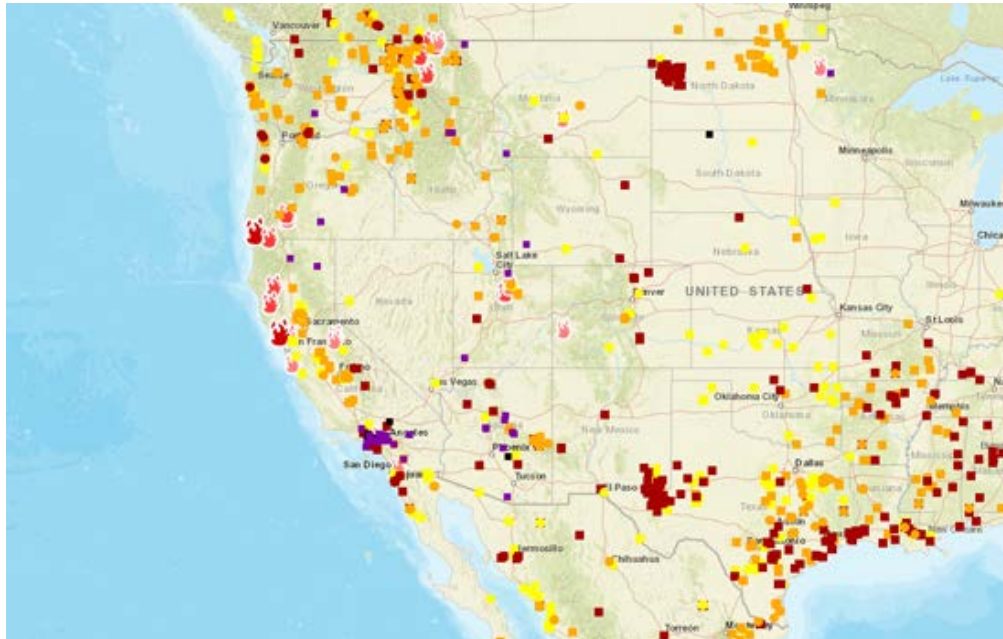




USDA Weekly Fire Update – October 23, 2017

Current Situation: There are currently approximately 5,300 personnel engaged in firefighting activities supported by 31 helicopters and 19 available air tankers. Year-to-date, there have been 52,277 fires covering 8.82 million acres across all jurisdictions, 2.3 million of which are on national forests.



Current Spending: The Forest Service spent \$2.410 billion on fire suppression operations for FY2017. The agency expended its appropriated dollars for fire suppression and transferred funding from non-suppression accounts. The agency transferred approximately \$576.5 million to cover the costs of fire suppression in FY2017.

Media Highlights:

[Wyden, Crapo pressure for wildfire funding fix \(MyColumbiaBasin.com, 10/20\)](http://MyColumbiaBasin.com)

[Conservation official is optimistic about forest fire reforms \(Wyoming Public Radio, Laramie, WY, Bob Beck, 10/20\)](http://WyomingPublicRadio.com)

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Weather Discussion: Warmer and drier conditions are expected across the West as a strengthening ridge of high pressure off shore begins to move inland. While afternoon humidity levels will be very dry across California, the off shore wind flow will be generally light. One area to watch will be Northern California where a northerly down sloping wind could produce pockets of critical fire weather conditions.

[National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook for October](#)

