

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, September 23, 2016 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (66 new fires)
New large incidents:	0
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:**	9
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

\*\*Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

On September 21<sup>st</sup> a Ventura County firefighter was fatally injured in a motor vehicle accident while responding to the Canyon Fire in Santa Barbara County, California. The firefighting community extends condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	10
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Soberanes**, San Benito-Monterey Unit, Cal Fire. IMT 1 (Opliger). Seven miles northwest of Big Sur, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Canyon**, Vandenberg Airforce Base Fire Department, DOD. IMT 2 (Mills) Four miles west of Lompoc, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Road and area closures in effect.

**Owens River**, Inyo NF. Ten miles northeast of Mammoth Lakes, CA. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with. Structures and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Soberanes	CA-BEU	125,494	150	73	Ctn	9/30	2,110	-192	36	144	21	68	219.2M	ST
Canyon	CA-AFV	12,518	165	90	Ctn	9/26	910	-232	12	73	14	0	9.6M	DOD
Owens River	CA-INF	5,443	0	71	Ctn	9/30	541	-95	12	48	7	4	2.9M	FS

**Northern California (PL 3)**

New fires: 16  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs Committed: 1

**Soup Complex**, Modoc NF. IMT 2 (Kurth). Sixteen miles northeast of Likely, CA. Timber, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Soup Complex	CA-MDF	2,647	140	50	Ctn	10/31	619	-360	18	18	4	0	3.9M	FS

**Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

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

**Pioneer**, Boise NF. IMT 2 (Bird). Eight miles north of Idaho City, ID. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Briggs**, Fishlake NF. Previously reported incident. Ten miles northeast of Beaver, UT. Timber. Active fire behavior with group-torching. Area and trail closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Pioneer	ID-BOF	188,404	0	64	Ctn	10/15	440	-40	8	16	4	6	93.7M	FS
Briggs	UT-FIF	8,883	1,683	70	Comp	10/1	13	-5	0	1	1	0	1.4M	FS

**Southwest Area (PL 1)**

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

**Fulton**, Tonto NF. IMT 1 (Day). Twenty-five miles east of Payson, AZ. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

**Fill**, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Previously reported incident. Ten miles west of Show Low, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Fulton	AZ-TNF	1,736	0	51	Ctn	9/30	393	32	9	15	3	0	2.3M	FS
Fill	AZ-ASF	1,613	1,313	0	Comp	9/28	14	-16	0	3	0	0	40K	FS

**Rocky Mountain (PL 2)**

New fires: 1  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3

**Beaver Creek**, Routt NF. Twenty-four miles north of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with torching, backing and creeping. Residences and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Broadway**, Medicine Bow NF. Thirty miles northwest of Walden, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with torching, backing and creeping. Road, area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Silver Creek**, Routt NF. Ten miles east of Phippsburg, CO. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Beaver Creek	CO-RTF	38,380	0	72	Ctn	10/21	72	-33	1	4	2	17	29.8M	FS
Broadway	WY-MBF	2,121	0	10	Ctn	10/21	1	-1	0	0	0	0	2.9M	FS
Silver Creek	CO-RTF	470	0	0	Ctn	10/7	15	0	0	3	0	0	545K	FS
Snake	WY-MBF	2,565	0	100	Ctn	---	60	-91	1	2	1	0	2.2M	FS

MBF – Medicine Bow NF

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	2	43,089	2	4	0	104
ONCC	2	36,442	13	9	1	562
OSCC	5	143,855	65	320	42	3,928
NRCC	6	31,527	0	1	0	10
GBCC	20	222,873	8	21	14	541
SWCC	6	6,550	12	29	3	517
RMCC	5	60,098	2	10	3	153
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	0	1,681	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>546,115</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>5,815</b>

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	7	4	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	13	1	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	8	2	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	11	2,418	2,429
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	165	0	0	0	0	270	435
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	0	4	6
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	24	1	25
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	71	2	73
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>165</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>2,950</b>

