

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, September 20, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (88 new fires)
 New large fires: 5 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: ** 7
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 80 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.

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

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

* **Machine Gun**, Wasatch Front Area, Utah DOF. Two miles south of Herriman, UT. Brush and grass. Active, wind-driven fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Twitchell Canyon, Fishlake NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Ourada) to IMT 2 (Whalen) will occur today. Seven miles east of Manderfield, UT. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with crowning and long-range spotting. State park and structures threatened. Major power corridor threatened. Portion of Interstate 70 has been closed.

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
* Machine Gun	UT	NWS	3,200	---	0	9/21	92	---	0	28	0	0	5K	ST
Twitchell Canyon	UT	FIF	30,000	7,212	N/A	N/A	485	-20	14	16	6	2	8.5M	FS
* Jackson	ID	TFD	334	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	25K	BLM

TFD – Twin Falls District, BLM

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 3)

New fires: 10
New large fires: 2
Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Windmill**, Uinta County. Ten miles east of Evanston, WY. Brush, pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Active fire behavior with torching, crowning and running. Portion of Interstate 80 has been closed.

* **Dry Gulch**, Rawlins Field Office, BLM. Nine miles northeast of Laramie, WY. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened. Road 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
* Windmill	WY	UIX	4,000	---	50	9/22	60	---	0	15	1	0	20K	CNTY
* Dry Gulch	WY	RAD	1,200	---	25	9/22	86	---	2	6	2	0	50K	BLM

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 15
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Canyon, Sequoia NF. IMT 2 (Cooper). Eight miles west of Lake Isabella, CA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

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
Canyon	CA	SQF	9,820	0	95	UNK	745	-277	20	24	8	1	11.2M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

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

Antelope, Yellowstone NP. Previously reported incident. Eighteen miles southeast of Mammoth, WY. Lodgepole pine and grass. Active fire behavior with group tree torching. Structures threatened. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Antelope	WY	YNP	1,200	---	N/A	N/A	80	---	1	11	1	0	150K	NPS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Ft Gates #22, National Forests in Florida. Two miles northwest of Georgetown, FL. Southern rough. Smoldering.

Drew, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Fifteen miles southeast of Monticello, AR. Timber. No further information received.

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Ft Gates #22	FL	FNF	1,090	0	90	9/24	6	0	0	1	1	0	65K	FS
Drew	AR	ARS	997	877	70	UNK	18	0	0	0	0	0	3.6K	ST

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Circle Bar**, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Nine miles northwest of Forest Lakes, AZ. Timber. Forest road closures in effect. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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* Circle Bar	AZ	ASF	1,200	---	N/A	N/A	15	---	0	3	0	0	30K	FS

Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Cougar Mountain, Prineville District, BLM. Seventeen miles south of Dayville, OR. Timber, juniper and grass. 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
Cougar Mountain	OR	PRD	2,064	---	60	9/20	242	---	9	7	4	0	860K	BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Significant fire potential is forecast today for portions of Utah, Colorado and Wyoming. A low pressure trough moving across the West will bring dry, gusty winds to Utah, eastern Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado today. Widely scattered thunderstorms, some of them dry, are expected over southeast Utah, Colorado and Wyoming. Otherwise, dry weather is expected across the West except for showers over the Northwest and Northern Rockies. Low humidity will cover much of the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic States.

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



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

Hazard Trees

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees 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 fire brands far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees 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 and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Air operations - cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- 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) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use saw teams and falling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 80 and 81

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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			4	2	7
	ACRES		244			2	0	246
Northern California	FIRES					28	3	31
	ACRES					13	94	107
Southern California	FIRES			1	0	13	1	15
	ACRES			28	15	41	0	84
Northern Rockies	FIRES				0	1		1
	ACRES				1,140	2		1,142
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3		1	2	2	8
	ACRES		347		0	2	8,007	8,356
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						1,245	1,245
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5			2	3	10
	ACRES		1,222			4,001	0	5,223
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					5	3	8
	ACRES					5	29	34
TOTAL	FIRES	0	9	1	1	56	21	88
	ACRES	0	1,813	28	1,155	4,067	9,375	16,438

