

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, November 18, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (44 new fires)  
 New large fires: 0 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 2  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are no 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.

This will be the last daily Incident Management Situation Report. This report will be posted every Friday at 0800 Mountain Time unless significant activity occurs.

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 13  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Howardsville**, George Washington & Jefferson NF. Two miles east of Sherando, VA. Hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Boom Axe**, Blueridge Parkway, NPS. Six miles west of Big Island, VA. 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
Howardsville	VA	VAF	598	0	80	11/18	37	0	0	2	0	0	25K	FS
Boom Axe	NC	BRP	217	---	30	11/19	23	---	0	3	0	0	25K	NPS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A strong storm over the West will produce coastal rain and inland snow across the Northwest, northern Rockies and the northern Great Basin. Strong gusty winds will develop over the northern Rockies. A deepening low over the central Rockies will produce critical fire weather conditions from strong winds and low humidity over the southern and central Plains. High pressure over the East will keep fair and mild conditions across the eastern US.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Aviation Category.

## HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SAFETY

The following points should be considered when operating around an unimproved landing site:

- Always wear your personal protective equipment (PPE) when working around an operating helicopter. (Eye, hearing, head)
- Always get the approval of a flight crewmember or the pilot before approaching an operating helicopter.
- Only approach and depart a helicopter as directed, in a slightly crouched position, and in full view of a crewmember. Keep in pilot's field of vision at all times.
- Never go near the tail of helicopters.
- When loading helicopters in uneven terrain, always approach and depart from the down slope (lower) side and do not hold equipment overhead..
- Remove or secure loose articles prior to working around an operating helicopter.
- Be aware of the dust abatement conditions of the landing area, as blowing dust, sand, or rocks caused by the helicopter's rotor wash can be hazardous.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#), pgs 52, 54,55

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide \(IHOG\)](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	5				1	9	15
	ACRES	1				15	15	31
Northern California	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	4,610	4,610
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					199		199
Southern Area	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					19		19
TOTAL	FIRES	5	1	0	0	28	10	44
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	233	4,625	4,859

### 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	245	263	10	47	578	921	2,064
	ACRES	111,741	146,291	90	1,216	15,086	22,790	297,214
Northern California	FIRES	110	32	6	20	2,239	430	2,837
	ACRES	93	2,631	5	2,180	9,739	8,574	23,222
Southern California	FIRES	26	387	7	49	3,564	535	4,568
	ACRES	225	13,872	4	2,217	55,731	36,916	108,965
Northern Rockies	FIRES	626	88	8	27	547	724	2,020
	ACRES	30,837	57,133	494	1,131	15,849	89,881	195,325
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	33	660	2	26	600	535	1,856
	ACRES	2,269	276,065	26	567	105,860	77,388	462,175
Western Great Basin	FIRES	17	488	13	18	186	81	803
	ACRES	3,343	283,950	778	4	131,252	6,816	426,143
Southwest	FIRES	924	351	14	56	1,047	1,364	3,756
	ACRES	36,192	111,731	5,374	18,452	638,685	1,291,369	2,101,803
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	813	447	33	40	897	525	2,755
	ACRES	25,266	24,278	2,598	2,491	326,512	76,662	457,807
Eastern Area	FIRES	453		34	23	4,925	311	5,746
	ACRES	1,016		3,145	100	59,397	113,553	177,211
Southern Area	FIRES	927		265	88	36,648	1,053	38,981
	ACRES	138,571		121,834	57,166	3,390,244	36,670	3,744,485
TOTAL	FIRES	4,176	2,743	421	411	51,660	6,488	65,899
	ACRES	349,561	963,604	171,171	93,314	4,949,097	1,760,622	8,287,369

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>71,995</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>7,093,252</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		12				36	48
	ACRES		701				1,795	2,496
Northern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				15		292	307
Southern California	FIRES	0			0		0	0
	ACRES	3			1		12	16
Northern Rockies	FIRES					5	17	22
	ACRES					55	225	280
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3	1		2	1	7
	ACRES		252	0		16	845	1,113
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4					10	14
	ACRES	2,322					113	2,435
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					0	0	0
	ACRES					5	370	375
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	4	15	1	1	7	67	95
	ACRES	2,325	953	0	16	76	3,652	7,022

### 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	21	155	26	1		446	649
	ACRES	8,251	22,193	1,878	1,166		46,015	79,503
Northern California	FIRES	30	19	28	42		284	403
	ACRES	347	975	22,425	1,158		18,620	43,525
Southern California	FIRES	1	10	17	10	15	125	178
	ACRES	46	756	3,997	1,868	2,260	4,337	13,264
Northern Rockies	FIRES	48	24	68	11	123	348	622
	ACRES	2,444	3,663	11,308	4,777	5,539	37,309	65,040
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	37	4	7	57	89	194
	ACRES	54	10,380	1,023	187	1,734	20,988	34,366
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	1	8	2	12	29
	ACRES		569	550	2,574	64	1,836	5,593
Southwest	FIRES	24	30	4	15	2	140	215
	ACRES	9,373	21,511	1,553	4,596	55	90,935	128,023
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	57	43	109	23	63	145	440
	ACRES	7,243	7,576	16,470	7,623	14,576	37,272	90,760
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		374	38	912	157	1,511
	ACRES	60,283		50,464	4,067	54,784	43,845	213,443
Southern Area	FIRES	42		151	24	1,468	712	2,397
	ACRES	7,835		77,474	16,865	311,037	585,678	998,889
TOTAL	FIRES	253	324	783	182	2,655	2,463	6,660
	ACRES	95,876	67,623	187,162	44,916	398,597	887,286	1,681,460

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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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