

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, October 18, 2012 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (35 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 6  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

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

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

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 4  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 3

\* **Vallecito**, San Juan NF. One mile west of Vallecito, CO. Timber. Active fire behavior with occasional torching. Numerous residences threatened.

\* **Crookston**, Rosebud Agency, BIA. Eleven miles northwest of Crookston, NE. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Fern Lake**, Rocky Mountain NP. Three miles west of Estes Park, CO. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. 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
* Vallecito	CO	SJF	200	---	0	UNK	74	---	4	0	0	0	120K	FS
* Crookston	SD	RBA	3,000	---	0	UNK	48	---	0	20	0	6	25K	BIA
Fern Lake	CO	RMP	673	0	30	UNK	42	-9	1	3	1	0	899K	NPS

**Southwest Area (PL 1)**

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

**Big Canyon**, Tonto NF. Fifteen miles northeast of Payson, AZ. Logging slash, brush 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
Big Canyon	AZ	TNF	170	---	0	UNK	124	---	5	2	2	0	383K	FS

**Eastern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 9  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**North Minnie**, Minnesota DNR. Five miles northeast of Fourtown, MN. Timber, grass and peat. 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
North Minnie	MN	MNS	25,396	---	75	UNK	78	---	0	0	1	0	2M	ST

**Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

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

**Head**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Eight miles west of Mountain City, NV. Timber, 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
Head	NV	HTF	427	0	85	10/20	31	-75	1	1	0	0	480K	FS

## Other Fires

(As of October 12)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	1	47,154	0	0	0	0
NW	8	28,530	5	8	3	229
NO	1	150	4	7	2	118
SO	1	1,638	1	0	0	16
NR	32	147,329	2	10	0	139
EB	9	435,275	4	14	2	158
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	3	47,425	0	2	0	9
EA	1	288	0	1	0	2
SA	1	252	0	0	0	0
Total	57	708,041	16	55	7	671

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

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Surface high pressure will dominate the weather pattern across the western U.S., producing generally fair conditions throughout the region. A few showers will enter the Pacific Northwest late ahead of a cold front. Warm and breezy conditions will develop again over parts of southern and central California. In the East, a strong storm will push into the Great Lakes region bringing strong gusty winds to the northern and central Plains, the upper and mid-Mississippi valley and the Appalachians. Scattered rain and a few thunderstorms will develop across the upper Midwest and the Great Lakes region. Thunderstorms will form along a cold front stretching from the eastern Gulf to the Ohio Valley.

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



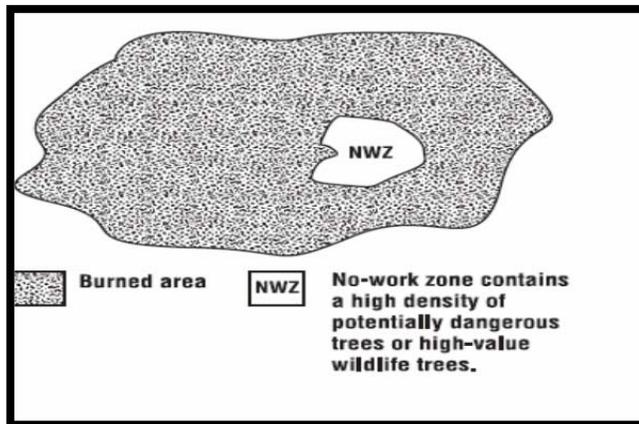
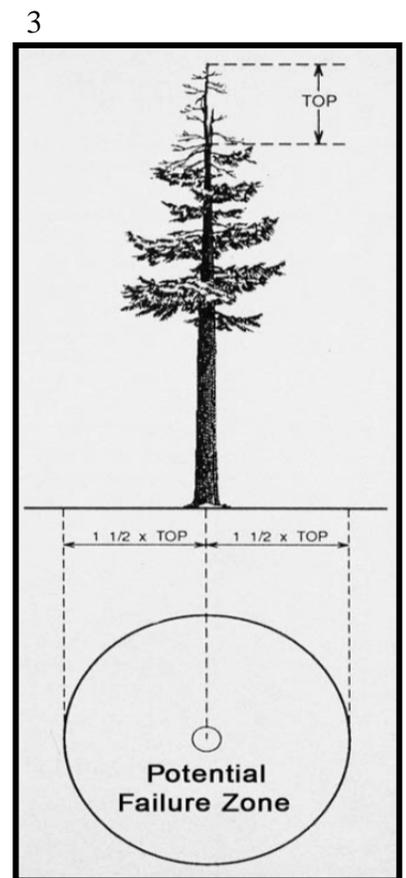
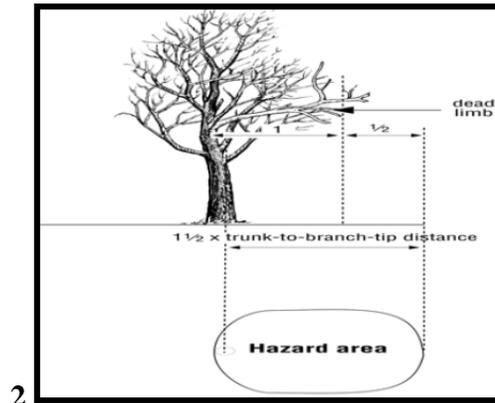
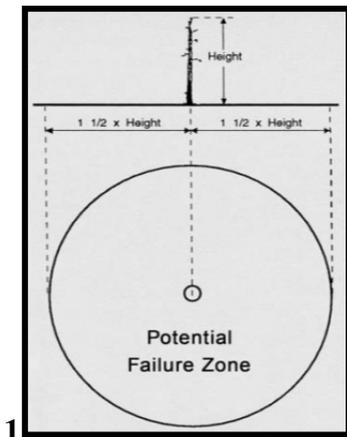
# Today's discussion is from the Hazard Tree Category.

