

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, March 19, 2010 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity: Light (478 new fires)
 New large fires: 4 (*)
 Large fires contained: 5
 Uncontained large fires : ** 1
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 0 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment.

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents.

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

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 396
 New large fires: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Osage-Miami Complex, Osage Agency, BIA. One mile south of Pawhuska, OK. Grass. Active fire behavior. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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
Osage-Miami Complex	OK	OSA	3,684	-2,816	70	3/26	19	-17	0	8	0	0	55K	BIA
Owl Creek	OK	OKS	520	---	100	---	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Hickory	MS	MSS	100	---	100	---	9	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Hidden Valley	MS	MSS	175	---	100	---	20	---	0	5	0	0	1K	ST
* Camp Claiborne	LA	KIF	1,633	---	100	---	13	---	0	4	1	0	NR	FS

OKS – Oklahoma DOF MSS – Mississippi Forestry Commission KIF – Kisatchie NF

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 15
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

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* State Line A	NM	N5S	1,200	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST

N5S - Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry

Predictive Services Discussion: A storm system that stretches from the Southwest to the Great Lakes today, will move east and reach the East Coast on Sunday and Monday. The main fire weather concerns over the next few days are 1) windy and low RH conditions in southeast New Mexico and west Texas today, 2) low humidity over Florida today, Saturday and Monday and 3) dry, windy weather in southwest Missouri today.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Aviation Category.



[Scenario](#)

Scenarios are situations that can arise on a Wildland Fire or Aviation incident and are meant to add a realistic setting for the application of Today's Safety Discussion.

WORKING WITH HELICOPTER DROPS

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

If the helicopter is a Type 1 increase the distance of standby place from the drop zone.
Use helicopter drops to knock down or secure a fire area that poses a direct imminent threat to escaping control lines or climbing up ladder fuels.

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- What is the turnaround time for the helicopter?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Give feedback to the pilot about drop accuracy. Be honest and constructive.
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) (pg 61)

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Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES			2		4	1	7
	ACRES			185		0	9	194
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				5	1	8
	ACRES	5				35	10	50
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					19	3	22
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	5	3		0	3	4	15
	ACRES	6	2		1	1	14	24
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					10		10
Eastern Area	FIRES					38	8	46
	ACRES					67	47	114
Southern Area	FIRES	6		6	6	364	14	396
	ACRES	97		103	3	5,865	1,810	7,878
TOTAL	FIRES	13	3	8	6	416	32	478
	ACRES	108	2	288	4	5,997	1,893	8,292

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	4	1			1	4	10
	ACRES	184	0			0	0	184
Northern California	FIRES			2		91	4	97
	ACRES			185		3	10	198
Southern California	FIRES					81	24	105
	ACRES					74	114	188
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4				6	11	21
	ACRES	5				40	42	87
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			3	3	10
	ACRES		0			19	3	22
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	19	18		10	38	18	103
	ACRES	10	456		10	8,484	1,380	10,340
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	4	2	2	5	4	22
	ACRES	25	5	352	0	28	4	414
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		225	62	288
	ACRES			2		2,147	2,050	4,199
Southern Area	FIRES	237		27	12	5,010	119	5,405
	ACRES	5,618		613	52	56,507	8,024	70,814
TOTAL	FIRES	269	29	32	24	5,460	249	6,063
	ACRES	5,842	461	1,152	62	67,302	11,627	86,446

Seven Year Average Fires	11,216
Seven Year Average Acres	379,521

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		3	1			2	6
	ACRES		461	1,500			155	2,116
Northern California	FIRES			0	1		3	4
	ACRES			724	1		29	754
Southern California	FIRES			0			24	24
	ACRES			60			238	298
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				1	9	12
	ACRES	13				40	1,174	1,227
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			0	1	2
	ACRES		6			1	109	116
Western Great Basin	FIRES			1			0	1
	ACRES			1,800			23	1,823
Southwest	FIRES		1				4	5
	ACRES		50				4,413	4,463
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2		0	1	5	8
	ACRES		118		16	47	2,879	3,060
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		1		11	4	17
	ACRES	1,000		130		428	194	1,752
Southern Area	FIRES			14	3	31	77	125
	ACRES			3,932	844	5,608	74,701	85,085
TOTAL	FIRES	3	7	17	4	44	129	204
	ACRES	1,013	635	8,146	861	6,124	83,915	100,694

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		26	4			34	64
	ACRES		3,617	1,610			1,117	6,344
Northern California	FIRES		15	5	12		121	153
	ACRES		337	6,822	23		1,948	9,130
Southern California	FIRES		2	5			104	111
	ACRES		537	253			1,088	1,878
Northern Rockies	FIRES	19	2			1	15	37
	ACRES	205	67			40	1,475	1,787
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		8	2		5	6	21
	ACRES		259	140		44	363	806
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	1			3	6
	ACRES		61	1,800			111	1,972
Southwest	FIRES	2	4		5	1	49	61
	ACRES	6	5,730		840	50	14,052	20,678
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	32	5	5	25	118	186
	ACRES	5	709	257	145	309	11,827	13,252
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		4	3	51	30	89
	ACRES	1,000		180	795	2,345	19,845	24,165
Southern Area	FIRES	11		117	36	326	649	1,139
	ACRES	1,246		51,560	30,321	132,887	654,178	870,192
TOTAL	FIRES	34	91	143	61	409	1,129	1,867
	ACRES	2,462	11,317	62,622	32,124	135,675	706,004	950,204

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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