

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, October 19, 2020 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (50 new fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires:***	32
Area Command teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	10

Nationally, there are 27 fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

***Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

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NIMO (Houseman) has been assigned to COVID-19 support at Forest Service headquarters in Washington, D.C.

NIMO (Reinarz) has been assigned to provide wildland fire support to California.

Five fire suppression crews and four overhead personnel from Mexico are supporting fire suppression efforts in southern California

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	8	869,889	9	25	2	642
ONCC	8	1,776,293	96	249	38	5,109
OSCC	8	788,794	44	73	34	2,297
NRCC	3	28,860	0	4	1	30
GBCC	8	191,947	10	44	14	624
SWCC	3	42,699	10	18	5	381
RMCC	11	438,210	60	223	43	3,134
EACC	2	213	0	8	0	29
SACC	3	11,822	0	1	0	8
Total	54	4,148,727	229	645	137	12,254

Northern California Area (PL 4)

New fires: 17
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 7
Area Command: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

August Complex (2 fires), Mendocino NF, USFS. Area Command Team (Stutler), IMT 1 (GB Team 1), IMT 1 (SW Team 1) and IMT 1 (GB Team 2). Fourteen miles northwest of Elk Creek, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing, flanking and smoldering. Several communities and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Slater, Klamath NF, USFS. IMT 2 (NW Team 7). IMT is also managing the Devil fire. Five miles northeast of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Several communities and communication infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Devil, Klamath NF, USFS. Five miles north of Seiad, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area and trail closures in effect.

Red Salmon Complex, Six Rivers NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 12). Fourteen miles northeast of Willow Creek, CA. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering. Several communities threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

North Complex, Plumas NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 11). One mile southwest of Crescent Mills, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, backing and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Fork, Eldorado NF, USFS. Fifteen miles northeast of Pollock Pines, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous structures and infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
August Complex	CA-MNF	891,320	0	86	Ctn	11/15	2,320	-188	47	95	20	881	128M	FS
Slater	CA-KNF	156,618	0	80	Ctn	11/1	596	2	9	20	4	440	44.1M	FS
Devil	CA-KNF	8,885	0	60	Ctn	11/1	0	0	0	0	0	0	679K	FS
Red Salmon Complex	CA-SRF	142,989	223	63	Ctn	11/15	762	22	15	44	6	0	95.8M	FS
North Complex	CA-PNF	318,930	0	94	Ctn	11/12	770	-48	14	24	4	2,352	166M	FS
Fork	CA-ENF	1,670	0	85	Ctn	12/31	14	0	0	2	1	0	7M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 4)

New fires: 3
New large incidents: 1
Uncontained large fires: 8
Area Command: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Area Command Team (Jalbert) has been mobilized to support wildland fire in Colorado.

Cameron Peak, Arapaho and Roosevelt NF and Pawnee National Grassland, USFS. IMT 1 (RM Team 1). Fifteen miles southwest of Redfeather Lakes, CO. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and single tree torching. Several communities threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Calwood, Boulder County. Ten miles northwest of Boulder, CO. IMT 2 (RM Team Black). IMT is also managing the Lefthand fire. Timber, brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, isolated torching and smoldering. Several communities threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

* **Lefthand**, Arapaho and Roosevelt NF and Pawnee National Grassland, USFS. One mile east of Ward, CO. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with crowning, running and spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

East Troublesome, Medicine Bow-Routt NF and Thunder Basin National Grassland, USFS. IMT 1 (PNW Team 3) and IMT 2 (NR Team 6). IMT is also managing the Williams Fork fire. Seventeen miles northeast of Kremmling, CO. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, short-range spotting and isolated torching. Numerous structures, energy and communication infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect. Sage-grouse habitat threatened.