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

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	183	0	0	357	19	<b>559</b>
	ACRES	0	390,223	0	0	104,837	3	<b>495,063</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	298	235	30	26	1,213	614	<b>2,416</b>
	ACRES	41,131	323,059	2,778	2,480	18,507	46,164	<b>434,119</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	108	9	1	25	2,415	371	<b>2,929</b>
	ACRES	145	227	1	5	41,432	44,992	<b>86,802</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	12	83	9	46	2,768	346	<b>3,264</b>
	ACRES	5,971	30,035	370	1,089	199,217	293,943	<b>530,625</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	777	99	11	27	1,239	446	<b>2,599</b>
	ACRES	14,905	5,851	2,013	61,914	42,012	60,667	<b>187,362</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	33	716	7	54	598	498	<b>1,906</b>
	ACRES	12,448	299,688	3	22,598	151,152	279,052	<b>764,941</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	667	237	10	63	986	1,108	<b>3,071</b>
	ACRES	79,459	66,640	6,976	32,186	131,392	250,155	<b>566,808</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	742	433	14	24	1,139	489	<b>2,841</b>
	ACRES	22,677	34,847	615	2,140	460,181	80,670	<b>601,130</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	490	0	25	20	5,907	367	<b>6,809</b>
	ACRES	2,007	0	1,087	910	33,707	7,160	<b>44,871</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	365	1	57	64	16,865	459	<b>17,811</b>
	ACRES	133,240	1	1,479	28,535	941,005	43,587	<b>1,147,847</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,492</b>	<b>1,996</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>33,487</b>	<b>4,717</b>	<b>44,205</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>311,983</b>	<b>1,150,571</b>	<b>15,322</b>	<b>151,857</b>	<b>2,123,442</b>	<b>1,106,393</b>	<b>4,859,568</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>57,242</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>6,248,984</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	8	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	17	0	429	446
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	30	30
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	105	105
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	23	0	0	0	0	0	23
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	40	1	41
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,054	40	1,094
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>1,701</b>

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	2	1	4
	ACRES	0	0	12	0	33,218	38	33,268
Northwest Area	FIRES	9	23	7	1	0	172	212
	ACRES	8,752	2,049	374	17	0	25,861	37,053
Northern California Area	FIRES	4	1	9	9	0	124	147
	ACRES	41	90	3,356	328	0	8,244	12,059
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	5	4	2	0	136	147
	ACRES	0	71	422	820	0	3,587	4,900
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	13	29	54	12	12	169	289
	ACRES	5,356	6,016	12,860	951	434	17,190	42,807
Great Basin Area	FIRES	7	29	6	8	34	72	156
	ACRES	125	7,851	3,584	1,356	905	27,773	41,594
Southwest Area	FIRES	8	31	3	9	5	129	185
	ACRES	894	26,931	92	2,333	3,365	61,722	95,337
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	37	33	59	25	67	72	293
	ACRES	6,511	4,040	26,224	11,889	4,402	30,656	83,722
Eastern Area	FIRES	87	0	350	24	911	186	1,558
	ACRES	45,614	0	51,128	5,781	61,779	56,289	220,591
Southern Area	FIRES	21	0	195	66	11,033	936	12,251
	ACRES	4,269	0	162,507	51,547	683,941	847,042	1,749,306
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>186</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>12,064</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>15,242</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>71,562</b>	<b>47,048</b>	<b>260,559</b>	<b>75,022</b>	<b>788,044</b>	<b>1,078,402</b>	<b>2,320,637</b>

\*\*\* 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:** An upper level storm system will cross the West while high pressure builds over the central U.S. A weak front will stall across the Northeast. Scattered rain and snow will move through the Great Basin and the northern and central Rockies. Showers will also spread into the High Plains and the Great Lakes region. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop in the Southeast. Cold conditions will continue across much of the Northwest, the Great Basin and the Rockies with cool weather spreading along the Canadian border to New England. The Plains, the South and the Midwest will remain warm.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



## COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

*Weather / Fire Behavior Category*

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 air tankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and air tankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

#### References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide

[Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)

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