

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, November 24, 2010 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (67 new fires)
 New large fires: 1 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: ** 1
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 7 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.

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 54
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Arabia Bay, Georgia Forestry Commission. Six miles north of Homerville, GA. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity. Smoke is impacting several highways.

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
Arabia Bay	GA	GAS	2,710	22	80	11/28	27	-14	0	0	1	0	126K	ST

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 1
 New large fires: 1
 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
* Break Down	NM	N4S	3,000	---	100	---	15	---	0	7	0	0	3K	ST

N4S – Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry

Predictive Services Discussion: Gusty winds and low humidity are expected today over eastern New Mexico, eastern Colorado, western Kansas, west Texas and the Oklahoma Panhandle. The Southern Area will be mostly dry except for showers over the Ohio River Valley, Mississippi River Valley and portions of Texas.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Hazard Tree Category.

HAZARD TREE FELLING – HANG-UPS

- For decades, hazard trees have been associated with numerous deaths of workers assigned fire operations and project work. Incidents involving hazard trees are included in the top 5 life threats to wildland firefighters along with wildfire entrapment and motor vehicle accidents. In private industry, logging is recognized as the most dangerous occupation in the nation, and many associated fatalities involve felling hazard trees. Felling a hung-up hazard tree is a particularly hazardous and complex task.



- Sawyers are to be reminded on how vital it is to constantly apply and maintain situational awareness and assess risks, particularly when faced with problem of a **hang-up** hazard tree.
- In most cases, safely felling a hang-up requires extreme caution and expertise due to characteristic danger and complexity. The following are some topics experienced sawyers should review during 6 minutes for safety/tailgate safety discussions and cover in training modules specifically designed to address felling hang-up hazard trees:
 - Cut/No Cut (walk-a-way) criteria
 - Risk Assessment
 - Situational Awareness Checklist
 - Secure Felling Area
 - No Work Zones (NWZ)
 - Blasting option
 - Equipment/cable option
 - Role/responsibility of swamper/lookout
 - Escape routes
 - Pushing/driver tree opportunity
 - Felling trees tied together
 - Sidewinder potential
 - Hazards of obscured view of top
 - Need to keep looking up
 - Weak/spiked tops, limb location/condition/density, and hidden defect/rot
 - Prescribed step down (fence post/wafer) cutting techniques
 - Rope Technique

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
	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
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					7	4	11
	ACRES					57	12	69
Southern Area	FIRES			1		53		54
	ACRES			1		1,212		1,213
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	1	0	60	5	67
	ACRES	1	0	1	0	1,269	12	1,283

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	76	69	53	473	16	688
	ACRES	103	295,196	145,406	113,280	575,426	10	1,129,421
Northwest	FIRES	176	229	18	29	558	1,161	2,171
	ACRES	34,794	19,861	6,675	5,146	33,523	13,360	113,359
Northern California	FIRES	77	126	1	13	2,198	532	2,947
	ACRES	58	12,224	0	8	19,662	2,899	34,851
Southern California	FIRES	20	300	6	65	2,675	576	3,642
	ACRES	226	13,723	42	11,874	26,359	32,315	84,539
Northern Rockies	FIRES	601	78	7	16	414	614	1,730
	ACRES	5,059	17,778	15,301	3,797	15,210	13,413	70,558
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	47	602	3	29	609	561	1,851
	ACRES	12,382	411,327	605	5,248	204,949	78,007	712,518
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	288	9	16	86	79	482
	ACRES	0	19,318	35	10	3,168	1,323	23,854
Southwest	FIRES	558	248	14	72	508	1,054	2,454
	ACRES	7,727	19,282	40	24,864	176,279	83,337	311,529
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	849	476	9	43	582	471	2,430
	ACRES	5,529	13,282	3,064	11,076	98,663	10,749	142,363
Eastern Area	FIRES	694		49	29	12,708	758	14,238
	ACRES	2,868		6,177	43	101,939	8,036	119,063
Southern Area	FIRES	599		100	30	31,766	798	33,293
	ACRES	36,762		6,901	203	479,951	37,037	560,854
TOTAL	FIRES	3,626	2,423	285	395	52,577	6,620	65,926
	ACRES	105,508	821,991	184,246	175,549	1,735,129	280,486	3,302,909

Ten Year Average Fires	72,652
Ten Year Average Acres	5,860,259

*** 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				1			1
	ACRES				4			4
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						38	38
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						12	12
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	5					0	5
	ACRES	637					1,658	2,295
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		60			0	42	102
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					36		36
TOTAL	FIRES	5	1	0	1	2	3	12
	ACRES	637	60	0	4	36	1,750	2,487

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			3		12	3	18
	ACRES			59		14,931	446	15,436
Northwest	FIRES	35	201	26	2	1	566	831
	ACRES	15,957	32,299	2,867	77	205	71,486	122,891
Northern California	FIRES	2	16	37	48	29	536	668
	ACRES	24	833	22,708	1,751	4,042	23,459	52,817
Southern California	FIRES	1	12	21	10	21	162	227
	ACRES	172	2,018	5,704	595	2,549	4,888	15,926
Northern Rockies	FIRES	111	44	120	12	111	350	748
	ACRES	5,035	6,188	28,370	1,262	4,697	29,591	75,143
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	28	6	15	48	98	197
	ACRES	4,100	3,223	2,745	823	3,239	33,895	48,025
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	2	4	1	9	24
	ACRES		1,302	1,395	846	210	659	4,412
Southwest	FIRES	48	21	12	9		196	286
	ACRES	13,756	23,166	8,870	2,394		91,156	139,342
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	49	79	132	24	61	198	543
	ACRES	8,096	18,684	29,568	8,477	14,990	30,662	110,477
Eastern Area	FIRES	76		471	58	1,558	228	2,391
	ACRES	63,775		64,573	6,625	103,563	73,559	312,095
Southern Area	FIRES	23		194	65	8,995	1,163	10,440
	ACRES	3,367		87,503	71,587	271,715	1,073,800	1,507,972
TOTAL	FIRES	347	409	1,024	247	10,837	3,509	16,373
	ACRES	114,282	87,713	254,362	94,437	420,141	1,433,601	2,404,536

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