

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, February 23, 2011 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Heavy (556 new fires)
New large fires:	7 (*)
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires: **	17
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:	488
New large fires:	7
Uncontained large fires:	13
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1

* **Valley Complex** (four fires), George Washington and Jefferson NF. Includes previously reported Coffman, Smith Run and Pickle Branch fires. IMT 1 (Wilder). Ten miles northwest of Harrisonburg, VA. Mixed hardwoods. Minimal fire activity. Residences threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Valentine, North Carolina DNR. Fourteen miles southeast of Fayetteville, NC. Southern rough. Backing fire. Residences threatened.

* **Harrisburg Gulf**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Three miles northwest of Trenton, GA. Hardwood littler. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

* **Ford**, National Forests in Alabama. Fourteen miles southwest of Moulton, AL. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity.

* **Rock Creek**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land five miles south of Bryson, TX. Oak, juniper and brush. No further information received.

* **Highway 83**, North Carolina DNR. Seven miles southeast of Laurinburg, NC. Southern rough. Backing fire.

Creekwood, Florida DOF. Ten miles north of Lakeland, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity.

* **Green Tower**, National Forests in Alabama. Six miles north of Addison, AL. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity with torching.

Chopping Road, Virginia DNR. Four miles east of Mineral, VA. Timber. No new information.

Louisa High, Virginia DNR. Four miles west of Mineral, VA. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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
* Valley Complex	VA	VAF	6,041	---	25	2/27	390	---	14	8	0	1	944K	FS
Valentine	NC	NCS	800	0	40	2/23	44	12	0	17	0	0	NR	ST
* Harrisburg Gulf	GA	GAS	180	---	60	2/27	50	---	5	0	0	0	2K	ST
* Ford	AL	ALF	1,011	---	80	UNK	16	---	0	1	1	0	10K	FS
* Rock Creek	TX	TXS	1,000	---	60	2/24	8	---	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
* Highway 83	NC	NCS	436	---	90	UNK	3	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Creekwood	FL	FLS	350	0	75	UNK	3	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Green Tower	AL	ALF	200	---	75	UNK	6	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
Chopping Road	VA	VAS	1,300	---	85	UNK	65	---	0	15	0	4	15K	ST
Louisa High	VA	VAS	1,000	---	70	UNK	65	---	0	15	0	4	10K	ST
Shoulder Knot	FL	FLS	700	290	100	---	3	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Jones Creek	GA	CHF	440	---	100	---	26	---	0	3	1	0	30K	FS

CHF - Chattahoochee-Oconee

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 64
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4

Buck Hart Spring, Mark Twain NF. Three miles northwest of Winona, MO. Hardwood slash and brush. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Conner Spring, Mark Twain NF. Twenty-two miles west of Doniphan, MO. Hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Nichols Lake, Mark Twain NF. Four miles southeast of Winona, MO. Hardwood slash and brush. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

White Possom, Mark Twain NF. Five miles south of Winona, MO. Hardwood litter and timber slash. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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
Buck Hart Spring	MO	MTF	600	---	25	UNK	7	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FS
Conner Spring	MO	MTF	200	---	0	UNK	21	---	0	0	1	0	1K	FS
Nichols Lake	MO	MTF	200	---	20	UNK	16	---	0	2	1	0	4K	FS
White Possom	MO	MTF	100	---	10	UNK	4	---	0	0	0	0	3K	FS
Waterhole	MO	MTF	411	286	100	---	13	0	0	1	0	0	9K	FS

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
Nichols Lake 2	MO	MTF	300	200	100	---	12	0	0	4	0	0	3K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: For portions of New Mexico and west Texas, an approaching low pressure system will cause dry breezy conditions Wednesday. On Thursday, the dryness and gusty west to north winds will intensify in those areas following a cold front passage. The National Weather Service has issued a Fire Weather Watch for Thursday across southeastern New Mexico and west Texas due to the associated high fire danger in this region.

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



Today's discussion is from the Environmental Factors Category.

MANAGING VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN SMOKE

Smoke has the potential to cause safety hazards to vehicle traffic in the vicinity of active fires (both wildfires and prescribed), especially at night. The following traffic-related items should be considered and addressed in local unit planning documents prior to an incident/project.

- Identification, location, and phone numbers of local units that have law enforcement and traffic control responsibilities in the smoke-impacted areas. Review any local agreements with these agencies presently in place.
- Identification of important, public roads that may be impacted by smoke.
- Identification of adequate equipment and trained personnel to control traffic. This may include warning signs, communications equipment (preferably not using the active fire frequency) and vehicles equipped with warning or flashing lights.
- Identification and phone numbers of radio and television stations that can issue traffic advisories for the smoke-impacted area.
- Identification of alternative traffic routes as part of the incident/project traffic plan.
- Identification of traffic routes subject to temperature inversions as well as contributory factors such as fog and ice.
- When potential smoke-related problems are identified:
 - Advise the Incident Commander, Burn Boss, or Agency Administrator that severe smoke exists.
 - Notify local law enforcement units and highway departments of a potential problem.
 - Implement preplanned actions such as posting smoke warning signs.
 - Ensure that proper equipment is ready and appropriate personnel are briefed on contingency plans and are available to control traffic.

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

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	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			0			0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					64		64
	ACRES					2,438		2,438
Southern Area	FIRES					486	2	488
	ACRES					7,977	170	8,147
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	1	0	551	3	556
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	10,415	170	10,586

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			70	11	82
	ACRES		20			37	2	59
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	39	13	3	4	31	16	106
	ACRES	63	732	0	21	2,124	2,152	5,092
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	1	3		10	8	27
	ACRES	6	0	208		2,311	775	3,300
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		238	26	265
	ACRES			4		8,671	2,546	11,221
Southern Area	FIRES	108		48	5	7,293	114	7,568
	ACRES	5,355		612	421	130,673	7,840	144,901
TOTAL	FIRES	152	21	55	13	7,643	181	8,065
	ACRES	5,424	754	824	442	143,817	13,317	164,578

Ten Year Average Fires	6,018
Ten Year Average Acres	142,555

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				1		4	5
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	70						70
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1		1	0	1	3
	ACRES		20		5	16	276	317
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					82		82
Southern Area	FIRES	2		1		12	8	23
	ACRES	400		139		1,348	10,458	12,345
TOTAL	FIRES	3	1	1	1	15	9	30
	ACRES	470	20	139	6	1,446	10,738	12,819

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	20		1,113	1,893
Southern California	FIRES		2				29	31
	ACRES		275				252	527
Northern Rockies	FIRES	26	1				1	28
	ACRES	620	6				1	627
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	13	2	9	30	92	147
	ACRES	10	118	7	140	625	14,807	15,707
Eastern Area	FIRES			4		59	6	69
	ACRES			87		2,141	224	2,452
Southern Area	FIRES	20		57	8	490	231	806
	ACRES	5,515		21,967	6,572	86,726	249,626	370,406
TOTAL	FIRES	48	53	66	24	589	470	1,250
	ACRES	6,157	2,144	23,205	6,745	89,780	269,208	397,239

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