

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, February 18, 2011 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity:	Heavy (2,291 new fires)
New large fires:	26 (*)
Large fires contained:	18
Uncontained large fires: **	12
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

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:	2,194
New large fires:	21
Uncontained large fires:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

* **Judes Gap**, North Carolina DNR. North Carolina IMT 2 (Hendricks). Seven miles east of Edneyville, NC. Hardwood litter. Backing fire with torching and running.

* **Lipscomb County Complex** (2 fires), Texas Forest Service. Started on private land 20 miles northwest of Higgins, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

* **Whiteface**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land four miles west of Whiteface, TX. Brush and grass. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Harper Road**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land 18 miles northwest of San Angelo, TX. Juniper, mesquite and brush. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Valentine**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Fourteen miles northwest of Trenton, GA. Hardwood litter. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Lumber Plant**, North Carolina DNR. Two miles north of Low Gap, NC. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire activity. Residences threatened.

* **Hopewell Hollow**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Three miles east of Norfolk, AR. Timber. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Wirth**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Four miles south of Wirth, AR. Hardwood litter. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
* Judes Gap	NC	NCS	1,050	450	45	2/28	195	50	13	6	1	0	174K	ST
* Lipscomb County Complex	TX	TXS	6,400	---	70	7/19	33	---	0	7	1	0	NR	PRI
* Whiteface	TX	TXS	5,000	---	80	2/18	38	---	0	12	0	0	NR	PRI
* Harper Road	TX	TXS	1,044	---	90	2/18	6	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Valentine	GA	GAS	958	-42	98	UNK	25	-2	1	3	0	0	39.5K	ST
* Lumber Plant	NC	NCS	737	55	90	2/21	92	7	3	23	0	0	116K	ST
* Hopewell Hollow	AR	ARS	200	---	80	UNK	3	---	0	0	0	0	.6K	ST
* Wirth	AR	ARS	126	---	95	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	.5K	ST
* South Fisher County	TX	TXS	2,650	1,450	100	---	13	0	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
* Doss	TX	TXS	2,400	0	100	---	31	0	0	21	0	0	NR	PRI
* Fredrich	TX	TXS	1,700	0	100	---	29	0	0	8	0	0	NR	PRI
* Pigeon Roost	KY	KYS	865	---	100	---	18	---	2	3	0	0	1.5K	PRI
* CC	VA	VAF	702	0	100	---	27	-42	1	1	0	0	100K	FS
* Johnson	TX	TXS	500	0	100	---	9	0	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
* Cemetary	FL	FLS	430	---	100	---	8	---	0	4	0	0	NR	ST
* Money Ridge	LA	LAS	416	---	100	---	5	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
* Rockhouse	KY	KYS	290	---	100	---	16	---	2	2	0	0	.8K	PRI
* Brushy Fork	KY	KYS	260	---	100	---	10	---	1	1	0	0	.8K	PRI
* Deer Pen	AR	ARS	258	0	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	0	.6K	ST
* Wharfs Store	VA	VAS	200	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
* Pump Station	AR	ARS	181	0	100	---	2	---	0	0	0	0	.5K	ST

KYS – Kentucky DNR VAF - George Washington & Jefferson National Forests FLS – Florida DOF
LAS – Louisiana Office of Forestry VAS – Virginia DNR

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 68
New large fires: 6
Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Irish Creek**, Maryland DNR. Four miles southeast of Bestpitch, MD. Grass. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Thorofare**, Maryland DNR. One mile south of Bestpitch, MD. Grass. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
* Irish Creek	MD	MDS	2,910	0	90	UNK	6	0	0	0	0	0	.1K	ST

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
* Thorofare	MD	MDS	590	0	95	UNK	6	0	0	0	0	0	.1K	ST
* Blackwater Complex	MD	MDS	1,367	---	100	---	2	---	0	0	0	0	.2K	ST
* Guinea Island Complex	MD	MDS	649	---	100	---	2	---	0	0	0	0	.2K	ST
* Hodo	MO	MTF	209	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	2.5K	PRI
* 724A	MO	MTF	136	---	100	---	17	---	0	3	1	0	4K	FS

MTF – Mark Twain NF

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 12
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Duquesne**, Coronado NF. Eleven miles east of Nogales, AZ. Brush and hardwood slash. Minimal fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
* Duquesne	AZ	CNF	1,995	15	70	UNK	86	-51	3	0	0	0	270K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 9
 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
* Sand Creek	CO	ARF	820	---	100	---	19	---	0	9	0	0	NR	FS

ARF – Arapaho and Roosevelt NF

Predictive Services Discussion: East of the Rockies, low pressure systems will track across the northern and northeastern states bringing rain and snow. Trailing cold fronts will bring cooler and wetter conditions to the central U.S. In the Southern Plains and southeastern states, persistent warm weather will bring periods of dry and windy conditions that may produce Red Flag conditions. A cold low pressure trough will continue to bring rain and snow from the West Coast to the Rockies.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Miscellaneous Category.**

