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MOSCOW (RIA Novosti) – Russia is grateful to the United States over the assistance in tackling the wildfires raging across the country, Russian Foreign Ministry said. U.S. President Barack Obama made a phone call to his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev August 13 to express his condolences about the disastrous environmental situation in Central Russia and the readiness to supply firefighting equipment. The United States sent to Russia two planes August 13 with state-of-the-art nonflammable uniform for firefighters, special shoes, helmets and glasses onboard. Additional two aircraft with firefighting equipment are expected to arrive.