

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, November 18, 2016 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (151 new fires)
New large incidents:	14
Large fires contained:	6
Uncontained large fires:**	35
Area Command Teams Committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
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 Area (PL 5)**

New fires:	121
New large incidents:	11
Uncontained large fires:	33
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

**Party Rock**, North Carolina Forest Service. IMT 2 (Brandon). One mile north of Lake Lure, NC. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with running, backing and single tree torching. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Chestnut Knob**, North Carolina Forest Service. IMT 2 (Kern). Three miles south of Enola, NC. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, flanking and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Rock Mountain**, Chattahoochee-Oconee NF. IMT 1 (Livingston). Two miles south of Tate City, GA. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Pinnacle Mountain**, South Carolina Forestry Commission. Three miles southeast of Rocky Bottom, SC. Hardwood Litter and Timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, flanking and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area and trail closures in effect.

**Tellico**, National Forests in North Carolina. IMT 1 (Dueitt). IMT is also managing the Boteler, Dick's Creek, Muskrat, and Cathy Gap fires. Three miles south of Almond, NC. Hardwood litter, timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road and trail closures in effect.

**Boteler**, National Forests in North Carolina. Nine miles east of Hayesville, NC. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Dick's Creek**, National Forests in North Carolina. Two miles northwest of Sylva, NC. Hardwood litter, short grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Muskrat**, North Carolina Forest Service. Eight miles southwest of Franklin, NC. Hardwood litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

\* **Cathy Gap**, National Forests in North Carolina. Four miles northwest of Balsam Grove, NC. Hardwood litter and timber. Extreme fire behavior with uphill runs, flanking and backing. Structures threatened.

**Maple Springs**, National Forests in North Carolina. IMT 2 (Esperance). Three miles northwest of Santeetlah Lake, NC. Hardwood litter, timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Tatum Gulf**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Eleven miles west of LaFayette, GA. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Eastern Cherokee Complex**, Eastern Cherokee Agency (2 fires). Four miles east of Cherokee, NC. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Rough Ridge**, Chattahoochee-Oconee NF. IMT 2 (Fogle). Thirteen miles northwest of Blue Ridge, GA. Hardwood litter, timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

**Raven Rock**, George Washington & Jefferson NF. Started on private land one mile east of Jenkins, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Trail closures in effect.

**Abner Br**, Kentucky DOF. Two miles southwest of Big Laurel, KY. Timber and Hardwood Litter. Active fire behavior.

**Timber Ridge**, Chattahoochee-Oconee NF. Three miles southeast of Tiger, GA. Hardwood litter and timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Half Way**, National Forests in Alabama. Six miles east of Sylacauga, AL. Closed timber litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Mowbray**, Tennessee DOF. Started on private land three miles northwest of Soddy Daisy, TN. Dormant brush, hardwood slash and timber. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Hwy 190**, Kentucky DOF. Two miles southwest of Pineville, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Poe Road**, Tennessee DOF. Four miles west of Soddy Daisy, TN. Timber and Hardwood Litter. Moderate fire behavior.

**Walters Rd**, Kentucky DOF. Two miles northeast of Pikeville, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

\* **Middlefield Fork Rd**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles west of Lick Creek, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Stiles**, Tennessee DOF. Started on private land six miles southeast of Madisonville, TN. Hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

\* **Quarry Creek**, Cherokee NF. Two miles east of Tellico Plains, TN. Hardwood litter, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with spotting, uphill runs and flanking. Structures threatened.

