National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Tuesday, September 13, 2016 – 0530 MT National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity

| Initial attack activity: | Light (101 new fires) |
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| New large incidents: | 4 |
| Large fires contained: | 0 |
| Uncontained large fires:** | 14 |
| Area Command Teams Committed: | 0 |
| NIMOs committed: | 1 |
| Type 1 IMTs committed: | 4 |
| Type 2 IMTs committed: | 4 |
| **Uncontained large fires include only fires | being managed under a full suppression strategy. |
| Link to Geographic Area daily reports. | |

| Southern California Area (PL 3) | |
|---------------------------------|----|
| New fires: | 26 |
| New large incidents: | 0 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 2 |
| Type 1 IMTs committed: | 2 |

Soberanes, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (T. Kurth) to IMT 1 (Opliger) will occur today. Seven miles northwest of Big Sur, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running, spotting and flanking. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Cedar, Sequoia NF. Five miles north of Alta Sierra, CA. Timber and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc | \$\$ | Origin |
|---------------|--------|---------|------|----|------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|------|--------|--------|
| | | Acres | Chge | 70 | Comp | LSt | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | Lost | CTD | Own |
| Soberanes | CA-BEU | 105,705 | 63 | 60 | Ctn | 9/30 | 1,384 | 112 | 20 | 67 | 17 | 68 | 194.1M | ST |
| Cedar | CA-SQF | 29,322 | 0 | 98 | Ctn | 9/24 | 146 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 58.4M | FS |

Northern California (PL 3)

| New fires: | 14 |
|--------------------------|----|
| New large incidents: | 0 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 3 |
| Type 1 IMTs Committed: | 1 |
| Type 2 IMTs Committed: | 1 |

Willard, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Bravo). Five miles west of Susanville, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with wind-driven runs, short-range spotting and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Gap, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (J. Kurth). Four miles east of Seiad Valley, CA. Timber, brush and hardwood slash. Moderate fire behavior with uphill runs, torching and flanking. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Howard, Lassen-Modoc Unit, Cal Fire. One mile southwest of Canby, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc | \$\$ | Origin |
|---------------|--------|--------|-------|----|------|------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----|------|------|-------|--------|
| meident Name | Onic | Acres | Chge | 70 | Comp | L31 | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | Lost | CTD | Own |
| Willard | CA-LMU | 2,522 | 1,522 | 10 | Ctn | 9/22 | 1,677 | 1,055 | 44 | 125 | 9 | 0 | 789K | ST |
| Gap | CA-KNF | 33,867 | 1,543 | 85 | Ctn | 9/30 | 1,082 | -48 | 19 | 43 | 4 | 14 | 26.3M | FS |
| Howard | CA-LMU | 418 | 68 | 74 | Ctn | 9/14 | 201 | 66 | 7 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 175K | ST |

Great Basin Area (PL 3)

| New fires: | 10 |
|--------------------------|----|
| New large incidents: | 2 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 2 |
| Type 1 IMTs committed: | 1 |

Pioneer, Boise NF. IMT 1 (Martin). Eight miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching, short runs and backing. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Berry, Grand Teton NP. Nineteen miles northwest of Moran, WY. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, torching and backing. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* Alcorn, Salt Lake Field Office, BLM. Two miles south of Goshen, UT. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

* **Gorge**, Bridger-Teton NF. Fifteen miles northeast of Pinedale, WY. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior with group torching, uphill runs and spotting. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc | \$\$ | Origin |
|---------------|--------|---------|-------|----|------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|------|-------|--------|
| | | Acres | Chge | 70 | Comp | 230 | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | Lost | CTD | Own |
| Pioneer | ID-BOF | 185,895 | 1,519 | 56 | Ctn | 10/15 | 893 | -140 | 20 | 23 | 9 | 6 | 87.4M | FS |
| Berry | WY-GTP | 20,801 | 4,001 | 60 | Comp | 10/1 | 203 | 110 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 8.2M | NPS |
| * Alcorn | UT-SLD | 735 | | 50 | Ctn | 9/13 | 77 | | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 50K | BLM |
| * Gorge | WY-BTF | 175 | | 0 | Comp | UNK | 12 | | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5K | FS |

