

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, November 3, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (113 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: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 14 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.

**Eastern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 4  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3

**Minninghaw**, Mark Twain NF. Includes previously reported Deer Camp incident. Seven miles west of Bunker, MO. Logging slash, hardwood litter and grass. Moderate fire activity.

\* **West Fork**, Mark Twain NF. Ten miles east of Bunker, MO. Logging slash. Moderate fire activity.

**Silo**, Agassiz NWR. Fourteen miles northeast of Thief River Falls, MN. Timber and peat. Smoldering.

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
Minninghaw	MO	MTF	4,800	4,300	25	UNK	17	-10	0	1	0	0	10K	FS
* West Fork	MO	MTF	310	---	25	11/3	23	---	0	3	0	0	5K	FS
Silo	MN	AGR	200	0	30	11/7	24	-1	0	6	0	0	90K	FWS

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 71  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Hilltop Road**, Oklahoma DOF. Twelve miles east of Muskogee, OK. Hardwood litter. 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
Hilltop Road	OK	DOF	125	---	85	UNK	2	---	0	1	0	0	5K	ST

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

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

**Lime Creek**, South Dakota DOF. Thirteen miles northwest of Edgemont, SD. Grass. 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
Lime Creek	SD	SDS	300	---	20	UNK	66	---	2	9	0	0	50K	ST

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Moderate offshore winds will continue over parts of coastal southern California mountains and foothills in the morning with speeds up to 20 to 30 mph and low relative humidity. Conditions will dissipate by afternoon as onshore takes over. Lee trough developing over the northern Plains will bring dry and windy conditions to eastern Montana, Wyoming and the western Dakotas. Gusty winds in a dry air mass behind a cold front will develop across eastern Oklahoma and Texas.

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



**Today's discussion is from the  
Fireline Safety Category.**

### **COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES**

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mop-up stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

#### **References:**

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 4  
[Fireline Handbook](#)  
[Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					4		4
Northern California	FIRES	1	1			15	3	20
	ACRES	0	7			102	35	144
Southern California	FIRES					14	3	17
	ACRES					1	0	1
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			1		1	2	4
	ACRES			200		21	4,805	5,026
Southern Area	FIRES					70	1	71
	ACRES					265	1	266
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	1	0	101	9	113
	ACRES	0	7	200	0	393	4,841	5,441

### 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	230	278	10	45	577	898	2,038
	ACRES	111,676	145,476	90	1,216	15,071	22,695	296,224
Northern California	FIRES	103	32	6	20	2,207	422	2,790
	ACRES	86	2,631	5	2,180	9,697	8,574	23,173
Southern California	FIRES	24	378	6	49	3,496	529	4,482
	ACRES	225	13,866	4	2,217	55,685	32,303	104,300
Northern Rockies	FIRES	625	77	7	27	545	727	2,008
	ACRES	30,499	56,868	174	1,131	15,837	89,881	194,390
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	33	654	2	24	562	533	1,808
	ACRES	2,269	275,752	26	566	95,871	77,684	452,168
Western Great Basin	FIRES	17	483	13	18	183	81	795
	ACRES	3,343	283,900	778	4	131,252	6,816	426,093
Southwest	FIRES	914	349	13	56	1,045	1,361	3,738
	ACRES	36,251	111,731	5,374	18,452	638,678	1,291,358	2,101,844
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	782	447	33	40	874	518	2,694
	ACRES	25,264	24,251	2,598	2,491	327,352	76,794	458,750
Eastern Area	FIRES	427		32	23	4,570	291	5,343
	ACRES	886		3,045	100	55,924	112,913	172,868
Southern Area	FIRES	920		265	85	35,503	1,023	37,796
	ACRES	138,555		121,834	57,161	3,371,777	35,937	3,725,264
TOTAL	FIRES	4,077	2,725	416	404	49,991	6,392	64,005
	ACRES	349,062	962,128	170,751	93,308	4,917,886	1,754,958	8,248,093

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>68,901</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,814,258</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	1	4				5	10
	ACRES	200	326				144	670
Northern California	FIRES	4		1	1		12	18
	ACRES	98		52	397		1,551	2,098
Southern California	FIRES			1			10	11
	ACRES			1,344			48	1,392
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					560	147	707
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						143	143
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						300	300
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1		0	2	2	5
	ACRES		23		33	704	283	1,043
Eastern Area	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				100		1,729	1,829
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						533	533
TOTAL	FIRES	5	5	2	2	3	37	54
	ACRES	298	349	1,396	530	1,264	4,878	8,715

### 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	18	84	22	1		293	418
	ACRES	7,497	17,833	1,264	42		35,516	62,152
Northern California	FIRES	28	19	28	33		235	343
	ACRES	324	655	22,425	1,048		14,264	38,716
Southern California	FIRES		10	14	9	15	91	139
	ACRES		756	3,733	1,856	2,260	3,563	12,168
Northern Rockies	FIRES	39	24	68	11	74	308	524
	ACRES	1,321	3,663	11,308	4,701	3,318	36,313	60,624
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	22	3	7	41	79	152
	ACRES	54	11,071	1,023	839	1,449	19,380	33,816
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	1	8	2	12	29
	ACRES		569	550	2,574	64	1,816	5,573
Southwest	FIRES	20	29	4	12	1	112	178
	ACRES	4,919	20,286	1,553	4,573	5	86,843	118,179
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	57	43	109	23	59	133	424
	ACRES	7,243	7,532	16,470	7,578	14,232	35,787	88,842
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		367	37	886	152	1,472
	ACRES	60,283		50,240	4,004	52,798	43,491	210,816
Southern Area	FIRES	42		151	25	1,447	699	2,364
	ACRES	7,835		77,474	16,997	306,098	581,912	990,316
TOTAL	FIRES	234	237	768	169	2,538	2,119	6,065
	ACRES	89,476	62,365	186,060	44,247	388,772	859,336	1,630,256

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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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