

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, October 4, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (99 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires: ** 23
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 6

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

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

Northwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 13
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 10
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

* **St. Marys Mission Road**, Colville Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Johnson). Three miles southwest of Omak, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Table Mountain, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 1 (Morcom). Eight miles northeast of Cle Elum, WA. Timber, logging slash, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

Wenatchee Complex (6 fires), Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Reinarz) back to the local unit will occur today. Two miles west of Wenatchee, WA. Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with group tree torching. Numerous residences threatened.

Cascade Creek, Gifford Pinchot NF. IMT 2 (Nickey). Eight miles north of Trout Lake, WA. Timber. Interior torching.

Pole Creek, Deschutes NF. Six miles southwest of Sisters, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior.

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
* St. Marys Mission Road	WA	COA	7,000	---	0	UNK	163	---	4	15	5	7	250K	BIA
Table Mountain	WA	OWF	42,312	862	90	10/5	989	-96	22	65	4	4	16.1M	FS

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Wenatchee Complex	WA	OWF	56,291	1,037	55	UNK	540	-70	9	19	4	1	29.3M	FS
Cascade Creek	WA	GPF	20,090	960	65	UNK	317	-10	6	13	6	0	12.4M	FS
Pole Creek	OR	DEF	26,510	0	85	10/15	361	-43	8	18	3	0	16.3M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 2)

New fires:	8
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

McGuire Complex (2 fires), Nez Perce NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). One mile northwest of Dixie, ID. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Sheep, Nez Perce NF. IMT 2 (Kusicko). One mile east of Lucile, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Condon Mountain, Flathead NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Pearson) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Three miles northeast of Condon, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Residences threatened. Precipitation occurred over fire area yesterday.

Powell SBW Complex, Clearwater NF. Previously reported incident. Forty-five miles southwest of Lolo, MT. Timber. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect. No further information received. 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
McGuire Complex	ID	NPF	77,593	-2,801	25	10/31	552	-64	9	31	4	0	22.1M	FS
Sheep	ID	NPF	48,000	0	41	UNK	369	23	7	18	3	2	14.7M	FS
Condon Mountain	MT	FNF	5,265	0	50	10/31	137	-14	3	2	3	0	6.8M	FS
Powell SBW Complex	ID	CWF	62,900	---	N/A	N/A	46	---	0	6	0	0	4.2M	FS

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires:	4
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Roundabout, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. Twenty miles north of Cedar City, Utah. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching. Road closures in effect.

Halstead, Salmon-Challis NF. Previously reported incident. Eighteen miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Running fire with group tree torching. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Mustang Complex (6 fires), Salmon-Challis NF. IMT 2 (Whalen). Three miles northwest of North Fork, ID. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Road closures in effect.

Wesley, Payette NF. Twelve miles northwest of New Meadows, ID. Timber. Creeping with isolated torching.

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Roundabout	UT	CCD	2,458	958	50	10/4	87	26	2	10	0	0	NR	BLM
Halstead	ID	SCF	181,581	---	N/A	N/A	21	---	0	3	2	0	26.3M	FS
Mustang Complex	ID	SCF	339,380	0	N/A	N/A	270	-22	3	9	3	7	37.7M	FS
Wesley	ID	PAF	15,533	216	71	11/1	219	-56	5	7	5	0	13.5M	FS

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 33
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Wannaska Complex (4 fires), Minnesota DNR. IMT 2 (Hind). Includes previously reported Minnie fire. Ten miles northwest of Lancaster, MN. Timber, brush and peat. Crown fire with long-range spotting. Community of Karlstad threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Viking**, Minnesota DNR. Three miles southeast of Viking, MN. Grass and brush. Active fire behavior.

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
Wannaska Complex	MN	MNS	9,756	7,204	66	UNK	170	40	3	15	2	23	500K	ST
* Viking	MN	MNS	1,200	---	50	UNK	40	---	0	9	0	12	7.5K	ST

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

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

* **Hwy 13**, Garfield County. Fifteen miles northwest of Rifle, CO. Timber, pinyon pine and juniper. Active fire behavior with crowning and long-range spotting. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

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* Hwy 13	CO	GFX	600	---	0	UNK	31	---	0	5	0	0	20K	CNTY

Northern California Area (PL 3)

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

Flynn, Mendocino Unit, Cal Fire. One mile north of Comptche, CA. Timber. Interior burning. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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
Flynn	CA	MEU	195	-5	90	10/4	651	-114	24	37	0	10	500K	ST

Other Fires

(As of September 28)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	2	53,144	0	0	0	0
NW	8	79,067	10	47	3	530
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	26	108,065	1	11	2	246
EB	9	257,624	1	4	2	89
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	3	54,630	1	6	5	103
EA	1	288	0	2	0	26
SA	1	252	0	0	0	0
Total	50	553,070	13	70	12	994

This table does not include fires reported in the large fire section of this report. Updated weekly.

Predictive Services Discussion: Cold high pressure will push through the central U.S. behind a cold front stretching from the Great Lakes to Texas. Temperatures will continue much below normal across the Northwest, the northern Rockies and the Great Basin while readings plummet across the Plains and the mid and upper Mississippi valley. Scattered snow showers will linger across the northern Rockies while rain and snow continue around the Great Lakes. The Southwest and much of the East will remain warm.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.html>



Today's discussion is from the
LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, and
Safety Zones) Category.