Williams Fork, Arapaho and Roosevelt NF and Pawnee National Grassland, USFS. Fifteen miles southwest of Fraser, CO. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with wind-driven runs, flanking and backing. Several communities and energy infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Mullen, Medicine Bow-Routt NF and Thunder Basin National Grassland, USFS. IMT 1 (SA Blue Team). Thirty-eight miles west of Laramie, WY. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Several communities and infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Middle Fork, Medicine Bow-Routt NF and Thunder Basin National Grassland, USFS. Ten miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with backing, creeping and group torching. Structures and energy infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Wildhorse, El Paso County. Fourteen miles southwest of Colorado Springs, CO. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Cameron Peak	CO-ARF	203,253	3,897	62	Ctn	11/8	1,464	-78	35	98	14	100	90.6M	FS
Calwood	CO-BLX	8,788	1,788	0	Ctn	10/31	248	121	7	19	0	26	510K	CNTY
* Lefthand	CO-ARF	320	---	4	Ctn	10/30	46	---	0	12	0	0	20K	FS
East Troublesome	WY-MRF	12,655	1,093	10	Ctn	11/10	231	20	7	15	4	0	2.7M	FS
Williams Fork	CO-ARF	14,645	0	26	Ctn	10/30	194	-9	1	4	4	0	23.5M	FS
Mullen	WY-MRF	176,854	14	69	Ctn	10/30	808	-10	10	66	16	66	37.4M	FS
Middle Fork	WY-MRF	19,938	0	1	Ctn	11/15	119	-17	0	3	5	0	6.2M	FS
Wildhorse	CO-EPX	679	0	90	Ctn	10/19	8	0	0	2	0	0	1K	CNTY

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	11
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	6
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

Creek, Sierra NF, USFS. IMT 1 (CA Team 1) and IMT 2 (CA Team 14). Thirty-five miles northeast of Clovis, CA. Timber, chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with torching, backing and creeping. Several communities and infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

SQF Complex, Sequoia NF, USFS. IMT 2 (CA Team 13) and IMT 2 (EA Gold Team). Thirty-three miles east of Porterville, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior with flanking, backing and spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Evacuations have been lifted.

Dolan, Los Padres NF, USFS. IMT 2 (EA Silver Team). Ten miles south of Big Sur, CA. Brush, chaparral and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Bobcat, Angeles NF, USFS. Twelve miles northeast of Pasadena, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures and infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

El Dorado, San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire. Three miles northeast of Yucaipa, CA. Timber, chaparral and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

Moraine, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP, NPS. Five miles northeast of Kanawyers, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with backing, creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Creek	CA-SNF	348,085	1,608	61	Ctn	10/31	958	306	19	30	13	856	153M	FS
SQF Complex	CA-SQF	168,470	173	72	Ctn	11/1	791	18	15	23	13	228	99.4M	FS
Dolan	CA-LPF	124,924	0	98	Ctn	10/24	249	-5	2	16	1	19	62.5M	FS
Bobcat	CA-ANF	115,796	0	92	Ctn	10/30	119	-121	3	0	3	171	68.2M	FS
El Dorado	CA-BDU	22,744	0	95	Ctn	12/31	139	0	4	4	2	20	38.4M	ST
Moraine	CA-KNP	760	20	70	Ctn	10/30	8	0	0	0	1	0	130K	NPS
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Bullfrog	CA-SNF	1,185	0	60	Comp	10/31	25	0	1	0	0	0	355K	FS
Rattlesnake	CA-KNP	6,830	---	40	Comp	10/30	8	---	0	0	1	0	130K	NPS
Bluejay	CA-YNP	6,640	---	50	Comp	11/20	15	---	0	0	0	1	750K	NPS
Wolf	CA-YNP	1,776	---	60	Comp	11/20	0	---	0	0	0	0	70K	NPS

YNP – Yosemite NP, NPS

Southwest Area (PL 3)

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

Horse, Prescott NF, USFS. IMT 1 (SW Team 2). Nineteen miles south of Prescott, AZ. Timber, brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing. Community of Crown King and communication infrastructure threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Cow Canyon, Apache-Sitgreaves NF, USFS. Four miles southeast of Blue, AZ. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with uphill runs, flanking and backing. Residences threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Horse	AZ-PNF	8,968	18	21	Ctn	11/15	256	0	6	11	4	0	1.1M	FS
Cow Canyon	AZ-ASF	33,308	732	15	Ctn	10/31	121	-18	4	6	1	0	1.1M	FS

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Range, Northwest Area, Utah DOF. Two miles northeast of Orem, UT. Dormant brush and hardwood slash, brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, group torching and running. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