\* **Hurricane Creek**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles southwest of Stopover, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

\* **Big Branch**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles south of Rocksana, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Harless Creek**, Kentucky DOF. One mile east of Regina, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Grassy Knob**, Kentucky DOF. Five miles northeast of Middlesboro, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Pathfork**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles south of Pathfork, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Slope Hollow 2**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles south of Cumberland, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Couch**, Daniel Boone NF. Two miles northwest of Thousandsticks, KY. Hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Hollins Fork**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles north of Thousandsticks, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

**Scuddy 3**, Kentucky DOF. One mile south of Scuddy, KY. Hardwood litter and timber. Active fire behavior.

\* **Irwin Mill**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Two miles east of Fairmount, GA. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and isolated torching. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Party Rock	NC-NCS	6,712	998	32	Comp	12/01	920	494	18	46	2	0	2.7M	ST
Chestnut Knob	NC-NCS	5,929	429	29	Ctn	11/26	262	28	7	27	0	0	1M	ST
Rock Mountain	GA-CHF	8,545	546	30	Ctn	12/15	559	223	18	19	2	0	1.8M	FS
Pinnacle Mountain	SC-SCS	5,407	2,124	25	Ctn	12/01	223	29	8	16	3	0	975K	ST
Tellico	NC-NCF	13,874	27	81	Ctn	11/20	346	0	5	34	0	1	3.8M	FS
Boteler	NC-NCF	8,975	8	70	Ctn	12/15	488	62	9	25	6	0	6.9M	FS
Dick's Creek	NC-NCF	728	0	98	Ctn	UNK	1	-6	0	0	0	0	777K	FS
Muskrat	NC-NCS	103	0	98	Ctn	11/21	30	0	1	2	0	0	182K	ST
* Cathy Gap	NC-NCF	123	---	0	Ctn	11/25	35	---	1	4	0	0	75K	FS
Maple Springs	NC-NCF	7,741	36	51	Ctn	12/05	342	1	5	24	7	0	3.7M	FS
Tatum Gulf	GA-GAS	2,336	101	39	Ctn	11/30	102	-12	1	19	2	1	310K	ST
Eastern Cherokee Complex	NC-ECA	756	0	80	Ctn	11/18	80	-52	2	6	0	0	1.1M	BIA
Rough Ridge	GA-CHF	27,004	2,239	40	Comp	11/30	243	47	2	7	2	0	4.8M	FS
Raven Rock	VA-VAF	2,402	0	95	Ctn	11/18	75	0	2	2	0	2	790K	PRI
Abner Br	KY-KYS	1,113	113	75	Ctn	UNK	23	0	2	1	0	0	20K	ST
Timber Ridge	GA-CHF	888	0	50	Ctn	11/25	36	-18	2	1	0	0	180K	FS
Half Way	AL-ALF	850	350	75	Ctn	11/18	93	23	2	3	1	0	114K	FS
Mowbray	TN-TNS	830	80	70	Ctn	11/21	10	0	2	0	0	0	215K	PRI
Hwy 190	KY-KYS	800	0	80	Ctn	UNK	25	0	2	1	0	0	8K	ST

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Poe Road	TN-TNS	707	---	70	Ctn	11/21	6	---	1	0	0	0	162K	ST
Walters Rd	KY-KYS	374	---	50	Ctn	11/19	11	---	1	1	0	0	3K	ST
* Middlefield Fork Rd	KY-KYS	250	---	75	Ctn	11/19	18	---	2	0	0	0	2K	ST
Stiles	TN-TNS	220	---	82	Ctn	12/07	10	---	1	2	0	0	1K	PRI
* Quarry Creek	TN-CNF	200	---	15	Ctn	11/25	65	---	0	2	0	0	75K	FS
* Hurricane Creek	KY-KYS	190	---	60	Ctn	11/19	11	---	1	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Big Branch	KY-KYS	150	---	80	Ctn	11/19	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Harless Creek	KY-KYS	144	0	60	Ctn	UNK	9	0	1	1	0	0	2K	ST
Grassy Knob	KY-KYS	140	0	60	Ctn	UNK	9	0	1	1	0	0	3K	ST
* Pathfork	KY-KYS	130	---	60	Ctn	11/20	10	---	1	1	0	0	1K	ST
Slope Hollow 2	KY-KYS	130	0	80	Ctn	UNK	20	0	1	1	0	0	2K	ST
Couch	KY-DBF	128	---	70	Ctn	UNK	26	---	2	1	0	0	20K	FS
Hollins Fork	KY-KYS	125	0	80	Ctn	11/18	11	0	1	1	0	0	4K	ST
Scuddy 3	KY-KYS	100	0	80	Ctn	UNK	11	0	1	1	0	0	2K	ST
* Irwin Mill	GA-GAS	107	---	99	Ctn	11/21	14	---	0	4	0	0	5K	ST
Clinch Valley	VA-VAS	882	0	100	Ctn	---	15	-6	1	0	0	0	15K	ST
* Majestic	AL-ALS	375	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	PRI
* Beaver Gap	OK-NEU	280	---	100	Ctn	---	6	---	0	3	0	0	10K	ST
* Lee Creek	OK-NEU	150	---	100	Ctn	---	5	---	0	2	0	2	8K	ST
* Highline	OK-NEU	120	---	100	Ctn	---	4	---	0	1	0	0	8K	ST

