

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, September 11, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 4**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (123 new fires)
New large fires:	9 (*)
Large fires contained:	7
Uncontained large fires: **	34
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	7
Type 2 IMTs committed:	13

Nationally, there are 78 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

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

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

Type 2 Incident Management Team (Pechota) is assigned to Tropical Storm Lee recovery at Hancock Air National Guard Base in Syracuse, New York and will establish and manage a mobilization center.

Two MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel from the 153<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing, Cheyenne (Wyoming Air National Guard) have been activated and will operate from Boise, Idaho. Two MAFFS C-130 aircraft from the 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs (US Air Force Reserve), and two MAFFS from the 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte (North Carolina Air National Guard) and support personnel have been activated and will operate from Austin, Texas.

**Southern Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	13
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	17
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3

A NIMO (Kleinman) and a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Opliger) are assigned to provide support to existing and new fires in Texas.

**Bastrop County Complex** (two fires), Texas Forest Service. IMT 1 (Wilder). Six miles northeast of Bastrop, TX. Southern rough. Flare ups and smoldering. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Northeast Texas Fire Complex**, Texas Forest Service. IMT 1 (Morcom). Includes previously reported #536 Bear Creek, Old Magnolia Complex and Moore fires. Four miles southwest of Linden, TX. Smoldering and creeping.

**Riley Road**, Texas Forest Service. Eleven miles southwest of Montgomery, TX. Timber. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.



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
Pine Valley	OK	OKS	120	---	70	9/13	22	---	0	9	0	0	3K	ST
Ferguson	OK	WMR	39,907	0	100	---	142	-119	2	14	1	13	3.3M	FWS
Delhi	TX	TXS	6,000	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	6	NR	ST
Lutherhill	TX	TXS	2,700	-630	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	6	NR	ST
504	TX	TXS	503	-297	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
508	TX	TXS	400	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* 537	TX	TXS	150	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

WMR – Wichita Mountain NWR

### **Northwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 12  
 New large fires: 3  
 Uncontained large fires: 8  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 8

**Monastery Complex**, Washington DNR. Washington IMT 2 (LaFave). Twelve miles northeast of Goldendale, WA. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Dollar Lake**, Mt. Hood NF. IMT 1 (Pendleton). Sixteen miles south of Hood River, OR. Timber. Torching and crown runs.

**Cactus Mountain**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. IMT 2 (West). Seventeen miles northeast of Imnaha, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**Shadow Lake**, Deschutes NF. NIMO (Gage). Fifteen miles west of Sisters, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior. Evacuations in effect.

**Chicken Hill**, Wallowa-Whitman NF. Washington IMT 2 (Reed). Forty-eight miles southwest of La Grande, OR. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**High Cascades Complex** (two fires), Warm Springs Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Goff). Timber, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

**Big Hump**, Olympic NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Ten miles west of Brinnon, WA. Timber. Isolated torching.

**Mother Lode**, Mt Hood NF. IMT 2 (Kidd). Ten miles northwest of Detroit, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior.

**Little Butte**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. Sixteen miles northeast of Medford, OR. Timber. No new information.

\* **Skookum Complex** (two fires), Umpqua NF. IMT 2 (Walker). Eight miles east of Diamond Lake, OR. Timber litter. Moderate fire activity.

\* **Lone Mountain**, Rogue River-Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Fillis). Started on BLM land four miles southwest of O'Brien, OR. Timber and brush. Creeping and smoldering.

\* **Garden**, Lakeview District, BLM. Eight miles north of Fort Rock, OR. Grass. Active fire behavior.

**Buffalo**, Lakeview District, BLM. Twenty-three miles southeast of Christmas Valley, OR. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. 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
Monastery Complex	WA	SES	4,251	0	30	9/14	869	298	15	100	8	50	2.2	ST
Dollar Lake	OR	MHF	4,763	85	N/A	N/A	680	-145	17	26	9	0	7.5	FS
Cactus Mountain	OR	WWF	7,700	3,700	N/A	N/A	120	3	2	10	3	0	720K	FS
Shadow Lake	OR	DEF	7,900	600	N/A	N/A	690	18	16	24	6	0	5.6	FS
Chicken Hill	OR	WWF	120	---	40	9/11	196	---	5	6	2	0	250K	FS
High Cascades Complex	OR	WSA	108,096	185	85	9/16	1,208	-206	31	60	3	3	24.6	BIA
Big Hump	WA	OLF	890	40	N/A	N/A	81	4	1	0	1	0	598K	FS
Mother Lode	OR	MHF	1,235	385	N/A	N/A	144	-10	4	0	3	0	940K	FS
Little Butte	OR	RSF	467	---	95	9/11	411	---	15	13	0	0	1.8M	FS
* Skookum Complex	OR	UPF	512	---	N/A	N/A	86	---	3	1	0	0	NR	FS
* Lone Mountain	OR	RSF	160	---	0	UNK	92	---	4	10	2	0	NR	BLM
* Garden	OR	LAD	1,650	---	50	9/15	22	---	0	8	0	0	1M	BLM
Buffalo	OR	LAD	1,400	-600	80	UNK	20	0	0	6	0	0	30K	BLM

