

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, October 15, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (33 new fires)  
 New large fires: 0 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 3  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 52 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.

**Southern Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 13  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

A NIMO (Gage) and an IMT 1 (Quesinberry) are assigned to provide support to existing and new fires in Texas.

**Honey Prairie**, Okefenokee NWR. Previously reported incident. Five miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

**Lloyd Creek**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Seven miles south of Hampton, AR. Timber. 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
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	309,175	---	76	UNK	75	---	0	10	2	1	52.9M	FWS
Lloyd Creek	AR	ARS	100	---	80	UNK	8	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST

**Eastern Area (PL 2)**

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

**Pagami Creek**, Superior NF. Transfer of command from Minnesota IMT 2 (Peterson) to IMT 2 (Kollmeyer) will occur 10/17. Thirteen miles northeast of Ely, MN. Timber and grass. Smoldering. Light precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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Pagami Creek	MN	SUF	92,682	0	90	UNK	362	-8	9	4	5	2	20.2M	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A weak cold front will stretch across the northwestern US, bringing scattered rain and snow showers to the northern Rockies. Otherwise, warm conditions will continue across the western two-thirds of the nation. A strong low pressure system over southeastern Canada will keep scattered rain and thunderstorms along with gusty winds over the Great Lakes and New England. The Southeast will be sunny and warm.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Motorized Operations Category.

### ATV Safety

The use of ATVs for wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire operations has increased dramatically over the last ten years. Note: Several agencies have required training for ATV operations (check your agency's requirements).

- Most injuries associated with ATVs occur when:
  - the driver loses control (When the operator encounters a change of terrain or swerves to avoid an obstacle, it causes an abrupt change of balance and loss of control.)
  - the vehicle rolls over
  - the driver or passenger is thrown off
  - the operator's loss of attention to what, where, and how an ATV is being operated
  - or there is a collision with a fixed object
- Identified contributing factors to ATV accidents include:
  - rider inexperience
  - excessive speed--excessive speed, combined with rough terrain, can create enough pitch and bounce to cause the operator to lose control of the vehicle
  - lack of helmet use
  - the ATV is improperly loaded or load weight exceeds vehicle operation capacity
  - the operator carries a passenger that affects the operators control and operation of the ATV
- Safety measures for ATV use include:
  - Conduct pre-ride inspection-- This inspection should include checking tires, throttle cable, front and rear brakes, lights and switches, oil and fuel, chain or drive shaft, air filter, clean out of weeds and other debris from around engine and other hot components, and the chassis for any defects or wear.
  - Single riders only--Injuries frequently occur to passengers, therefore riding double should not be permitted.
  - Always wear PPE- helmets, eye protection, and protective clothing. Appropriate helmets are those designed for motorcycle (not firefighting) use, and should include safety visors/face shields, goggles, or safety glasses for eye protection.
  - Use headlights to improve visibility by other vehicles
  - Maintain speeds acceptable for riding conditions, especially over uneven terrain
  - Traversing slopes should be avoided
  - Mounted or towed loads should not exceed manufacturer's recommendation and should be properly mounted so that weight transfer does not affect the center of gravity of the machine-- mounting a tank (e.g., drip torch) on the rear of the vehicle increases the chances for a rear turnover.
  - Do not drive on public roads - Collisions with automobiles on public roads are the most common cause of fatal ATV accidents. It may be illegal to operate an ATV on public roads— check your state's laws.

References: [Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)  
[Safety and Occupational Health Manual Handbook, BLM-1112-1](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES					9	3	12
	ACRES					2	1	3
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				1		2
	ACRES	1				8		9
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					516		516
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	29	3	33
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	528	1	530

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	27	29	17	429	9	513
	ACRES	8	47,653	36,823	7,790	200,742	3	293,019
Northwest	FIRES	223	284	9	45	576	1,032	2,169
	ACRES	111,647	133,071	89	1,216	15,067	27,551	288,641
Northern California	FIRES	86	31	6	20	2,128	409	2,680
	ACRES	70	2,624	5	2,180	9,357	8,674	22,910
Southern California	FIRES	23	360	5	47	3,331	502	4,268
	ACRES	225	13,782	3	2,216	52,961	31,800	100,987
Northern Rockies	FIRES	509	77	7	28	536	713	1,870
	ACRES	28,979	56,868	174	1,131	15,467	89,614	192,233
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	32	651	2	24	548	520	1,777
	ACRES	2,267	275,871	26	621	95,899	77,159	451,843
Western Great Basin	FIRES	17	475	13	18	180	80	783
	ACRES	3,343	288,119	778	4	131,001	6,816	430,061
Southwest	FIRES	911	347	13	56	1,024	1,350	3,701
	ACRES	31,840	115,743	5,374	18,442	638,235	1,291,398	2,101,032
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	731	433	33	40	863	516	2,616
	ACRES	24,901	24,325	2,598	2,490	320,448	76,765	451,527
Eastern Area	FIRES	350		34	23	4,402	282	5,091
	ACRES	368		2,856	100	59,861	108,081	171,266
Southern Area	FIRES	918		258	81	35,742	993	37,992
	ACRES	138,544		121,703	57,147	3,368,306	35,714	3,721,414
TOTAL	FIRES	3,802	2,685	409	399	49,759	6,406	63,460
	ACRES	342,192	958,056	170,429	93,337	4,907,344	1,753,575	8,224,933

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>65,345</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,503,474</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					6	7
	ACRES	17					487	504
Northern California	FIRES			1	2		7	10
	ACRES			23	220		977	1,220
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				3	4
	ACRES		715				81	796
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					275	170	445
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		30				436	466
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	1	2	1	19	26
	ACRES	17	745	23	220	275	2,151	3,431

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	3	13	5	22
	ACRES			20	35	8,548	451	9,054
Northwest	FIRES	13	66	19	1		252	351
	ACRES	5,558	15,324	1,013	42		27,989	49,926
Northern California	FIRES	19	19	27	30		191	286
	ACRES	120	655	19,732	590		8,208	29,305
Southern California	FIRES		10	10	6	15	79	120
	ACRES		756	1,963	1,617	2,260	2,803	9,399
Northern Rockies	FIRES	39	21	67	6	43	214	390
	ACRES	1,321	2,774	11,101	4,681	1,476	31,814	53,167
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	18	3	4	34	61	120
	ACRES	54	9,800	1,023	797	1,135	17,447	30,256
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	1	8	2	11	28
	ACRES		569	550	2,574	64	1,661	5,418
Southwest	FIRES	18	29	3	7		86	143
	ACRES	2,075	20,286	1,428	356		78,732	102,877
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	55	37	102	20	48	114	376
	ACRES	6,162	7,080	15,861	7,454	8,749	33,381	78,687
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		359	33	863	145	1,430
	ACRES	60,283		49,825	3,900	51,522	41,682	207,212
Southern Area	FIRES	42		143	24	1,446	690	2,345
	ACRES	7,835		74,544	13,997	306,063	579,604	982,043
TOTAL	FIRES	216	206	735	142	2,464	1,848	5,611
	ACRES	83,408	57,244	177,060	36,043	379,817	823,772	1,557,344

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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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