## HAZARD TREE – NO WORK ZONES (NWZ)

Knowing when the exact time a given hazard tree (or compromised section) will fail is an extremely difficult, and is, in many cases, an unpredictable task. Given this fact, we need to manage firefighters' exposure to these hazards by creating a safe work area or NWZ. The size and extent of the NWZ must be determined by onsite conditions, such as terrain, lean, active fire in the tree and adjoining trees.

When an identified hazardous tree cannot be felled, then perform an assessment of which areas have too high a risk, and post a lookout to warn the personnel to stay clear of these areas while working in adjacent areas. If hazard still exists before leaving the area, flag the NWZ so that personnel entering the area will be able to recognize the hazard. Use the following failure zone illustrations as examples to help manage firefighter exposure to these identified hazards. Also remember to include the possibility of the "Domino Effect" to surrounding trees.

#1 -  $1\frac{1}{2} \times$  Height of snag, #2 -  $1\frac{1}{2} \times$  trunk-to-branch-tip distance #3 -  $1\frac{1}{2} \times$  length of dead top.



References:  
Hazard Tree Assessor's Guide @ [Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Northern California	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES	1			1	7	1	10
	ACRES	0			1	10	3	14
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				2	1	4
	ACRES	3,000				83	203	3,286
Eastern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					172		172
Southern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					9		9
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	1	30	2	35
	ACRES	3,000	0	0	1	275	206	3,482

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	39	30	21	298	5	397
	ACRES	164	51,289	39,629	72,948	102,264	0	266,294
Northwest	FIRES	128	224	27	29	877	929	2,214
	ACRES	44,235	1,136,341	1,902	20	46,355	265,045	1,493,898
Northern California	FIRES	123	24	2	12	2,719	588	3,468
	ACRES	275	423,780	0	28,526	34,287	321,259	808,127
Southern California	FIRES	35	166	12	65	3,076	621	3,975
	ACRES	47	32,692	8	2,247	42,044	10,226	87,264
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,259	211	41	23	903	835	3,272
	ACRES	415,571	306,113	11,267	5,174	206,215	464,203	1,408,543
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	61	848	1	33	829	617	2,389
	ACRES	30,314	788,972	2	2,130	219,867	997,852	2,039,137
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	632	3	16	201	142	999
	ACRES	1,200	513,331	60	28	66,734	42,745	624,098
Southwest	FIRES	739	201	12	42	524	1,055	2,573
	ACRES	36,161	5,326	187	4,334	33,753	460,529	540,290
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,440	544	35	41	1,666	712	4,438
	ACRES	158,882	67,791	4,183	1,497	665,539	190,115	1,088,007
Eastern Area	FIRES	834		64	19	8,825	612	10,354
	ACRES	2,010		4,823	403	85,217	12,461	104,914
Southern Area	FIRES	661		79	46	15,104	614	16,504
	ACRES	130,022		34,238	16,752	259,677	81,599	522,288
TOTAL	FIRES	5,289	2,889	306	347	35,022	6,730	50,583
	ACRES	818,881	3,325,635	96,299	134,059	1,761,952	2,846,034	8,982,860

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>64,052</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,742,483</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			1	1			2
	ACRES			300	8			308
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						13	13
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						33	33
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				215			215
Southern Area	FIRES					19		19
	ACRES					232		232
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	2	19	0	22
	ACRES	0	0	300	223	232	46	801

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	11	15	28
	ACRES				18	13,445	218	13,681
Northwest	FIRES	8	62	20	2		172	264
	ACRES	3,502	6,029	1,886	17		32,465	43,899
Northern California	FIRES	3	13	37	24	3	156	236
	ACRES	108	203	23,422	187	15	13,137	37,072
Southern California	FIRES		6	9	5	6	129	155
	ACRES		1,521	1,526	946	1,831	4,997	10,821
Northern Rockies	FIRES	26	9	75	3	35	193	341
	ACRES	3,060	4,609	18,436	233	1,812	20,869	49,019
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	2	4	22	45	84
	ACRES		898	188	230	418	25,186	26,920
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	4	3	15	4	30
	ACRES		825	419	413	3,079	221	4,957
Southwest	FIRES	31	18	12	18		140	219
	ACRES	1,214	8,519	5,512	470		43,289	59,004
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	39	13	113	21	14	51	251
	ACRES	5,406	1,543	22,880	2,492	1,290	8,662	42,273
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		505	50	980	152	1,724
	ACRES	22,116		81,114	9,284	58,483	57,595	228,592
Southern Area	FIRES	23		146	53	9,390	861	10,473
	ACRES	4,783		59,839	37,634	494,135	817,034	1,413,425
TOTAL	FIRES	167	136	923	185	10,476	1,918	13,805
	ACRES	40,189	24,147	215,222	51,924	574,508	1,023,673	1,929,663

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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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