

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, April 23, 2009 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (159 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 54
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMT's committed 1

Highway 31, South Carolina Forestry Commission. Nine miles northwest of Myrtle Beach, SC. Timber understory. Active fire behavior with long range spotting. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

2009 Winter Initial Attack, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Bennett). IMT is supporting multiple fires in west Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total.

Dolphin, Matagorda NWR. Ten miles west of Port O'conner, TX. Brush and grass. No further information received.

Harley, Florida DOF. One mile northeast of Bithlo, FL. Hardwood litter. No further information received.

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
* Highway 31	SC	SCS	15,000	---	10	4/25	130	---		10	0	40	NR	ST
2009 Winter Initial Attack	TX	TXS	15,818	64	NR	UNK	375	-3	1	18	5	0	23.9M	PRI
Dolphin	TX	MAR	8,000	3,000	80	UNK	5	0	0	1	0	0	NR	FWS
Harley	FL	FLS	750	---	95	UNK	27	---	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
Bina	TX	TXS	700	0	100	---	0	-2	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Delmita	TX	TXS	520	0	100	---	0	-4	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Mt. Calvary	SC	FMF	226	---	100	---	15	---	0	7	1	0	18K	FS

FMF – Francis Marion and Sumter NF

Southwest (PL 2)

New fires: 16
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Fish, Coronado NF. Six miles northwest of Sonoita, AZ. Oak brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

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Fish	AZ	CNF	1,600	1,200	95	4/23	40	-15	2	4	0	0	100K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: A large low pressure system will move over the northwestern U.S. today with much cooler temperatures. Dry and windy conditions will develop in western Arizona, southeast New Mexico, and west Texas. Low relative humidity will occur over portions of the Mid-Atlantic states and the Southeast.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Fire Not Scouted and Sized Up

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and every time resources arrive at a fire.

● Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)
- Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
- Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
- Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)

● To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			8		9
	ACRES		0			1		1
Northwest	FIRES	1				5		6
	ACRES	1				6		7
Northern California	FIRES			1	1	11	6	19
	ACRES			0	1	4	2	7
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					2	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					3		3
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	15				1		16
	ACRES	149				1		150
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					20		20
Eastern Area	FIRES	11				32	2	45
	ACRES	30				1,159	15	1,204
Southern Area	FIRES				1	52	1	54
	ACRES				1	745	1	747
TOTAL	FIRES	27	1	1	2	117	11	159
	ACRES	180	0	0	2	1,941	19	2,142

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			8		9
	ACRES		0			1		1
Northwest	FIRES	11	7			3	14	35
	ACRES	65	14			1	24	104
Northern California	FIRES	7		1	2	122	31	163
	ACRES	14		0	1	270	13	298
Southern California	FIRES		4	1		265	30	300
	ACRES		364	0		1,145	2	1,511
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	2			24	15	48
	ACRES	10	221			14,725	38	14,994
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12	2	1	20	5	41
	ACRES	20	18	186	0	108	8	340
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	13			5	1	21
	ACRES	0	202			24	5	231
Southwest	FIRES	123	48	3	18	289	94	575
	ACRES	1,130	19,317	1	1,336	70,549	26,267	118,600
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	71	4	3	1	145	12	236
	ACRES	758	18	529	42	59,087	120	60,554
Eastern Area	FIRES	156		9	10	5,418	284	5,877
	ACRES	217		185	84	53,331	5,613	59,430
Southern Area	FIRES	280		129	28	21,762	392	22,591
	ACRES	34,040		24,266	9,800	644,815	21,646	734,567
TOTAL	FIRES	658	91	148	60	28,061	878	29,896
	ACRES	36,254	20,154	25,167	11,263	844,056	53,736	990,630

Seven Year Average Fires	25,019
Seven Year Average Acres	781,503

*** 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					1		1
	ACRES					25		25
Northwest	FIRES	0	2	1			7	10
	ACRES	115	308	208			1,169	1,800
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	1		13	16
	ACRES		5	3,350	1		1,293	4,649
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						16	16
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1			1		3	5
	ACRES	40			310		177	527
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1,127	1,127
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1					0	1
	ACRES	50					1,500	1,550
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		6	1	2	3	0	12
	ACRES		1,841	1,022	135	26	301	3,325
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		3			1	5
	ACRES	15		396			40	451
Southern Area	FIRES			1		1	20	22
	ACRES			110		800	17,116	18,026
TOTAL	FIRES	3	9	7	4	5	45	73
	ACRES	220	2,154	5,086	446	851	22,739	31,496

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					25		25
Northwest	FIRES	4	85	9			32	130
	ACRES	1,102	5,264	2,623			1,900	10,889
Northern California	FIRES	26	33	13	30	5	164	271
	ACRES	224	164	15,581	139	1,156	5,604	22,868
Southern California	FIRES		5	5			127	137
	ACRES		456	96			8,885	9,437
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	1	1	1		37	43
	ACRES	133	10	150	310		3,785	4,388
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	28	2	7	20	20	78
	ACRES	8	1,953	770	183	102	5,259	8,275
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	1			5	11
	ACRES		96	0			219	315
Southwest	FIRES	3	12	2	5		142	164
	ACRES	90	15,320	251	499		46,950	63,110
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	31	16	62	9	20	85	223
	ACRES	3,041	2,477	9,156	7,231	502	20,452	42,859
Eastern Area	FIRES	35		120	21	705	99	980
	ACRES	69,792		15,266	8,211	47,050	39,853	180,172
Southern Area	FIRES	5		222	67	635	963	1,892
	ACRES	2,370		114,538	60,810	226,144	911,417	1,315,279
TOTAL	FIRES	108	185	437	140	1,386	1,674	3,930
	ACRES	76,760	25,740	158,431	77,383	274,979	1,044,324	1,657,617

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