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	75	66	53	442	16	653
	ACRES	103	292,748	142,108	110,724	559,756	10	1,105,449
Northwest	FIRES	169	243	19	27	498	997	1,953
	ACRES	34,756	19,647	3,406	4,942	33,371	4,079	100,201
Northern California	FIRES	61	123		13	1,662	454	2,313
	ACRES	49	12,222		8	18,518	2,883	33,680
Southern California	FIRES	18	205	5	34	2,252	432	2,946
	ACRES	186	12,911	42	9,492	25,323	31,829	79,783
Northern Rockies	FIRES	521	73	7	16	383	567	1,567
	ACRES	4,443	10,923	17,987	1,922	15,329	13,278	63,882
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	43	553	3	30	539	503	1,671
	ACRES	12,382	409,490	610	5,248	167,018	46,340	641,088
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	222	9	16	68	56	374
	ACRES	0	19,243	35	10	3,159	1,143	23,590
Southwest	FIRES	544	214	8	64	461	955	2,246
	ACRES	7,718	18,993	38	24,855	45,544	78,827	175,975
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	654	435	9	38	481	421	2,038
	ACRES	3,176	10,164	3,064	7,350	64,163	8,272	96,189
Eastern Area	FIRES	636		40	23	10,596	523	11,818
	ACRES	2,709		4,883	31	86,177	4,542	98,342
Southern Area	FIRES	537		58	15	18,800	580	19,990
	ACRES	33,216		6,668	188	240,912	22,465	303,449
TOTAL	FIRES	3,187	2,143	224	329	36,182	5,504	47,569
	ACRES	98,738	806,341	178,841	164,770	1,259,270	213,668	2,721,628

Ten Year Average Fires	62,655
Ten Year Average Acres	5,830,692

*** 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						1,350	1,350
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	1,350	1,350

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					12	0	12
	ACRES					21,502	97	21,599
Northwest	FIRES	12	49	12	1		134	208
	ACRES	6,781	9,216	1,913	11		20,877	38,798
Northern California	FIRES	1	12	28	21	29	234	325
	ACRES	10	771	22,373	1,231	4,042	9,770	38,197
Southern California	FIRES		9	11	7	20	63	110
	ACRES		1,612	1,525	547	2,506	1,969	8,159
Northern Rockies	FIRES	98	35	107	8	29	185	462
	ACRES	3,987	5,465	25,961	1,240	924	18,260	55,837
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		19	6	9	29	56	119
	ACRES		4,710	2,745	775	2,288	19,796	30,314
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	2	4		8	18
	ACRES		71	1,395	846		638	2,950
Southwest	FIRES	32	20	12	10		132	206
	ACRES	2,409	23,116	8,870	2,146		65,908	102,449
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	45	69	119	28	47	141	449
	ACRES	5,942	17,080	27,738	7,221	6,215	21,049	85,245
Eastern Area	FIRES	48		372	41	1,545	184	2,190
	ACRES	62,797		56,809	6,021	92,626	59,515	277,768
Southern Area	FIRES	20		192	64	8,967	1,108	10,351
	ACRES	3,175		87,408	71,462	272,774	1,050,577	1,485,396
TOTAL	FIRES	256	217	861	193	10,678	2,245	14,450
	ACRES	85,101	62,041	236,737	91,500	402,877	1,268,456	2,146,712

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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	19	1	1,597	322,396
Yukon Territory	0	0	86	155,862
Alberta	35	1	1,741	83,396
Northwest Territory	4	70	224	320,809
Saskatchewan	0	0	570	1,768,641
Manitoba	0	0	569	150,179
Ontario	4	0	895	14,988
Quebec	11	4	716	352,627
Newfoundland	3	0	55	816
New Brunswick	3	0	173	150
Nova Scotia	2	0	293	461
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	0	0	101	6,173
Total	81	76	7,022	3,176,50

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