East Fork, Ashley NF, USFS. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (CA Team 10) back to the local unit will occur today. Fourteen miles northeast of Hanna, UT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and creeping. Structures, energy infrastructure and sage-grouse habitat threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Fire Canyon**, Northeast Area, Utah DOF. One mile southeast of Henefer, UT. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with wind-driven runs and uphill runs. Structures and communication infrastructure threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Range	UT-NWS	1,437	0	0	Ctn	10/31	196	92	6	14	6	0	300K	ST
East Fork	UT-ASF	85,232	556	69	Comp	10/30	363	-87	4	19	7	11	19.9M	FS
* Fire Canyon	UT-NES	1,460	---	10	Ctn	10/20	36	---	0	8	1	0	15K	ST
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Woodhead	ID-PAF	96,614	---	70	Comp	10/31	11	---	0	2	0	34	11.2M	ST
Pilgrim Creek 1	WY-BTF	498	---	0	Comp	11/1	1	---	0	0	0	0	70K	FS
Meridian	ID-SCF	620	---	7	Comp	11/1	1	---	0	0	0	0	203K	FS
Buck	ID-BOF	19,682	---	40	Comp	10/31	3	---	0	1	0	0	5.3M	FS
Trap	ID-STF	2,720	---	50	Comp	10/30	9	---	0	1	0	0	2M	FS
Grouse	ID-BOF	3,999	---	61	Comp	10/20	0	---	0	0	0	0	3.6M	FS
William	UT-NWS	5,832	---	96	Comp	11/1	1	---	0	0	0	0	6.2M	PRI

PAF – Payette NF, USFS BTF – Bridger-Teton NF, USFS SCF – Salmon-Challis NF, USFS BOF – Boise NF, USFS
 STF – Sawtooth NF, USFS

Northwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 0
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 7

Beachie Creek, Willamette NF, USFS. Six miles north of Detroit, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Riverside, Mt. Hood NF, USFS. One mile southeast of Estacada, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Energy infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

OR-WIF-200430, Willamette NF, USFS. Thirty-five miles east of Eugene, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road, and trail closures in effect.

Archie Creek, Umpqua NF, USFS. Twenty miles east of Glide, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

White River, Mt. Hood NF, USFS. Twenty miles west of Wamic, OR. Timber. No new information.

Lionshead, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Twenty miles west of Warm Springs, OR. Timber and brush. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Rose Creek, Vale District, BLM. Started on private land seven miles south of Ironside, OR. Brush and short grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Beachie Creek	OR-WIF	193,573	0	80	Ctn	10/31	87	5	3	1	0	1,323	22M	FS
Riverside	OR-MHF	138,054	0	72	Ctn	10/31	23	-1	1	0	0	139	20.1M	FS
OR-WIF-200430	OR-WIF	173,393	0	96	Ctn	10/29	81	1	1	2	0	768	28M	FS
Archie Creek	OR-UPF	131,542	0	95	Ctn	10/31	110	-36	0	0	0	111	36.2M	FS
White River	OR-MHF	17,383	---	90	Ctn	10/31	32	---	2	1	1	1	22.8M	FS
Lionshead	OR-WSA	204,469	---	46	Ctn	10/30	258	---	2	16	1	280	60.1M	BIA
Rose Creek	OR-VAD	1,500	---	11	Ctn	UNK	11	---	0	4	0	0	3K	PRI
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Thielsen	OR-UPF	9,975	0	75	Comp	UNK	40	-9	0	1	0	0	12M	FS
Downey Creek	WA-MSF	3,166	---	0	Comp	10/31	1	---	0	0	0	0	200K	FS
Big Hollow	WA-GPF	24,995	---	70	Comp	10/20	11	---	0	2	0	0	4.1M	FS

MSF – Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF, USFS GPF – Gifford Pinchot NF, USFS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires: 0
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Yogo	MT-HLF	5,309	0	100	Ctn	---	20	-4	0	3	1	0	2.7M	FS
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Double	ID-NCF	1,134	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	6.5K	FS
Bryan Mountain	ID-NCF	1,000	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	25K	FS
Lobo Mesa	MT-BDF	330	---	0	Comp	10/31	0	---	0	0	0	0	250K	FS
Beaver	ID-NCF	3,019	---	5	Comp	10/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FS
Marion	ID-NCF	1,520	---	10	Comp	10/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	149K	FS
Shissler	ID-NCF	10,686	---	31	Comp	UNK	3	---	0	0	0	0	3.7M	FS