VAS – Virginia DOF

ALS – Alabama Forestry Commission

NEU – Oklahoma DOF

### **Eastern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 6

New large incidents: 2

Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **New Home**, Mark Twain NF. Five miles northeast of Nebo, MO. Hardwood litter and short grass. Active fire behavior with running and creeping. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* New Home	MO-MTF	100	---	1	Ctn	11/19	13	---	0	2	0	0	7K	FS
* Ridgeway	PA-PAS	123	---	100	Ctn	---	58	---	2	8	0	0	10K	PRI

PAS – Pennsylvania Forest Fire Protection

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 9  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

\* **Hidden**, Sequoia NF. Twelve miles northeast of Springville, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and creeping. 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			
* Hidden	CA-SQF	303	---	0	Comp	12/03	137	---	6	5	0	0	150K	FS

<b>Active Incident Resource Summary</b>						
GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	2	346.09	7	10	3	197
NRCC	1	699	0	0	0	1
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	1	3,070	0	5	0	10
EACC	6	1,805	2	11	0	86
SACC	85	139,438	123	309	25	4,866
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>145,358.09</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5,160</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	0	5	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	7	1	9
	ACRES	0	12	0	0	1	2,176	2,189
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	3	1	0	4	0	8
	ACRES	0	24	0	0	0	0	24
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	3	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	6	13
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	116	5	121
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	969	249	1,218
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>2,433</b>	<b>3,447</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	390,706	0	0	104,837	3	<b>495,546</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	299	251	30	26	1,266	687	<b>2,559</b>
	ACRES	41,132	324,979	2,778	5,042	61,535	48,385	<b>483,851</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	111	9	1	26	2,749	432	<b>3,328</b>
	ACRES	145	227	1	5	48,990	46,110	<b>95,478</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	13	92	11	54	3,223	434	<b>3,827</b>
	ACRES	5,971	30,049	405	1,131	124,321	305,956	<b>467,833</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	800	99	11	27	1,260	472	<b>2,669</b>
	ACRES	14,733	5,851	2,013	61,914	42,192	61,511	<b>188,214</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	35	750	8	58	658	545	<b>2,054</b>
	ACRES	12,439	303,225	3	24,239	139,275	281,055	<b>760,236</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	871	248	11	65	914	1,170	<b>3,279</b>
	ACRES	80,802	66,535	6,976	32,187	131,858	259,618	<b>577,976</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	855	449	14	24	1,321	740	<b>3,403</b>
	ACRES	26,644	35,085	615	2,140	515,932	99,418	<b>679,834</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	519	0	30	53	8,707	428	<b>9,737</b>
	ACRES	2,209	0	1,113	966	59,903	7,872	<b>72,063</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	404	1	59	75	25,063	668	<b>26,270</b>
	ACRES	134,045	1	1,555	28,943	1,078,674	93,875	<b>1,337,093</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,907</b>	<b>2,082</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>45,518</b>	<b>5,595</b>	<b>57,685</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>318,120</b>	<b>1,156,658</b>	<b>15,459</b>	<b>156,567</b>	<b>2,307,517</b>	<b>1,203,803</b>	<b>5,158,124</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>65,441</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today)</b>	<b>6,787,367</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	6	0	0	0	17	23
	ACRES	0	1,254	0	0	0	2,043	3,297
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	ACRES	0	0	15	3	0	1,299	1,317
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	344	16	0	185	545
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	3	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	420	46	466
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	1	0	1	7	10
	ACRES	1	60	200	0	4	1,004	1,269
Southwest Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	0	1	4
	ACRES	6,043	0	0	16	0	200	6,259
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	1	1	0	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	20	200	0	36	256
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	14	0	14
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	407	0	407
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>6,044</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>13,816</b>