Northwest Area (PL 2)

| New fires: | 7 |
|--------------------------|---|
| New large incidents: | 1 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 3 |
| Type 2 IMTs committed: | 1 |

Rock Creek, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. IMT 2 (Knerr). Twelve miles northwest of Naches, WA. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

* **Old Lady Creek**, Spokane District, BLM. Eight miles west of Roosevelt, WA. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running and spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Elmer City, Colville Agency, BIA. One mile north of Elmer City, WA. Timber and short grass. No new information.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc | \$\$ | Origin |
|---------------------|--------|-------|------|----|------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|------|------|--------|
| | | Acres | Chge | /0 | Comp | 201 | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | Lost | CTD | Own |
| Rock Creek | WA-OWF | 616 | -288 | 15 | Ctn | 9/18 | 324 | 70 | 8 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 450K | FS |
| * Old Lady Creek | WA-SPD | 2,500 | | 25 | Ctn | 9/14 | 53 | | 0 | 26 | 0 | 1 | 100K | BLM |
| Elmer City | WA-COA | 2,000 | | 0 | Ctn | 9/13 | 45 | | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 50K | BIA |

Rocky Mountain (PL 2)

| New fires: | 9 |
|--------------------------|---|
| New large incidents: | 0 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 3 |
| NIMOs Committed: | 1 |

Snake, Medicine Bow NF. Eighteen miles southwest of Encampment, WY. Timber. Active fire behavior with torching, short crown runs and flanking. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

Beaver Creek, Routt NF. NIMO (Houseman). NIMO is also managing the Broadway fire. Twenty-four miles north of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with torching. Numerous structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Broadway, Medicine Bow NF. Thirty miles northwest of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with torching. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

| Incident | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc | \$\$ | Origin |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------|----|------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|------|-------|--------|
| Name | Offic | Acres | Chge | 70 | Comp | L31 | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | Lost | CTD | Own |
| Snake | WY-MBF | 2,600 | 2,000 | 0 | Ctn | 9/18 | 124 | 58 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 10K | FS |
| Beaver Creek | CO-RTF | 38,264 | 394 | 72 | Ctn | 10/21 | 168 | -3 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 17 | 28.1M | FS |
| Broadway | WY-MBF | 2,107 | 864 | 7 | Ctn | 10/21 | 36 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.5M | FS |

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

| New fires: | 5 |
|--------------------------|---|
| New large incidents: | 0 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 1 |
| Type 2 IMTs Committed: | 2 |

Copper King, Lolo NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Staats) back to the local unit will occur today. Seven miles east of Thompson Falls, MT. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Maple, Yellowstone NP. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Hutton) back to the local unit will occur today. Four miles northeast of West Yellowstone, MT. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

| Incident Name | Unit | Si | ze | % | Ctn/ | Est | Perso | onnel | Re | source | es | Strc | \$\$ | Origin |
|---------------|--------|--------|-------|----|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|--------|------|------|-------|--------|
| meident Name | | Acres | Chge | 70 | Comp | 230 | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | Lost | CTD | Own |
| Copper King | MT-LNF | 28,553 | 0 | 80 | Ctn | 10/31 | 219 | -109 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 26.6M | FS |
| Maple | WY-YNP | 45,377 | 1,887 | 88 | Comp | 10/15 | 154 | -61 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6M | NPS |

| <u>Southern Area (PL 1)</u> | |
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| New fires: | |
| New large incidents: | |
| Uncontained large fires: | |