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
State Creek	MT-BDF	4,400	---	50	Comp	10/30	0	---	0	0	0	2	2M	FS
Lion Creek	MT-FNF	198	---	50	Comp	10/31	3	---	0	1	0	0	160K	FS
Bear Creek	MT-BDF	12,150	---	85	Comp	10/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	11.5M	FS
Cinnabar	MT-LNF	2,955	---	93	Comp	10/31	1	---	0	0	0	1	4.6M	FS
Callahan	MT-KNF	1,276	---	95	Comp	10/31	8	---	0	1	0	0	5.3M	FS
Lone Star	WY-YNP	4,123	---	95	Comp	10/30	1	---	0	0	0	0	2.2M	NPS
Garnet	MT-FNF	866	0	100	Comp	---	0	-1	0	0	0	0	190K	FS
Drumming	MT-FNF	4,351	0	100	Comp	---	0	-1	0	0	0	0	180K	FS

HLF – Helena-Lewis and Clark NF, USFS NCF – Nez Perce-Clearwater NF, USFS BDF – Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF, USFS
FNF – Flathead NF, USFS LNF – Lolo NF, USFS KNF – Kootenai NF, USFS YNP – Yellowstone NP, NPS

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	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	16	1	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	2,078	2,085
Southern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	10	0	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	6	33	0	39
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	0	0	2	1	6
	ACRES	0	123	0	0	4,960	0	5,083
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	1	0	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	6,535	6,535
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	55	0	0	2,019	514	2,588
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	81	81
Southern Area	FIRES	7	0	0	0	1	0	8
	ACRES	49	0	0	0	30	0	79
TOTAL FIRES:		9	4	0	0	30	7	50
TOTAL ACRES:		49	178	0	6	7,049	9,208	16,490

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	140	0	0	186	16	342
	ACRES	0	45,295	0	0	135,915	24	181,234
Northwest Area	FIRES	275	218	65	18	1,785	1,034	3,395
	ACRES	395,171	146,638	32,965	86	300,258	619,750	1,494,868
Northern California Area	FIRES	59	68	3	39	3,348	622	4,139
	ACRES	22,041	90,450	44	10,007	1,130,827	1,268,456	2,521,825
Southern California Area	FIRES	32	125	8	37	4,098	608	4,908
	ACRES	304	26,910	1	63,776	123,404	398,692	613,088
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	1,568	80	6	10	1,017	549	3,230
	ACRES	137,667	11,668	833	4,132	224,941	56,331	435,572
Great Basin Area	FIRES	45	915	17	54	1,118	552	2,701
	ACRES	7,052	397,964	154	68	128,413	315,080	848,733
Southwest Area	FIRES	927	268	23	37	585	1,270	3,110
	ACRES	162,764	31,431	1,929	1,513	88,168	704,234	990,041
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	481	383	11	16	1,066	557	2,514
	ACRES	12,600	180,228	462	131	161,376	445,446	800,243
Eastern Area	FIRES	345	0	34	16	7,202	485	8,082
	ACRES	305	0	3,415	52	21,559	2,050	27,381
Southern Area	FIRES	295	86	26	55	12,927	338	13,727
	ACRES	18,874	404	4,236	32,986	410,962	23,595.9	491,059
TOTAL FIRES:		4,027	2,283	193	282	33,332	6,031	46,148
TOTAL ACRES:		756,779	930,989	44,039	112,752	2,725,825	3,833,661	8,404,047

Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)	50,532
Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)	6,340,457

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

***Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <https://gacc.nifc.gov/>

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	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
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	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	4	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	35	2,698	2,733
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	6	4	10
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	35	2,708	2,743

***Prescribed fire acres are for reference only and may not reflect the most up-to-date information.

***Official prescribed fire accomplishment reporting occurs through agency specific systems of record.

Predictive Services Discussion: A broad upper-level trough will continue over the northern tier of the CONUS with upper highs over Florida and Baja California. A cold front will stall from the eastern Great Lakes to the southern High Plains. Lingering precipitation is expected across far northern portions of the CONUS and from the Ozarks into Northeast, west of the Appalachians. Warm and dry conditions will continue over much of the Southwest, Great Basin, and California.

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



This Day in History is a brief summary of a powerful learning opportunity and is not intended to second guess or be judgmental of decisions and actions. Put yourself in the following situation as if you do not know what the outcome will be. What are the conditions? What are you thinking? What are YOU doing?

