

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Monday, February 21, 2011 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (February 18 – February 20)**

Initial attack activity:	Heavy (1,225 new fires)
New large fires:	30 (*)
Large fires contained:	18
Uncontained large fires: **	15
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
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 3)**

New fires:	1,195
New large fires:	23
Uncontained large fires:	9
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1

\* **Coffman**, George Washington and Jefferson NF. IMT 1 (Wilder). IMT is also managing the Smith Run and Pickle Branch fires. Eight miles northwest of Harrisonburg, VA. Mixed hardwood timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

\* **Smith Run**, Shenandoah NP. Five miles west of Wakefield Manor, VA. Hardwood slash and brush. Moderate fire activity.

\* **Pickle Branch**, George Washington and Jefferson NF. Four miles northwest of Catawba, VA. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

\* **Parktown Road**, North Carolina DNR. Five miles south of Warrenton, NC. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened. Evacuation in effect.

\* **Louisa High**, Virginia DNR. Four miles west of Mineral, VA. Timber. No further information received.

\* **Parker**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land one mile west of Andrews, TX. Brush. Residences threatened. No further information received.

\* **GLO**, Virginia DNR. One mile west of Bellamy, VA. Grass. Residences threatened. No further information received.

\* **Powell Mtn**, Virginia DNR. Eight miles west of Standardsville, VA. Hardwood litter. No further information received.

\* **Steed Road**, North Carolina DNR. Seven miles west of Roland, NC. Southern Rough. Creeping.



\* **Conner Spring**, Mark Twain NF. Twenty-two miles west of Doniphan, MO. Hardwood litter. Creeping fire.

\* **Nichols Lake**, Mark Twain NF. Four miles southeast of Winona, MO. Hardwood slash and brush. Active fire behavior.

\* **Waterhole**, Mark Twain NF. Ten miles east of Bradleyville, MO. Hardwood litter. Smoldering with isolated torching.

\* **White Possom**, Mark Twain NF. Five miles south of Winona, MO. Hardwood litter and timber slash. Moderate fire activity.

\* **Nichols Lake**, Mark Twain NF. Four miles southeast of Winona, MO. Hardwood slash and brush. Active fire behavior.

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
* Buck Hart Spring	MO	MTF	600	---	25	2/21	7	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FS
* Conner Spring	MO	MTF	200	---	0	2/21	21	---	0	0	1	0	1K	FS
* Nichols Lake	MO	MTF	200	---	20	2/21	16	---	0	2	1	0	4K	FS
* Waterhole	MO	MTF	125	---	10	UNK	13	---	0	1	0	0	1K	FS
* White Possom	MO	MTF	100	---	10	2/21	4	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FS
* Nichols Lake 2	MO	MTF	100	---	20	UNK	12	---	0	4	0	0	3K	FS

### **Southwest Area (PL 1)**

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

**Duquesne**, Coronado NF. Eleven miles east of Nogales, AZ. Brush and hardwood slash. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **River**, Safford Field Office. Started on state land fifteen miles northeast of Florence, AZ. Timber. 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
Duquesne	AZ	CNF	1,995	15	N/A	N/A	2	- 84	0	1	0	0	273K	FS
* River	AZ	SAD	130	---	N/A	N/A	8	---	0	2	0	0	10K	ST

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 3  
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
* Sierra Vista	CO	PSF	2,000	---	100	---	49	---	0	11	0	1	12K	FS

PSF - Pike and San Isabel NF

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Upstate South Carolina could see critical fire weather today due to low fuel moisture and gusty southwest winds of 20-30 mph. There are winter storm and blizzard warnings from the eastern Dakotas into Minnesota this morning. Wednesday could be a critical day in eastern New Mexico and west Texas, where dry winds near 20 mph will combine with minimum relative humidity in the lower teens. When that system reaches eastern Texas and Arkansas on Thursday, it could cause strong gusty winds and severe thunderstorms.



Today's discussion is from the  
Aviation Category.

## AVIATION COMMUNICATIONS

Discuss the following information in terms of effective communication with aircraft. Involve the pilot in this discussion.

- Establish an air-to-ground frequency on the fire, and make sure everyone knows what it is. Avoid switching frequencies in the middle of an operational period.
- Consider using national air-to-ground frequencies.
- Discuss Guard frequencies:
  - How they work.
  - When to use them.
  - What frequencies are established for aircraft in your area?
- Aviation communications should be clear, concise, short, and to the point.
- Use standard terminology that can be understood by all people you are talking to. Do not use local slang.
- Know what you want to say before you key the microphone. Don't think and talk at same time.
- Before you key your microphone to talk, be sure to listen to ensure you don't cut into another transmission.
- Identify who you want to talk to by the call sign and identify yourself in every transmission.
- If the frequency gets congested, request another frequency. Upon receipt, ensure that all people who need to be on the new frequency transfer to that frequency.
- When giving ground descriptions, describe the location as if you are viewing the location from the direction an aircraft would be traveling. Use a common frame of reference for the sender and receiver.
- Use easily understandable directions, such as north, south, east, west, 2 o'clock, 9 o'clock, left 20 degrees, right 45 degrees, etc.
- When giving directions, always give them in relation to the pilot's perspective.

### References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Fireline Handbook](#)

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**Fires and Acres (February 18 – February 20)**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	130						130
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					1	2,000	2,001
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		10	15	26
	ACRES			4		28	1,808	1,840
Southern Area	FIRES			6	1	1,155	33	1,195
	ACRES			29	350	22,525	1,535	24,439
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	7	1	1,166	51	1,226
	ACRES	130	0	33	350	22,554	5,344	28,411

### 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		6	8
	ACRES				0		2	2
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		10	7	25
	ACRES	6	0	208		510	2,621	3,345
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		96	25	122
	ACRES			4		6,094	2,620	8,718
Southern Area	FIRES	108		45	5	6,354	103	6,615
	ACRES	5,355		470	421	115,196	6,487	127,929
TOTAL	FIRES	148	21	51	13	6,555	168	6,956
	ACRES	5,404	754	682	442	123,957	13,884	145,123

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>4,785</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>116,822</b>

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

**Prescribed Fires and Acres (February 18 – February 20)**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		5					5
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						4	4
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					1	8	9
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					0	9	9
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		5	1	7
	ACRES			30		5	119	154
Southern Area	FIRES				1	20	21	42
	ACRES				652	6,200	21,084	27,936
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	1	27	22	52
	ACRES	0	5	30	652	6,206	21,224	28,117



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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		19	1			25	45
	ACRES		862	45			448	1,355
Northern California	FIRES	1	10	1	6		50	68
	ACRES	12	199	549	19		1,109	1,888
Southern California	FIRES		2				29	31
	ACRES		275				252	527
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		2	2	5
	ACRES			550		64	131	745
Southwest	FIRES		3				33	36
	ACRES		130				2,601	2,731
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	12	2	8	30	90	143
	ACRES	10	98	7	135	603	14,260	15,113
Eastern Area	FIRES			4		38	6	48
	ACRES			87		445	224	756
Southern Area	FIRES	18		56	8	451	221	754
	ACRES	5,115		21,628	6,572	83,216	237,018	353,549
TOTAL	FIRES	45	52	65	23	529	458	1,172
	ACRES	5,687	2,124	22,866	6,739	84,552	256,049	378,017

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