Green Dumpster	OK	OKS	850	---	100	---	15	---	0	7	0	0	3.5K	ST
Docs Lane	AR	ARS	75	-75	100	---	17	0	0	3	0	0	5.5K	ST

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 10
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Devil's Falls, Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection. Five miles southeast of Pittston, PA. Closed timber litter. 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
Devil's Falls	PA	PAS	100	---	50	UNK	78	---	5	9	0	0	NR	ST

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Walnut Canyon**, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Five miles northeast of Forest Lakes, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire activity. 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
* Walnut Canyon	AZ	ASF	311	---	N/A	N/A	2	---	0	1	0	0	40K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: A low pressure trough over the West will bring gusty winds to the southern Sierras, Great Basin, northwest Arizona and Wyoming. Scattered showers are on tap for northern California and the northern Great Basin. Wet thunderstorms are expected in western Colorado with a few dry thunderstorms over northern Colorado and Wyoming. Gusty winds and low relative are expected over portions of the Mid-Atlantic States.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Leadership Category.

Bias for Action

Leaders in the wildland fire service are not only empowered but also duty-bound to act on a situation that is within our power to affect, even without direction from above.

This empowerment is not intended to encourage freelancing. In a high-risk environment, freelancing is a dangerous and unpredictable element, causing more harm than good. Ultimately, leaders are always accountable for their actions.

- A bias for action acknowledges wildfire as an environment where events do not always go according to plan,
- At times during an incident, one person may be the only one in a position to see what needs to be done and to make it happen,
- Time may not permit gathering all of the information that one might like to have, if you wait until you have all the facts to be 100% sure it will almost always be too late.

In these time critical situations, fire leaders use judgment, act within the intent of their leaders, work in unison with others, develop and communicate a plan, and then inform leaders of actions as soon as safely possible.

On a chaotic and rapidly developing wildfire, one person taking the initiative can make all the difference in seizing and taking advantage of an opportunity. Being hesitant, risk-averse, or indecisive can expose firefighters to greater long-term risks and translate into a waste of time, opportunity, energy, and money.

Discussion Points

- Discuss the difference between freelancing and a bias for action.
- Describe and Discuss instances of taking appropriate action and indecisiveness / non-action.
- How are some ways we train for situations requiring a bias for action?

References:

[Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program](#)

[Leading In the Wildland Fire Service](#)

[Tactical Decision Games Library](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					4	2	6
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES					25	2	27
	ACRES					23	8	31
Southern California	FIRES				0	11	6	17
	ACRES				510	155	0	665
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			3	5	9
	ACRES		51			6	2,245	2,302
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4			1	1	6
	ACRES		19			0	0	19
Southwest	FIRES	0	1				4	5
	ACRES	8	274				2	284
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					3	3	6
	ACRES					224	102	326
Eastern Area	FIRES					7	3	10
	ACRES					19	21	40
Southern Area	FIRES					99		99
	ACRES					1,454		1,454
TOTAL	FIRES	0	6	0	0	155	27	188
	ACRES	8	344	0	510	1,881	2,378	5,121

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	559,026	10	1,101,255
Northwest	FIRES	164	202	18	27	485	1,135	2,031
	ACRES	34,756	17,011	3,354	5,794	33,365	4,047	98,327
Northern California	FIRES	54	122		13	1,584	430	2,203
	ACRES	47	12,222		8	18,477	3,234	33,988
Southern California	FIRES	18	198	4	31	2,110	414	2,775
	ACRES	186	10,337	14	6,160	24,779	22,596	64,072
Northern Rockies	FIRES	447	62	7	14	363	547	1,440
	ACRES	4,195	10,866	17,987	722	14,779	13,279	61,828
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	43	535	2	27	510	475	1,592
	ACRES	12,383	406,882	605	5,082	166,155	30,915	622,022
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	212	9	15	65	55	359
	ACRES	0	17,555	35	5	3,157	1,143	21,895
Southwest	FIRES	527	207	8	62	456	927	2,187
	ACRES	7,694	19,257	38	24,505	43,212	75,169	169,875
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	633	417	8	38	420	389	1,905
	ACRES	3,167	7,883	3,064	7,300	48,964	8,320	78,698
Eastern Area	FIRES	636		40	21	10,263	521	11,481
	ACRES	2,709		4,883	27	81,076	4,541	93,236
Southern Area	FIRES	533		58	24	17,498	527	18,640
	ACRES	33,109		6,545	224	230,729	21,504	292,111
TOTAL	FIRES	3,059	2,030	220	325	34,191	5,436	45,261
	ACRES	98,349	794,761	175,169	160,551	1,223,719	184,758	2,637,307

Ten Year Average Fires	60,489
Ten Year Average Acres	5,638,113

*** 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		1					1
	ACRES		478					478
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						685	685
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				2			2
Eastern Area	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	14						14
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						350	350
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	1	0	2	5
	ACRES	14	478	0	2	0	1,035	1,529

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	34	107	8	28	164	438
	ACRES	3,982	5,152	25,961	1,240	894	17,728	54,957
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		18	6	7	29	45	105
	ACRES		4,110	2,745	520	2,288	11,218	20,881
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	27	47	136	433
	ACRES	5,877	11,956	27,738	5,021	6,215	19,614	76,421
Eastern Area	FIRES	48		371	41	1,974	182	2,616
	ACRES	62,797		56,769	6,021	119,123	59,387	304,097
Southern Area	FIRES	20		192	69	8,836	1,091	10,208
	ACRES	3,175		87,408	72,148	281,301	1,041,837	1,485,869
TOTAL	FIRES	251	261	851	190	10,975	2,194	14,722
	ACRES	84,805	67,988	236,402	87,196	437,871	1,243,416	2,157,678

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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

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