

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, January 28, 2011 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)**

Initial attack activity: Light (253 new fires)  
 New large fires: 4 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 4  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 0  
 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 to achieve multiple objectives.

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

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

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 239  
 New large fires: 3  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

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
* Whiskey Bottoms	OK	OKS	800	---	100	--	4	---	0	2	0	0	400	ST
* Bear Creek	FL	EAQ	700	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	DOD
* Cardinal 2	FL	FNF	410	---	100	---	4	---	0	1	0	0	9.6K	FS

OKS – Oklahoma DOF    EAQ - Eglin Air Force Base    FNF – National Forests in Florida

**Southwest Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 11  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

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
* Iron Draw	NM	N5S	520	---	100	----	0	---	0	0	0	0	11K	ST

N5S – Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Dry conditions will prevail across the southern U.S. today, with cool temperatures across the Southern Area and above normal temperatures across the Southwest Area. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are forecast to develop over far west Texas on Saturday and spread east across the Gulf Coast states Sunday into Monday. A strong cold front will push south into and across the Southwest and Southern Areas Tuesday and Wednesday, leading to much colder temperatures and increased precipitation chances from New Mexico to northern Florida. Drier and milder weather will gradually return to the Southern U.S. for the latter half of next week.

[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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4	5			1	1	11
	ACRES	1	1			997	2	1,001
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		0	8				8
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			3		223	13	239
	ACRES			13		2,978	534	3,525
TOTAL	FIRES	4	6	4	0	224	15	253
	ACRES	1	1	21	0	3,975	536	4,534

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				0			0
Southern California	FIRES					10	4	14
	ACRES					0	1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1		2			3
	ACRES		0		0			0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	19	7		3	12	5	46
	ACRES	22	2		21	2,050	9	2,104
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1	2		1	1	7
	ACRES	4	0	208		0	0	212
Eastern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					6		6
Southern Area	FIRES	33		17		1,364	31	1,445
	ACRES	894		68		12,974	1,093	15,029
TOTAL	FIRES	54	10	19	7	1,395	41	1,526
	ACRES	920	2	276	21	15,030	1,103	17,352

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>1,786</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>53,336</b>

\*\*\* 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		2				4	6
	ACRES		48				41	89
Northern California	FIRES		3		1		4	8
	ACRES		65		1		44	110
Southern California	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		202				10	212
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1					3
	ACRES	15	6					21
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		239			17	5	261
Western Great Basin	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			550			38	588
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,676	1,676
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2	1		1	5	9
	ACRES		22	0		4	296	322
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			6		85	19	110
	ACRES			2,832		12,894	28,038	43,764
TOTAL	FIRES	2	10	8	1	87	38	146
	ACRES	15	582	3,382	1	12,915	30,148	47,043

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		5				10	15
	ACRES		112				89	201
Northern California	FIRES		7		2		26	35
	ACRES		171		9		237	417
Southern California	FIRES						13	13
	ACRES						61	61
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	1					8
	ACRES	59	6					65
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3		1	3	1	8
	ACRES		398		12	41	5	456
Western Great Basin	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES			550			88	638
Southwest	FIRES						12	12
	ACRES						3,204	3,204
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	10	1	2	19	66	99
	ACRES	10	86	0	105	829	11,205	12,235
Eastern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					88		88
Southern Area	FIRES	4		25	3	142	75	249
	ACRES	1,560		15,232	1,515	41,525	82,679	142,511
TOTAL	FIRES	12	26	27	8	173	205	451
	ACRES	1,629	773	15,782	1,641	42,483	97,568	159,876

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