

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, November 15, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (36 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2(\*)  
 Large fires contained: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 3  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

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

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

**Eastern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 NIMO's committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Hurricane Sandy Support, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Two Type 1 incident management teams are assigned.

Two Type 1 Teams (Wilder and Opliger) are assigned.

- Wilder: Is assisting the state Fire Marshall with coastal assessments in New Jersey. Will be released tomorrow.

- Opliger: Is assisting with emergency road clearing coordination in New Jersey. Will be released today.

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

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

**Creek**, San Luis Obispo Unit, Cal Fire. Twelve miles west of San Luis Obispo, CA. Brush and hardwood slash. 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
Creek	CA	SLU	530	0	75	UNK	321	-104	9	14	2	0	1MM	ST

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 13  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **WF Willow Slough**, McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge. Thirteen miles west of Port Arthur, TX. Tall grass. Structures threatened. No further information received.

**Pilot Mountain**, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. Twenty miles northwest of Winston-Salem, NC. Hardwood litter. No new information.

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* WF Willow Slough	TX	FWS	1,500	---	0	UNK	30	---	0	3	1	0	5K	FWS
Pilot Mountain	NC	NCS	675	---	80	11/15	83	---	3	2	1	0	25K	ST
Spade	VA	VAF	839	89	100	---	29	-23	0	4	1	1	70K	FS
* Noble Again	NC	ECA	119	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	35K	BIA

VAF – George Washington and Jefferson NF      ECA - Eastern Cherokee Agency

**Other Fires**

(As of November 9)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	1	47,154	0	0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	2	3	9	10	4	205
NR	1	8,815	0	0	0	1
EB	1	1,601	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	2	6,563	0	0	0	7
RM	5	3,698	0	4	3	50
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	12	67,834	9	14	7	263

**Predictive Services Discussion:** High pressure over the central U.S. will keep cool and dry weather over most of the country. A few showers will develop over the central California mountains and along the Northwest coast.

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



**Today's discussion is from the  
Weather / Fire Behavior Category.**

## **FREQUENT SPOT FIRES ACROSS THE LINE**

There are few watchout situations that state more clearly how much potential your fire has for rapid, uncontrolled growth. Consider the following questions if you are getting spot fires across your line:

- Can you handle increased spotting? List some ways you can keep ahead of spot fires (gridding the green, lookouts, etc.)
- What is your probability of ignition doing? Is it increasing or decreasing?
- Do you have a plan for long-range spotting? In what fuel type and under what conditions will you likely have long-range spotting? What types of plans can you think of for handling long-range spotting?
- Is help available if necessary? What kinds of resources will you have in place or order to handle spot fires?
- If fire behavior increases, is your position still defensible? Discuss what type of action you might take if a spot fire takes off.
- Do you have more than one safety zone in case one gets cut off? Describe how you might have multiple safety zones.
- Do the primary lookouts have a good view of the situation? Discuss who might be acting as a lookout (e.g., crew member, air resources, etc.) and how you will get good information from that person. (Are you relying on an air attack that is busy with air tankers?)
- Where are you in the burning period? Talk about how your tactics may vary from finding spot fires early in the day to later into the evening. Review Probability of Ignition (PIG) and what it can tell you about spotting potential.
- To reduce the risk, be ready to retreat. Keep your guard up even if spotting has not occurred for a few hours. Review fires where you have had frequent spot fires and what you learned about controlling them.

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)  
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

### 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					4	1	5
	ACRES					2	0	2
Southern California	FIRES		1			7	2	10
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
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							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					17		17
Southern Area	FIRES			1		8	4	13
	ACRES			1,500		662	71	2,233
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	27	7	36
	ACRES	0	0	1,500	0	681	71	2,252

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	39	30	22	300	5	400
	ACRES	164	51,616	39,629	76,752	107,600	0	275,761
Northwest	FIRES	129	228	27	29	880	983	2,276
	ACRES	44,236	1,138,445	1,902	20	46,410	268,088	1,499,101
Northern California	FIRES	123	24	1	13	2,824	603	3,588
	ACRES	275	423,780	1	28,526	34,356	284,597	771,535
Southern California	FIRES	35	244	12	65	3,255	693	4,304
	ACRES	47	40,773	8	2,197	42,142	12,664	97,831
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,306	211	47	23	917	852	3,356
	ACRES	415,987	306,113	11,419	5,210	206,255	489,383	1,434,367
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	61	853	1	33	856	611	2,415
	ACRES	30,314	793,885	2	2,130	222,046	1,003,500	2,051,877
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	634	4	16	205	140	1,004
	ACRES	1,200	503,356	61	28	66,740	42,737	614,122
Southwest	FIRES	756	202	13	42	549	1,088	2,650
	ACRES	38,891	5,326	187	4,334	33,945	461,651	544,334
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,683	558	41	47	2,078	758	5,165
	ACRES	172,908	69,831	4,274	2,096	760,692	207,309	1,217,110
Eastern Area	FIRES	834		65	21	9,056	644	10,620
	ACRES	2,010		4,823	403	118,696	12,568	138,500
Southern Area	FIRES	636		85	46	16,658	661	18,086
	ACRES	122,869		36,332	16,752	271,750	82,467	530,170
TOTAL	FIRES	5,572	2,993	326	357	37,578	7,038	53,864
	ACRES	828,901	3,333,125	98,638	138,448	1,910,632	2,864,964	9,174,708

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>69,591</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>7,453,669</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		4				1	5
	ACRES		127				20	147
Northern California	FIRES				0		4	4
	ACRES				6		541	547
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						8	8
Northern Rockies	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						18	18
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			0	1	2
	ACRES		190			361	15	566
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						104	104
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES				2	1		3
	ACRES				12	1		13
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						52	52
TOTAL	FIRES	0	5	0	2	1	7	15
	ACRES	0	317	0	18	362	758	1,455

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	11	15	28
	ACRES				18	13,449	218	13,685
Northwest	FIRES	20	104	21	3		527	675
	ACRES	4,053	10,690	1,986	39		48,388	65,156
Northern California	FIRES	5	13	35	29	3	196	281
	ACRES	121	203	2,387	335	15	12,298	15,359
Southern California	FIRES		7	13	7	6	132	165
	ACRES		2,421	2,781	1,283	1,831	5,128	13,444
Northern Rockies	FIRES	26	19	75	5	155	330	610
	ACRES	3,060	4,716	18,436	240	7,162	23,596	57,210
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		17	3	5	35	77	137
	ACRES		1,535	245	240	1,900	27,640	31,560
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	4	4	17	4	33
	ACRES		825	419	1,657	3,100	245	6,246
Southwest	FIRES	30	20	12	21		177	260
	ACRES	1,938	8,994	5,515	6,230		64,243	86,920
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	14	116	22	24	57	275
	ACRES	6,589	1,543	24,710	2,487	1,283	8,854	45,466
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		509	53	993	165	1,757
	ACRES	22,116		83,814	9,453	59,035	58,244	232,662
Southern Area	FIRES	21		154	54	9,865	906	11,000
	ACRES	4,543		61,723	39,434	501,799	842,319	1,449,818
TOTAL	FIRES	181	198	942	205	11,109	2,586	15,221
	ACRES	42,420	30,927	202,016	61,416	589,574	1,091,173	2,017,526

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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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