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 20  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2

\* **Keene Complex** (three fires), Kern County FD. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Chaney). Thirty-nine miles southeast of Bakersfield, CA. Brush. Several communities at risk. Active fire behavior.

\* **Comanche** (two fires), Kern County FD. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Lawshe). Eight miles southeast of Arvin, CA. Chaparrel and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Milton**, Tuolumne-Calaveras Unit, Cal Fire. Eight miles east of Farmington, CA. Grass. Minimal fire activity. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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
* Keene Complex	CA	KRN	3,600	---	0	UNK	406	---	1	0	9	0	880K	CNTY

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
* Comanche	CA	KRN	2,625	---	0	UNK	300	---	11	30	1	0	NR	CNTY
Milton	CA	TCU	1,000	---	70	UNK	7	-117	0	2	0	0	100K	ST
Canyon	CA	KRN	14,585	0	100	---	23	-844	0	1	0	100	10.4M	CNTY

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3 )**

New fires: 12  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 2  
NIMOs committed: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Salt**, Salmon-Challis NF. NIMO (Houseman) and IMT 2 (Sommer). Sixteen miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Castro**, Boise NF. Previously reported incident. Thirteen miles northeast of Lowman, ID. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Black Canyon**, Salmon-Challis NF. Sixteen miles southwest of Salmon, ID. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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
Salt	ID	SCF	19,464	1,240	19	UNK	414	-46	6	18	7	0	10.1M	FS
Castro	ID	BOF	3,699	---	N/A	N/A	44	---	2	0	2	0	440K	FS
Black Canyon	ID	SCF	2,330	---	15	UNK	47	---	1	2	0	0	1.2M	FS

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 3 )**

New fires: 14  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 0  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Forty One Complex** (three fires), Bitterroot NF. IMT 1 (Poncin). Eight miles east of Hamilton, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

**Saddle Complex – Bitterroot Branch**, Bitterroot NF. IMT 2 (Cook). Thirty miles southwest of Darby, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity.

**Stewart**, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. IMT 2 (Heintz). Eight miles southeast of Wisdom, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity.

**Lutz**, Beaverhead/Deerlodge NF. Twenty miles west of Phillipsburg, MT. Timber. Interior torching, creeping and smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Puzzle**, Flathead NF. Twenty miles east of Essex, MT. Timber. Moderate fire activity. 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
Forty One Complex	MT	BRF	7,634	478	N/A	N/A	271	83	7	6	3	0	1.5M	FS
Saddle Complex-Bitterroot Branch	MT	BRF	14,939	40	N/A	N/A	133	14	3	6	3	0	3.4M	FS
Stewart	MT	BDF	2,430	0	N/A	N/A	131	-17	2	1	2	0	400K	FS
Lutz	MT	BDF	3,606	1,356	N/A	N/A	41	-24	2	0	1	0	1.6M	FS
* Puzzle	MT	FNF	450	---	N/A	N/A	6	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FS

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2 )**

New fires: 6  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

\* **Reservoir**, Big Horn NF. Eighteen miles east of Shell, WY. Timber. Moderate fire activity. 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
* Reservoir	WY	BHF	250	---	N/A	N/A	6	---	0	1	0	0	175K	FS

**Eastern Area (PL 1 )**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 Type 2 IMT's committed: 1

**Pagami Creek**, Superior NF. Minnesota IMT 2 (Peterson). Thirteen miles northeast of Ely, MN. Timber and 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
Pagami Creek	MN	SUF	2,750	1,000	N/A	N/A	65	-27	2	0	2	0	1.1M	FS

**Northern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 20  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Onion**, Klamath NF. Fifteen miles southeast of Cecilville, CA. Timber litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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
Onion	CA	KNF	560	---	90	UNK	100	---	4	0	2	0	597K	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:**

Isolated thunderstorms will develop over the Sierras as an upper level low drifts over southern California. Isolated thunderstorms will also develop over the central Idaho mountains. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will form from Wyoming to Arizona with a few producing heavy rain around the Four-Corners region. Hot and dry conditions will continue over Texas and Oklahoma. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will dot the Midwest and New England in the afternoon.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Today's discussion is from the  
Fireline Safety Category.

