USDA Weekly Fire Update - October 16, 2017

Current Situation: There are currently 12,900 personnel engaged in firefighting activities, supported by 60 helicopters and 19 airtankers. Year to date, there have been 51,277 fires covering 8.76 million acres across all jurisdictions, 2.3 million of which are on national forests.

Current Spending: As of October 2, 2017, 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. Final fire spending totals will be published this week, after the accounting system officially closes for FY 2017.

Media Highlights:

Better weather helps battle against California wildfires

US, states, struggle to pay spiraling costs of fighting fires

Wildfire recovery funds included in $36.5-billion approved by House panel

California wildfires force Congress to consider funding reforms

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Weather Discussion: High pressure will dominate most of the U.S. with fall conditions covering most of the country. Hot and dry conditions will continue over much of coastal and interior California and the Southwest deserts with locally gusty winds in favored areas.

National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook for October