* **Pridy**, Texas A & M Forest Service. Started on private land five miles south of Talpa, TX. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

| Incident Name | Unit | Jnit Size % Ctn/ Est | | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | Strc | \$\$ | Origin | | | |
|---------------|--------|----------------------|------|-----|-----------|------|-----------|------|------|------|--------|------|-----|-----|
| meident Name | | Acres | Chge | 70 | Comp | 231 | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | Lost | CTD | Own |
| * Pridy | TX-TXS | 400 | | 30 | Comp | 9/13 | 6 | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1K | ST |

| Active | Incid | ent Resource Si | ummar | у | | |
|--------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| GACC | Fires | Cumulative Acres | Crews | Engines | Helicopters | Total Personnel |
| AICC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NWCC | 6 | 65,146 | 18 | 88 | 3 | 855 |
| ONCC | 4 | 37,695 | 72 | 188 | 14 | 3,093 |
| OSCC | 3 | 167,633 | 26 | 73 | 19 | 1,560 |
| NRCC | 9 | 84,872 | 9 | 18 | 3 | 521 |
| GBCC | 17 | 224,596 | 39 | 64 | 24 | 1,681 |
| SWCC | 2 | 280 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 29 |
| RMCC | 6 | 63,337 | 8 | 16 | 9 | 405 |
| EACC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SACC | 1 | 400 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| Total | 48 | 643,959 | 172 | 454 | 72 | 8,153 |

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|--------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
| Alaska Area | FIRES | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Alaska Alba | ACRES | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Northwest Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 14 |
| Northern California Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,618 | 42 | 2,660 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 8 | 26 |
| Southern California Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1,863 | 1,864 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Northern Rockies Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 | 104 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 10 |
| Great Dasin Area | ACRES | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6,250 | 0 | 2,380 | 8,633 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| Southwest Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 81 |
| Decky Mountain Area | FIRES | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | ACRES | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 1,460 | 1,525 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Easielli Alea | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southorn Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 2 | 20 |
| Southern Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 1 | 35 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 2 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 59 | 32 | 101 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 0 | 15 | 0 | 6,250 | 2,815 | 5,827 | 14,907 |

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | IRES | 0 | 183 | 0 | 0 | 341 | 18 | 542 |
| Alaska Area | ACRES | 0 | 394,877 | 0 | 0 | 104,822 | 3 | 499,702 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 294 | 226 | 28 | 26 | 1,103 | 583 | 2,260 |
| nonnwest Area | ACRES | 37,894 | 337,737 | 2,117 | 2,480 | 18,458 | 46,105 | 444,791 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 102 | 8 | 1 | 25 | 2,266 | 346 | 2,748 |
| Northern California Area | ACRES | 141 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 40,476 | 41,174 | 81,809 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 11 | 84 | 9 | 41 | 2,650 | 323 | 3,118 |
| Southern California Area | ACRES | 5,971 | 30,032 | 370 | 1,086 | 178,326 | 236,900 | 452,685 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 755 | 97 | 11 | 26 | 1,149 | 434 | 2,472 |
| NOTITIETT ROCKIES Area | ACRES | 14,895 | 5,791 | 2,013 | 69,077 | 38,103 | 60,659 | 190,538 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 30 | 687 | 7 | 51 | 569 | 465 | 1,809 |
| Gleat Dasili Alea | ACRES | 12,445 | 298,855 | 3 | 24,241 | 150,488 | 272,205 | 758,237 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 669 | 227 | 10 | 63 | 977 | 1,087 | 3,033 |
| Southwest Area | ACRES | 86,508 | 66,480 | 6,976 | 32,186 | 131,388 | 243,679 | 567,217 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIRES | 739 | 403 | 14 | 23 | 1,113 | 468 | 2,760 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | ACRES | 22,670 | 34,762 | 615 | 2,128 | 459,412 | 73,994 | 593,581 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 490 | 0 | 25 | 19 | 5,841 | 365 | 6,740 |
| Lastern Area | ACRES | 2,007 | 0 | 1,087 | 910 | 33,599 | 7,159 | 44,762 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 363 | 1 | 54 | 54 | 16,230 | 457 | 17,159 |
| | ACRES | 133,237 | 1 | 1,327 | 27,567 | 928,818 | 43,585 | 1,134,535 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 3,453 | 1,916 | 159 | 328 | 32,239 | 4,546 | 42,641 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 315,768 | 1,168,547 | 14,509 | 159,680 | 2,083,890 | 1,025,463 | 4,767,857 |

| Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today) | 55,676 |
|--|-----------|
| Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today) | 6,027,600 |