### **BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW**

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and down slope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations  
Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		3		1	2	6	12
	ACRES		0		0	0	717	717
Northern California	FIRES					17	3	20
	ACRES					6	1	7
Southern California	FIRES		2		1		17	20
	ACRES		1		0		1	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				3	9	14
	ACRES	51				101	982	1,134
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5		2	4	1	12
	ACRES		142		0	0	676	818
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4			1	1	6
	ACRES		178			150	15	343
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			1	10	13
	ACRES	1	2			0	1	4
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		4			1	1	6
	ACRES		0			2	181	183
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	4	2	7
	ACRES				0	4	0	4
Southern Area	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					176		176
TOTAL	FIRES	3	19	0	5	46	50	123
	ACRES	52	323	0	0	439	2,574	3,388

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	26	28	17	417	9	499
	ACRES	8	47,653	36,823	7,790	199,818	1	292,093
Northwest	FIRES	211	229	9	42	428	915	1,834
	ACRES	111,640	111,943	89	284	7,707	12,151	243,814
Northern California	FIRES	73	16	5	14	1,518	221	1,847
	ACRES	67	2,475	4	2,178	7,490	5,741	17,955
Southern California	FIRES	18	304	5	25	2,851	369	3,572
	ACRES	224	3,222	3	1,060	41,690	29,132	75,331
Northern Rockies	FIRES	469	77	6	21	472	617	1,662
	ACRES	26,689	56,867	141	1,126	12,294	56,488	153,605
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	29	583	2	21	527	447	1,609
	ACRES	2,252	251,023	26	620	91,874	62,371	408,166
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	358	10	15	151	46	596
	ACRES	3,328	77,439	759	3	19,803	369	101,701
Southwest	FIRES	864	335	13	57	992	1,261	3,522
	ACRES	34,145	125,772	5,374	21,717	633,275	1,283,255	2,103,538
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	617	396	28	39	835	474	2,389
	ACRES	7,140	20,336	3,509	2,476	292,437	64,346	390,244
Eastern Area	FIRES	341		29	23	3,946	249	4,588
	ACRES	355		2,815	100	26,210	16,939	46,419
Southern Area	FIRES	735		244	78	32,852	909	34,818
	ACRES	126,420		80,527	56,036	3,327,281	35,450	3,625,714
TOTAL	FIRES	3,375	2,324	379	352	44,989	5,517	56,936
	ACRES	312,268	696,730	130,070	93,390	4,659,879	1,566,243	7,458,580

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>60,379</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,169,258</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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	3	12		16
	ACRES			20	35	8,513		8,568
Northwest	FIRES	8	44	7	1		122	182
	ACRES	5,268	6,885	429	42		8,661	21,285
Northern California	FIRES	15	16	22	21		141	215
	ACRES	61	655	19,522	141		5,389	25,768
Southern California	FIRES		10	10	4	15	75	114
	ACRES		756	1,963	1,060	2,260	2,090	8,129
Northern Rockies	FIRES	39	14	46	1	16	96	212
	ACRES	1,321	893	8,389	141	211	6,610	17,565
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	18	3	2	37	27	87
	ACRES	54	9,671	1,023	678	740	7,215	19,381
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	9	16
	ACRES		121	550		64	296	1,031
Southwest	FIRES	18	29	3	4		88	142
	ACRES	1,725	192,296	1,428	46		73,234	268,729
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	39	33	96	18	45	122	353
	ACRES	4,817	5,597	14,339	6,940	8,554	30,301	70,548
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		350	32	846	139	1,397
	ACRES	60,283		48,465	3,899	49,790	41,435	203,872
Southern Area	FIRES	42		142	24	1,441	566	2,215
	ACRES	7,835		74,469	13,997	305,750	460,055	862,106
TOTAL	FIRES	191	168	681	110	2,414	1,385	4,949
	ACRES	81,364	216,874	170,597	26,979	375,882	635,286	1,506,982

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

## Canada Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	3	3	540	11,946
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	53	39,746
ALBERTA	23	10	1,042	940,055
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	14	205	431,940
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	261	339,956
MANITOBA	0	0	269	84,309
ONTARIO	20	161	1,136	627,244
QUEBEC	1	0	274	12,423
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	5	48	407
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	71	39
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	115	133
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	1
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	61	84,664
TOTALS	48	192	4,076	2,572,865

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