

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, October 16, 2008 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (75 new fires)  
 New large fires: 1 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0  
 Fire Use Teams committed: 0

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. \*\*

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

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 34  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2

**Sesnon**, Los Angeles County FD. Unified command between Cal Fire IMT 1 (Hodson), Ventura County FD, Los Angeles County FD and Los Angeles City FD. Seven miles northeast of Simi Valley, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

**Marek**, Angeles NF. Unified command between IMT 1 (Opliger), Los Angeles County FD and Los Angeles City FD. Five miles east of San Fernando, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior.

**Juliett**, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Fiorella) back to local unit will occur today. Nine miles northeast of Oceanside, CA. Chaparral and grass. Minimal fire activity.

**Chalk**, Los Padres NF. Nine miles north of Gorda, CA. Chaparral. 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
Sesnon	CA	LAC	13,285	0	50	10/18	2,847	509	57	252	2	62	7.9M	CNTY
Marek	CA	ANF	4,824	0	92	10/16	499	-974	5	48	5	65	4.1M	FS
Juliett	CA	MCP	4,026	46	90	10/17	6	-673	0	2	0	0	NR	DOD
Chalk	CA	LPF	11,310	0	97	10/17	215	-21	5	7	5	0	17.2M	FS

## Northwest Area (PL 1)

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

**Camp Wilmont**, Colville Agency, BIA. Eighteen miles south of Inchelium, WA. Grass. 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
* Camp Wilmont	WA	COA	355	---	80	10/16	17	---	0	7	0	0	NR	BIA

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Warm and dry conditions continue today in southern California. Dry conditions will persist across the Southeast. Hurricane Omar will pass between Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands early today.

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



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### Helicopter Performance and Effectiveness

Certain helicopter missions push the limits of the aircraft's performance capabilities. Items that reduce the effectiveness and increase the risk of the mission include weight, temperature, altitude, and visibility.

- Helicopter missions that transport external loads increase risk.
- Helicopters reach their maximum performance capabilities as temperature and/or altitude increase.
- All helicopters have different maximum performance capabilities, so be aware of the capabilities of the specific helicopter that you are working with.
- Low-level helicopter operations often occur in heavy smoke where hazards (e.g., trees, snags, antennas, visibility, turbulence, and other aircraft) increase the risk level significantly.
- Determine the risk level for every mission. Is the risk level acceptable? Can the risk be mitigated? If the risk is not acceptable or it cannot be mitigated, then the mission should not be flown.
- A large part of the success of a helicopter mission is the result of good communications between the pilot and the user on the ground.
- Accurate target and hazard descriptions are essential to a safe mission. Locate this information and relay it to the pilot. Things to consider in the target description include:

- Have you considered what the target would look like from the air?
- Are you located where the pilot can see you?
- Do you have a signal mirror?
- Are you using cardinal directions or clock directions in relation to the track of the aircraft?
- What is the wind direction? Provide this information to the pilot.
- Are all firefighters clear of the drop area?
- Is there a safer way to carry out an effective suppression action?

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	355						355
Northern California	FIRES		1			3	1	5
	ACRES		1			4	0	5
Southern California	FIRES					27	7	34
	ACRES					40	19	59
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		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					10	1	11
	ACRES					40	7	47
Southern Area	FIRES					21	1	22
	ACRES					538	1	539
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	0	63	10	75
	ACRES	355	1	0	0	622	27	1,005

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		14	19	1	300	3	337
	ACRES		644	1,352	0	60,651	0	62,647
Northwest	FIRES	307	263	25	76	795	1,491	2,957
	ACRES	36,698	100,027	8,227	649	91,484	45,318	282,403
Northern California	FIRES	178	44	8	38	3,255	991	4,514
	ACRES	694	72	175	12,991	308,461	640,799	963,192
Southern California	FIRES	77	131	14	48	3,744	553	4,567
	ACRES	385	26,884	871	3,715	53,480	299,828	385,163
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,000	79	20	13	724	646	2,482
	ACRES	20,592	14,819	7,898	9,332	150,438	21,050	224,129
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	500	5	29	548	457	1,588
	ACRES	8,884	70,967	513	927	22,796	34,517	138,604
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	271	6	17	81	70	453
	ACRES	10	21,928	51	6	3,376	45,425	70,796
Southwest	FIRES	681	230	9	52	705	960	2,637
	ACRES	19,490	81,219	679	982	263,268	96,135	461,773
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	629	374	25	26	579	361	1,994
	ACRES	2,128	17,446	2,015	318	186,755	9,413	218,075
Eastern Area	FIRES	349		17	29	9,662	312	10,369
	ACRES	1,961		157	72	54,424	719	57,333
Southern Area	FIRES	1,033		264	67	25,536	623	27,523
	ACRES	64,964		72,221	55,692	1,386,883	39,439	1,619,199
TOTAL	FIRES	4,311	1,906	412	396	45,929	6,467	59,421
	ACRES	155,806	334,006	94,159	84,684	2,582,016	1,232,643	4,483,314

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,880</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,338,439</b>

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### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES			3			1	4
	ACRES			62			150	212
Northern California	FIRES		1				4	5
	ACRES		180				5,969	6,149
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				50			50
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						68	68
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					171		171
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		5				50	55
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	3	0	2	7	14
	ACRES	0	185	62	50	171	6,237	6,705

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	11	44	37	2		163	257
	ACRES	2,596	21,769	2,855	51		20,940	48,211
Northern California	FIRES	25	15	20	17	13	119	209
	ACRES	415	977	23,960	473	2,370	9,142	37,337
Southern California	FIRES		4	7	7	6	129	153
	ACRES		118	1,337	1,426	73	13,132	16,086
Northern Rockies	FIRES	23	23	61	6	57	258	428
	ACRES	2,095	4,280	17,338	1,152	2,883	26,428	54,176
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	28	6	10	27	83	158
	ACRES	860	10,965	376	3,633	3,074	27,093	46,001
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	4	4		4	16
	ACRES		2,655	90	66		2,437	5,248
Southwest	FIRES	37	65	11	14		210	337
	ACRES	4,562	39,908	20,031	2,445		71,896	138,842
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	27	36	108	20	47	140	378
	ACRES	2,971	6,442	19,451	4,983	5,964	41,352	81,163
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		345	17	1,771	98	2,276
	ACRES	30,335		57,596	860	129,983	11,456	230,230
Southern Area	FIRES	14		195	82	489	897	1,677
	ACRES	6,515		106,072	60,846	268,032	893,139	1,334,604
TOTAL	FIRES	186	219	794	179	2,420	2,101	5,899
	ACRES	50,349	87,114	249,106	75,935	416,369	1,117,015	1,995,888

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		7	15	5	1		28
	ACRES		7,397	31,830	1,420	3		40,650
Northwest	FIRES				15		24	39
	ACRES				159		2,938	3,097
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						9,301	9,301
Southern California	FIRES				13		8	21
	ACRES				4,132		15,263	19,395
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		49	51
	ACRES				0		11,852	11,852
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		30	31
	ACRES				0		49,998	49,998
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		10	13
	ACRES		81		0		10,148	10,229
Southwest	FIRES				2		21	23
	ACRES				112		17,958	18,070
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		2		5	12
	ACRES		25		0		54,645	54,670
Eastern Area	FIRES			3				3
	ACRES			3				3
Southern Area	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						1,986	1,986
TOTAL	FIRES	0	14	18	41	1	162	236
	ACRES	0	7,503	31,833	5,823	3	174,089	219,251

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