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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	2	0	2	1	5
	ACRES	0	0	18	0	33,218	38	33,274
Northwest Area	FIRES	14	126	20	2	9	421	592
	ACRES	9,554	12,647	1,159	29	1,128	58,647	83,164
Northern California Area	FIRES	8	2	11	18	0	228	267
	ACRES	103	219	3,813	2,697	0	22,821	29,653
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	5	10	5	0	149	169
	ACRES	0	71	1,419	1,407	0	5,477	8,374
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	15	32	59	13	93	460	672
	ACRES	5,520	6,243	14,333	956	4,236	27,289	58,577
Great Basin Area	FIRES	4	31	10	15	44	112	216
	ACRES	151	8,262	5,622	2,575	1,913	37,758	56,281
Southwest Area	FIRES	24	31	3	9	5	167	239
	ACRES	20,745	26,931	92	2,349	3,365	92,777	146,259
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	37	38	69	35	71	94	344
	ACRES	9,213	5,306	27,232	13,891	4,602	43,145	103,389
Eastern Area	FIRES	87	0	369	40	1,095	261	1,852
	ACRES	45,614	0	52,415	6,910	85,867	59,125	249,931
Southern Area	FIRES	24	0	197	69	12,422	948	13,660
	ACRES	4,767	0	162,624	51,834	719,872	849,885	1,788,982
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>213</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>13,741</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>18,016</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>95,667</b>	<b>59,679</b>	<b>268,727</b>	<b>82,648</b>	<b>854,201</b>	<b>1,196,962</b>	<b>2,557,884</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 trough will cross the Plains and Midwest while upper high pressure ridges remain along the East Coast and the Interior West. A cold front will continue moving east through the Mississippi Valley and the Great Lakes region, bringing scattered thunderstorms and rain ahead and snow behind. Windy conditions will develop across the Midwest behind the front. A storm system will approach the West Coast with rain beginning along the Cascades. Cold conditions will remain over most of the West and spread into the Plains and Upper Midwest. Warm to very warm weather will remain over the South to the Ohio Valley and Mid-Atlantic region.

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



## HAZARD TREE FELLING – HANG-UPS

*Felling Safety Category*

For decades, hazard trees have been associated with numerous deaths of workers assigned fire operations and project work. Incidents involving hazard trees are included in the top 5 life threats to wildland firefighters along with wildfire entrapment and motor vehicle accidents. In private industry, logging is recognized as the most dangerous occupation in the nation, and many associated fatalities involve felling hazard trees. Felling a hang-up hazard tree is a particularly hazardous and complex task.

Sawyers are to be reminded on how vital it is to constantly apply and maintain situational awareness and assess risks, particularly when faced with problem of a **hang-up** hazard tree.



In most cases, safely felling a hang-up requires extreme caution and expertise due to characteristic danger and complexity. The following are some topics experienced sawyers should review during 6 minutes for safety/tailgate safety discussions and cover in training modules specifically designed to address felling hang-up hazard trees:

- Cut/No Cut (walk-a-way) criteria
- Risk Assessment
- Situational Awareness Checklist
- Secure Felling Area
- No Work Zones (NWZ)
- Blasting option
- Equipment/cable option
- Role/responsibility of swamper/lookout
- Escape routes
- Pushing/driver tree opportunity
- Felling trees tied together
- Sidewinder potential
- Hazards of obscured view of top
- Need to keep looking up
- Weak/spiked tops, limb location/condition/density, and hidden defect/rot
- Prescribed step down (fence post/wafer) cutting techniques
- Rope Technique

References: [Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

**Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.**