COMMUNICATIONS

Effective communication is a critical backbone of safe and successful operations.

- Discuss the factors that can affect radio communication at the incident.
 - Knowledge of the radio issued to the individuals
 - Net control, frequencies
 - Line-of-sight restrictions
 - Antenna polarization effect (direction of the antenna)
 - Minimizing noise interference
 - Wide band narrow band

- How can you mitigate potential problems?
 - Implement effective communication procedures--be brief, clear, concise, and to-the-point.
 - Give a good comprehensive briefing. (Refer to the Briefing Checklist inside the back cover of the Incident Response Pocket Guide.)
 - Confirm that relayed information is received, acknowledged, and understood.
 - Keep a continuous information flow (e.g., updates on weather, fire behavior, work progress; changes in strategy/tactics; arrival of additional resources; solicit feedback).
 - Establish emergency check-in procedures.
 - Provide a minimum of 4 radios per 20-person firefighter crew.

- The Five Communication Responsibilities for All Firefighters:
 - Brief others
 - Debrief your actions
 - Communicate hazards to others
 - Acknowledge messages
 - Ask if you don't know

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)
["LCES and Other Thoughts" by Paul Gleason](#)

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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					12	13
	ACRES	7,000					17	7,017
Northern California	FIRES	2				15	1	18
	ACRES	0				17	6	23
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	9	1	12
	ACRES		0		289	11	0	300
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			5	2	8
	ACRES		4			6	1,097	1,107
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2	1	4
	ACRES		986			75	1,506	2,567
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southwest	FIRES	2				2		4
	ACRES	0				0		0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0			3		3
	ACRES		900			158		1,058
Eastern Area	FIRES	21				12		33
	ACRES	14				117		131
Southern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					6		6
TOTAL	FIRES	26	3	0	1	52	17	99
	ACRES	7,014	1,890	0	289	390	2,626	12,209

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	37	31	21	297	5	392
	ACRES	43	51,228	39,682	73,055	106,272	0	270,280
Northwest	FIRES	127	219	26	29	817	842	2,060
	ACRES	34,186	1,136,338	1,901	20	46,048	239,774	1,458,267
Northern California	FIRES	113	24	2	12	2,617	574	3,342
	ACRES	258	423,780	0	28,526	33,783	327,700	814,047
Southern California	FIRES	32	161	10	59	2,941	602	3,805
	ACRES	43	32,676	8	2,126	36,774	10,185	81,812
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,235	211	41	23	889	817	3,216
	ACRES	414,154	306,113	11,267	5,174	205,635	439,940	1,382,283
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	60	835	1	34	801	599	2,330
	ACRES	29,444	788,431	2	2,136	217,487	994,183	2,031,683
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	638	2	16	198	139	998
	ACRES	1	530,140	0	28	67,949	42,227	640,345
Southwest	FIRES	727	200	12	42	522	1,036	2,539
	ACRES	33,899	5,326	187	4,334	33,752	460,522	538,020
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,342	533	35	40	1,655	689	4,294
	ACRES	153,817	57,715	4,183	837	665,480	189,382	1,071,414
Eastern Area	FIRES	815		64	18	8,352	600	9,849
	ACRES	1,988		4,823	402	82,279	12,394	101,886
Southern Area	FIRES	511		79	46	15,009	602	16,247
	ACRES	46,648		34,238	16,752	258,961	82,239	438,838
TOTAL	FIRES	4,968	2,858	303	340	34,098	6,505	49,072
	ACRES	714,481	3,331,747	96,291	133,390	1,754,420	2,798,546	8,828,875

Ten Year Average Fires	63,162
Ten Year Average Acres	6,670,780

*** 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			1				1
	ACRES			126				126
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		100					100
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					22		22
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	12	0	14
	ACRES	0	100	126	0	22	0	248

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	10	15	27
	ACRES				18	13,314	218	13,550
Northwest	FIRES	8	66	17			158	249
	ACRES	3,502	6,023	1,335			32,015	42,875
Northern California	FIRES	3	13	26	22	3	156	223
	ACRES	108	203	22,757	158	15	13,137	36,378
Southern California	FIRES		6	6	5	6	127	150
	ACRES		1,521	1,227	946	1,831	4,794	10,319
Northern Rockies	FIRES	26	9	75	3	34	192	339
	ACRES	3,060	4,609	18,436	233	1,810	20,854	49,002
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	2	4	21	42	80
	ACRES		898	188	230	404	18,824	20,544
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	4	3	15	4	30
	ACRES		725	419	413	3,079	221	4,857
Southwest	FIRES	31	18	12	18		133	212
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	470		39,457	55,172
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	39	13	113	21	13	51	250
	ACRES	5,406	1,543	22,880	2,492	1,283	8,662	42,266
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		503	49	969	152	1,710
	ACRES	22,116		79,314	9,067	57,648	57,595	225,740
Southern Area	FIRES	23		146	53	9,194	849	10,265
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	492,633	814,583	1,409,472
TOTAL	FIRES	167	140	904	180	10,265	1,879	13,535
	ACRES	40,189	24,041	211,907	51,661	572,017	1,010,360	1,910,175

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

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

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