Radio Narrow banding

The ability to have positive, reliable communication is one of the most important safety considerations we have in Wildland fire. As we are forced to adapt to technological changes, maintaining good radio communications becomes more complex and requires a heightened level of skill and awareness from all firefighters. The following are some facts and suggestions that may make radio communications easier

- Federal Agencies have been congressionally mandated to narrowband their frequencies by January 1, 2005. State and municipal agencies will not have to follow suit until the year 2013. For firefighters trying to determine if a frequency will be narrow banded or not, this means that it is probably a good bet that Federal frequencies (those frequencies between 162.0000 and 174.0000 Mhz) are.
- Operating your radio in the wideband mode while working in a narrowband environment may cause radio communication problems for everyone working on that channel. The symptoms may range from distorted transmissions to no transmission at all.
- Before we were mandated to work in narrowband, frequencies were listed with just three digits past the decimal point. It is imperative that we now convey frequencies with four digits past the decimal point, for example 168.xxxx
- Some firefighters mistakenly believe that if they simply punch in four numbers past the decimal point, the channel will then be narrow banded. This is not true! Each channel must be programmed specifically to operate in wideband or narrowband. Narrowband programming instructions for most handheld radios can be found at www.fireradios.net Another website that has programming instructions as well as pocket cards that can be printed is: www.fs.fed.us/fire/niicd/documents
- Check your frequency guides, plans and maps to see which mode the frequencies are supposed to be operating on. If these don't have the information you need, find it and make pen and ink notes for yourself.
- If available, have a radio technician check your radio to ensure you are operating in the proper mode on the assigned frequencies.
- Discuss the narrow/wide band concept with all firefighters, managers and pilots.

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

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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				3	4
	ACRES		20				0	20
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			1		4
	ACRES		2			1		3
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	6	1	1		2	2	12
	ACRES	12	130	0		0	515	657
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					5	4	9
	ACRES					104	201	305
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	62	5	68
	ACRES				1	4,666	351	5,018
Southern Area	FIRES	1		12	1	2,154	26	2,194
	ACRES	20		185	0	39,129	503	39,837
TOTAL	FIRES	7	5	13	2	2,224	40	2,291
	ACRES	32	152	185	1	43,900	1,570	45,840

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		5	7
	ACRES				0		1	1
Southern California	FIRES		1			63	11	75
	ACRES		20			32	2	54
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5		2	1		8
	ACRES		2		0	1		3
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	35	13	3	4	31	16	102
	ACRES	43	732	0	21	2,124	2,152	5,072
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	1	2		9	5	22
	ACRES	6	0	208		509	621	1,344
Eastern Area	FIRES					81	8	89
	ACRES					6,051	376	6,427
Southern Area	FIRES	108		36	4	5,141	66	5,355
	ACRES	5,355		429	71	88,055	2,289	96,199
TOTAL	FIRES	148	21	41	12	5,326	111	5,659
	ACRES	5,404	754	637	92	96,772	5,441	109,100

Ten Year Average Fires	4,195
Ten Year Average Acres	116,034

*** 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				5	8
	ACRES		231				134	365
Northern California	FIRES			0	0		6	6
	ACRES			538	1		323	862
Southern California	FIRES		1				25	26
	ACRES		73				377	450
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7						7
	ACRES	150						150
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					28		28
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					63	4	67
Southwest	FIRES		1				5	6
	ACRES		90				561	651
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				2	3	3	8
	ACRES				8	62	496	566
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		11	5	17
	ACRES			13		197	105	315
Southern Area	FIRES	4		20	1	92	55	172
	ACRES	620		6,331	160	12,056	66,970	86,137
TOTAL	FIRES	11	5	21	3	109	104	253
	ACRES	770	394	6,882	169	12,406	68,970	89,591

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		11	1			11	23
	ACRES		540	45			132	717
Northern California	FIRES	1	10	1	6		50	68
	ACRES	12	199	549	19		1,105	1,884
Southern California	FIRES		1				29	30
	ACRES		202				252	454
Northern Rockies	FIRES	25	1				1	27
	ACRES	550	6				1	557
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5		1	8	1	15
	ACRES		554		13	224	5	796
Western Great Basin	FIRES			1		1	2	4
	ACRES			550		63	123	736
Southwest	FIRES		3				33	36
	ACRES		130				2,601	2,731
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	12	2	8	29	90	142
	ACRES	10	98	7	135	603	14,251	15,104
Eastern Area	FIRES			3		28	5	36
	ACRES			57		435	105	597
Southern Area	FIRES	18		57	7	329	191	602
	ACRES	5,115		22,554	5,920	60,678	209,895	304,162
TOTAL	FIRES	45	43	65	22	395	413	983
	ACRES	5,687	1,729	23,762	6,087	62,003	228,470	327,738

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