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Alaska Alea | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nonthwest Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern California Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern California Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Rockies Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Great Dasin Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 150 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Southwest Area | ACRES | 0 | 150 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 150 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 470 | 470 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lasteni Alea | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 33 |
| Southern Alea | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 484 | 0 | 484 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 34 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 0 | 150 | 0 | 0 | 484 | 620 | 1,254 |

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | FIRES | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Alaska Area | ACRES | 0 | 31,664 | 0 | 0 | 1,566 | 38 | 33,268 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 9 | 22 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 152 | 189 |
| Northwest Area | ACRES | 8,752 | 1,991 | 356 | 0 | 0 | 24,097 | 35,196 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 4 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 125 | 147 |
| | ACRES | 41 | 90 | 3,356 | 328 | 0 | 8,244 | 12,059 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 136 | 146 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 71 | 422 | 760 | 0 | 3,587 | 4,840 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 12 | 12 | 53 | 11 | 14 | 155 | 257 |
| Northern Nockies Area | ACRES | 5,316 | 4,358 | 12,318 | 651 | 698 | 15,609 | 38,950 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 4 | 23 | 6 | 5 | 35 | 75 | 148 |
| Gleat Dasili Alea | ACRES | 110 | 5,582 | 3,584 | 128 | 915 | 26,136 | 36,455 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 8 | 31 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 128 | 180 |
| Southwest Area | ACRES | 894 | 26,741 | 92 | 2,333 | 2 | 63,060 | 93,122 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIRES | 29 | 33 | 58 | 24 | 67 | 72 | 283 |
| Nocky Mountain Area | ACRES | 4,278 | 4,040 | 26,221 | 10,952 | 4,402 | 29,976 | 79,869 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 87 | 0 | 349 | 24 | 911 | 182 | 1,553 |
| | ACRES | 45,614 | 0 | 51,090 | 5,781 | 61,779 | 56,098 | 220,362 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 21 | 0 | 199 | 65 | 10,807 | 925 | 12,017 |
| | ACRES | 4,269 | 0 | 165,187 | 51,546 | 680,159 | 844,063 | 1,745,224 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 174 | 134 | 687 | 147 | 11,837 | 1,951 | 14,930 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 69,274 | 74,537 | 262,626 | 72,479 | 749,521 | 1,070,908 | 2,299,345 |

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

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

Predictive Services Discussion: High pressure will build across the northcentral U.S. behind a cold front stretching from the southern Rockies to the Great Lakes. Another area of high pressure will remain over the East with a lingering front along the Gulf and Southeast Coasts. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms will continue over the southern Rockies through the central Great Basin. Showers and thunderstorms will develop across the Plains from West Texas to the Great Lakes. Thunderstorms will also continue along the Gulf and Southeast Coasts much of the West and central U.S., with mild conditions in the Northeast and warm weather in the South and far Southwest.



HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SELECTION

Aviation Category

Consider the following points when selecting a landing area for a helicopter:

- Locate a flat area that is of sufficient size for the helicopter you are expecting to land.
 - Type I -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 30 feet by 30 feet; safety circle measuring 110 feet in diameter.
 - Type II -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 20 feet by 20 feet; safety circle measuring 90 feet in diameter.
 - Type III -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 15 feet by 15 feet; safety circle measuring 75 feet in diameter.
- Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, and obstructions such as trees, poles, and especially overhead wires.
- The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or anything over 18 inches high.
- Consider the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind.
- Choose an approach free of obstructions. Any obstruction should be relayed to the helicopter crew during initial radio contact.
- Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing area such as trash, blankets, hats, or equipment.
- Wet down the landing area if dusty conditions are present.

References: Incident Response Pocket Guide Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide (IHOG)

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