

Information Sources for the National Incident Management Situation Report (IMSR)

Initial attack activity levels are based on number of reported fires:

Low: 0 – 199 fires Moderate: 200 – 299 fires Heavy: above 299 fires

National and Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) daily fire activity synopses (tabular information at the top of the IMSR and above each GACC narrative section) are derived from FAMWEB Situation Reports, and do not necessarily include ICS-209 information.

Large fire information:

Incident Management Team (IMT) counts are derived directly from ICS-209 reports appearing in the IMSR (when a fire is contained the IMT no longer shows up in the report and is not counted in the total).

Geographic Area Preparedness Levels (PL) come from GACC Situation Reports, GACC web sites, or verbally through each GACC.

Large fire narratives and data come from ICS-209 reports. Large active fires, or fires contained during the last 24 hour period are reported in the IMSR when the IMSR is published daily. Weekly fire activity is typically reported when national PL is 1.

Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incidents typically get reported with a large fire narrative in the IMSR for one day, then the narrative is dropped, and large fire table entries continue as long as 209s are submitted. When a 209 is not submitted for one day, the WFU is dropped from the large fire table. A WFU can reappear in the IMSR when the incident reaches 1,000 acres in size, and again when it doubles in size thereafter. If a Fire Use Management Team is assigned, the WFU is reported with a narrative every day using the same rules for a large wildfire.

Predictive Services Discussion (weather synopsis) is prepared by a NICC meteorologist.

Tabular information:

Fires and Acres Yesterday (or Last Week during weekly reporting cycle) are derived directly from Situation Reports submitted by individual units. The ICS-209 reporting system does not provide data.

Fires and Acres Year to Date are derived directly from Situation Reports submitted by individual units. The ICS-209 reporting system does not provide data.

Ten Year Averages numbers come from a spreadsheet maintained by the NICC Intelligence Desk. Not all dates during the year have ten years of data, so the statement "Ten Year Averages" can vary during the year. The average can vary from five to ten years.

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday, Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date, and WFU Fires and Acres Year to Date are derived similarly to Fires and Acres described above.

Canada Fires and Acres are provided by the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre.