

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, October 23, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (43 new fires)
 New large fires: 0 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 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 49 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment that are not shown on today's report.

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents.

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

Southwest Area (PL 2)

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

Bachelor, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Nine miles southeast of Christopher Creek, AZ. Timber. Moderate 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
Bachelor	AZ	ASF	700	155	70	10/24	108	0	5	6	1	0	180K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Arizona and southern California will see warm temperatures, low humidity and light winds today. The rest of the West will be dry except for precipitation over the Pacific Northwest.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Wildland / Urban Interface Category.

Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

● Consider the “Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts” in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or “chimneys” on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.

Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.

- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

References: [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg11

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					7	2	9
	ACRES					63	5	68
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1		1	4	4	10
	ACRES		0		1	0	9	10
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	7	1			4	6	18
	ACRES	15	130			76	828	1,049
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					5		5
TOTAL	FIRES	7	4	0	1	18	13	43
	ACRES	15	132	0	1	145	842	1,135

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	49	42	21	376	27	516
	ACRES	1	764,818	754,710	101,190	1,321,312	10	2,942,041
Northwest	FIRES	389	320	26	80	1,084	1,452	3,351
	ACRES	9,573	30,770	2,353	2,221	56,169	48,499	149,585
Northern California	FIRES	155	64	4	39	2,794	883	3,939
	ACRES	1,464	1,535	5	1,759	63,112	36,828	104,703
Southern California	FIRES	43	184	16	33	3,387	578	4,241
	ACRES	1,589	4,208	45	6,021	23,719	268,515	304,097
Northern Rockies	FIRES	818	121	18	33	650	845	2,485
	ACRES	4,110	1,015	398	10,878	24,722	24,236	65,359
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	49	544	5	30	621	554	1,803
	ACRES	106	69,628	226	7,039	18,164	42,286	137,449
Western Great Basin	FIRES	10	403	9	11	102	143	678
	ACRES	2,440	29,479	150	22	956	318	33,365
Southwest	FIRES	841	261	10	63	904	1,361	3,440
	ACRES	47,069	88,632	3,843	8,010	288,004	144,383	579,941
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	615	475	19	29	704	403	2,245
	ACRES	3,295	10,642	535	67	73,088	8,004	95,631
Eastern Area	FIRES	438		42	29	12,950	566	14,025
	ACRES	1,241		889	110	113,102	6,701	122,043
Southern Area	FIRES	700		236	54	34,821	590	36,401
	ACRES	90,892		48,206	44,166	964,437	31,087	1,178,788
TOTAL	FIRES	4,059	2,421	427	422	58,393	7,402	73,124
	ACRES	161,780	1,000,727	811,360	181,483	2,946,785	610,867	5,713,002

Ten Year Average Fires	70,862
Ten Year Average Acres	6,422,780

*** 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		3	1			23	27
	ACRES		66	210			411	687
Northern California	FIRES				3		19	22
	ACRES				53		368	421
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						63	63
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2	1	4	7
	ACRES				8	467	198	673
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1	1		1	12	15
	ACRES		310	403		915	855	2,483
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		11	12
	ACRES				5		1,683	1,688
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						115	115
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						3,285	3,285
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	2	6	2	72	86
	ACRES	0	376	613	66	1,382	6,978	9,415

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					3,438	95	3,533
Northwest	FIRES	18	151	25	4	1	188	387
	ACRES	6,487	34,499	3,833	47	1	34,418	79,285
Northern California	FIRES	26	17	27	65	23	209	367
	ACRES	224	2,515	27,707	2,567	2,540	11,673	47,226
Southern California	FIRES	1	10	14	11	1	132	169
	ACRES	1	636	1,932	1,465	195	10,911	15,140
Northern Rockies	FIRES	35	29	92	4	49	307	516
	ACRES	9,656	4,466	21,824	353	4,384	27,931	68,614
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	29	5	14	48	135	232
	ACRES	8	13,437	1,628	701	2,822	27,247	45,843
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	2			6	12
	ACRES		1,652	62			859	2,573
Southwest	FIRES	41	27	3	4		268	343
	ACRES	13,370	49,437	501	530		132,154	195,992
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	77	49	132	16	54	158	486
	ACRES	9,652	5,241	21,328	7,706	2,076	33,631	79,634
Eastern Area	FIRES	71		547	51	2,657	211	3,537
	ACRES	72,390		78,315	9,251	155,056	53,053	368,065
Southern Area	FIRES	7		287	85	816	1,120	2,315
	ACRES	3,056		156,381	92,929	299,369	1,012,512	1,564,247
TOTAL	FIRES	277	316	1,134	254	3,658	2,735	8,374
	ACRES	114,844	111,883	313,511	115,549	469,881	1,344,484	2,470,152

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

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