

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, February 25, 2011 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Heavy (390 new fires)
New large fires:	11 (*)
Large fires contained:	7
Uncontained large fires: **	13
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 3)

New fires:	380
New large fires:	11
Uncontained large fires:	13

* **HWY 2357 Complex** (3 fires), Texas Forest Service. Started on private land six miles northwest of Channing, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

* **James River Road**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land six miles south of Mason, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Smith Run, Shenandoah NP. Previously reported under the Valley Complex. Five miles east of Wakefield Manor, VA. Hardwood slash and brush. Minimal fire activity.

* **Diamond Plate**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land five miles north of Blackwell, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

Ford, National Forests in Alabama. Fourteen miles southwest of Moulton, AL. Hardwood litter. Creeping and smoldering.

* **Cisco**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land nine miles north of Cisco, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

* **Bitter Creek**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land seven miles south of Groom, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

* **Crouch**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land five miles southwest of Dublin, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Commercial property threatened.

Billy Bryant, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles northeast of Stringtown, OK. Logging slash. No further information received.

Predictive Services Discussion: Dry and windy conditions will continue in west Texas and eastern New Mexico. Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches are posted for these areas through tomorrow. On Saturday this area of critical fire weather conditions will expand to include southeastern Arizona, most of New Mexico, western Oklahoma and the western two-thirds of Texas. Also, a brief period of dry and windy conditions will move into Virginia and North Carolina behind a cold front Friday afternoon.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Weather / Fire Behavior Category**



[Scenario](#) (Interactive Cloud Poster: loads slow)

UNFAMILIAR WITH WEATHER AND LOCAL FACTORS INFLUENCING FIRE BEHAVIOR

- Ask questions of local experts! What kinds of questions would you ask?
- Does the operational period plan give you adequate weather and information? What kinds of weather forecasts can you get? What other weather or local information do you look for in the shift plan?
- Can you get information from resources that have been on the fire? What questions will you ask of the crew that you are replacing?
- Is there any other way to obtain information? List common sources of information on weather and local factors (Examples: Web based weather Activity Planner, Point Forecast Matrix, NOAA Internet Briefing)
- To reduce risks:
 - Base all actions on current and expected fire behavior.
 - Post lookouts.
 - Establish escape routes and safety zones.
 - Take extra caution! Discuss a fire where you relied on information from the local unit (perhaps where your fire knowledge and experience was very different from how they did things—southeast or Alaska).
 - Recognize and report visual indicators (clouds, WX obs., cold front passage, inversion breaking)

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[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	1	3
	ACRES		1			0	0	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			2	2	6
	ACRES	10	3			1,401	13	1,427
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	20						20
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					375	5	380
	ACRES					14,742	34	14,776
TOTAL	FIRES	2	2	0	0	378	8	390
	ACRES	30	4	0	0	16,143	47	16,224

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		2			81	13	96
	ACRES		21			37	2	60
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	42	14	2	5	52	18	133
	ACRES	73	735	0	96	3,855	2,165	6,924
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	6	1	3		12	12	34
	ACRES	26	0	208		2,527	976	3,737
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		241	26	268
	ACRES			4		8,674	2,546	11,224
Southern Area	FIRES	116		51	5	8,488	127	8,787
	ACRES	5,431		617	421	156,861	10,509	173,839
TOTAL	FIRES	164	23	57	14	8,875	202	9,335
	ACRES	5,530	758	829	517	171,955	16,200	195,789

Ten Year Average Fires	6,129
Ten Year Average Acres	146,110

*** 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		1					1
	ACRES		474					474
Northern California	FIRES				2		1	3
	ACRES				2		12	14
Southern California	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			115			47	162
Northern Rockies	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		4					4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					13		13
Western Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						6	6
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						15	15
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					15	163	178
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					2	4	6
	ACRES					175	4,541	4,716
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	2	5	9	18
	ACRES	0	478	115	2	203	4,784	5,582

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		22	1			26	49
	ACRES		1,449	45			483	1,977
Northern California	FIRES	1	11	1	8		54	75
	ACRES	12	215	549	25		1,223	2,024
Southern California	FIRES		2	1			44	47
	ACRES		275	115			536	926
Northern Rockies	FIRES	26	1				1	28
	ACRES	620	10				1	631
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5		1	11	1	18
	ACRES		554		13	248	5	820
Western Great Basin	FIRES			1		2	2	5
	ACRES			550		64	137	751
Southwest	FIRES		3				36	39
	ACRES		130				3,347	3,477
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	16	2	9	33	95	156
	ACRES	10	184	7	153	723	14,978	16,055
Eastern Area	FIRES			4		61	7	72
	ACRES			87		2,172	234	2,493
Southern Area	FIRES	20		58	8	497	245	828
	ACRES	5,515		22,224	6,572	87,854	263,778	385,943
TOTAL	FIRES	48	60	68	26	604	511	1,317
	ACRES	6,157	2,817	23,577	6,763	91,061	284,722	415,097

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