The Pepper Hill Fire – October 19th, 1938 - Pennsylvania

Incident Summary: Most of north-central Pennsylvania had been extensively logged by large timber companies from 1890-1930. By 1938, fuels in the area consisted of very young second-growth hardwoods, ericaceous shrubs and logging slash. Following an unusually hot and dry summer, a killing frost on October 7th caused the foliage to cure. Precipitation for the past three months had been substantially below normal. High temperatures persisted in the 80's with relative humidity of 20-25%.

At 11:10am on October 19th, 1938, the Hunts Run Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) Camp #S-132 is notified of a possible forest fire. Upon investigation, several fires are located on Pepper Hill Mountain. Two CCC crews are dispatched to the fires. Both crews had just returned from a fire only hours before, and many enrollees requested to stay behind due to fatigue. All enrollees were ordered to go. The two CCC crews began initial attack from both flanks of the fire, anchoring into a nearby road. Both crews began constructing line from the heel of the fire to the top, burning out as needed. For reasons which are still not clear, crew #2 was ordered to abandon their firing operation on the right flank and proceed to the head of the fire to construct direct downhill line. The crew was $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up Pepper Hill Mountain when the fire below made a rapid run that overtook them. A few were able to find safety atop large nearby rocks, the remaining crew was severely burned, and ultimately eight of the young CCC enrollees would lose their lives.

Discussion Points:

Training – Most of the CCC enrollees received little or no formal training. They were expected to learn what to do on the job.

- Most of us will work with new firefighters who have little or no experience. It is not reasonable or safe to assume they will learn everything on the fireline. How will your crew prepare new members for success?

Fatigue – Many of the enrollees assigned to the Pepper Hill Fire had just returned to camp from other fires at 5:30am that morning.

- Though we now have work/rest guidelines to help prevent fatigue, a long fire season can still take its toll on even the fittest firefighter. What signs might we see in our crewmembers that could indicate fatigue?
- What impact can fatigue have on your crew, and what can you do to lessen the associated risks?

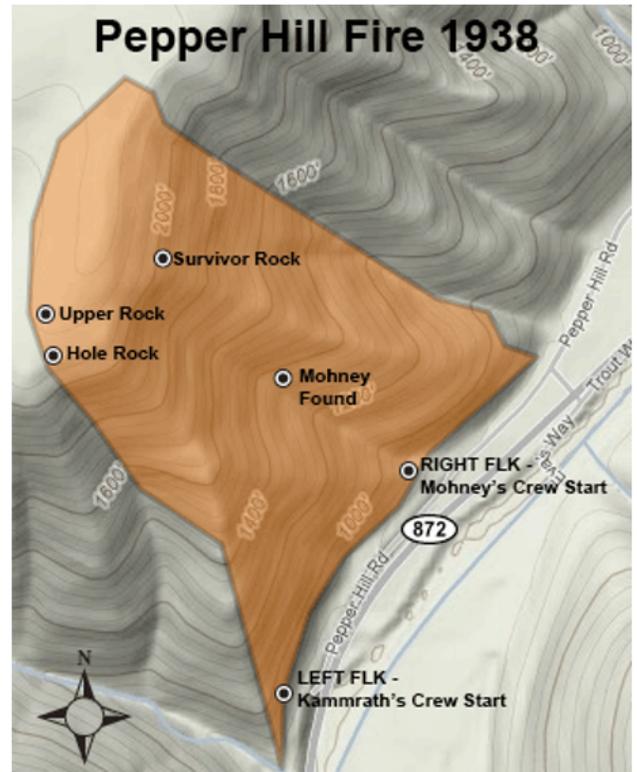
Tactics – The original plan to use the road as an anchor point seems sound, but poor choices were made on the right flank when the crew moved to the head and abandoned their burnout.

- Without aviation support, would your crew engage this fire? If so, how?
- Though not a sound decision at Pepper Hill, describe conditions where attacking the head of a fire could be a viable tactic, while ensuring safety.

Crew Cohesion – The CCC Enrollees had not worked many fires together. On their way up the hill, they became separated due to differences in physical ability.

There were no indications that their crew leader gave them any direction during this critical time.

- No firefighter intends to get into a bad situation. We all train to avoid them, but “*what if?*” How would you and your crew manage the safety of all firefighters if faced with a similar situation?



Resources: - [The Pepper Hill Fire of 1938 Incident Review](#)

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