

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, February 27, 2011 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (69 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 3  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 7  
 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: 68  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 7

**Gus Canalas**, Texas Forest Service. Four miles southeast of Premont, TX. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**James River Road**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land six miles south of Mason, TX. Brush and grass. No further information received.

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

**Smith Run**, Shenandoah NP. Five miles east of Wakefield Manor, VA. Hardwood slash and brush. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Ford**, National Forests in Alabama. Fourteen miles southwest of Moulton, AL. Hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless new information received.

\* **Fairfield**, Florida DOF. Five miles southwest of Titusville, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity with spotting.

**Green Tower**, National Forests in Alabama. Six miles north of Addison, AL. Hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless new information 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
Gus Canalas	TX	TXS	4,800	0	95	UNK	7	-4	0	0	1	4	NR	ST

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James River Road	TX	TXS	4,500	300	90	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
HWY 2357 Complex	TX	TXS	2,700	0	90	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Smith Run	VA	SHP	1,712	-185	80	2/27	29	-11	1	1	0	0	322K	NPS
Ford	AL	ALF	1,014	---	95	UNK	3	---	0	0	0	0	18K	FS
* Fairfield	FL	FLS	600	---	50	UNK	8	---	0	0	1	0	NR	ST
Green Tower	AL	ALF	479	---	95	---	2	-1	0	0	0	0	4K	FS
* Lakeview CMD	FL	FLS	600	---	100	---	59	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Bitter Creek	TX	TXS	850	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Cisco	TX	TXS	500	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Breezy, but much cooler and increased humidity over much of Arizona, western New Mexico and southern Colorado along with areas of rain and snow. Eastern New Mexico and western portions of Texas and Oklahoma can expect winds over 20 mph with gusts up to 40 mph, and relative humidity below 20%. Higher humidities with scattered showers are expected for Virginia and much of the mid Atlantic region.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Aviation Category.

## AIRCRAFT AND PILOT CARDING

Every aircraft and pilot used in support of a Federal wildland fire mission must have a current Aircraft and pilot Card or letter of authorization. The card must be held in the aircraft or with the pilot, and give specific authorization to do the mission being requested.

- These missions could be all, one, or any number of, missions as follows:
  - Air attack (Level I, Level II, Level III)
  - Reconnaissance
  - Fire surveillance
  - Water bucket
  - Helitorch
  - Cargo
  - Longline
  
- Every pilot who flies a properly carded aircraft must possess a current Interagency Airplane or Helicopter Pilot Qualification Card that gives specific authorization to fly the type of mission being requested and for the specific type of aircraft being used for the mission. These missions could be all, or any number of, missions as follows:
  - Air attack
  - Reconnaissance
  - Fire surveillance
  - Low-level
  - Paracargo
  - Mountain/Remote airstrips
  - Smokejumper
  - Longline
  
- Before the aircraft and pilot can be used for a specific mission, the aircraft must be specifically listed on a valid and current contract for the type of work being performed and a copy of the contract must be onboard the aircraft.
  
- Each user of the aircraft and pilot has the authorization to physically inspect the Aircraft Data Card, the Interagency Airplane or Helicopter Pilot Qualification Card, and the contract. If any one of these three are not available for inspection, the mission must be cancelled or at least postponed until the authorizations of the aircraft, pilot, or contract can be determined.
  
- Pilots have very specific and closely monitored duty time and flight time limitations that users must understand and adhere to:
  - 14-hour duty day
  - 8 hours flight time per day
  - 2 days off in 14 calendar days
  - 36 hours cumulative flight hours in any 6 consecutive days

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)  
[Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide\(IHOG\)](#)

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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							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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					68		68
	ACRES					2,615		2,615
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	69	0	69
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2,615	0	2,615

### 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			1		6
	ACRES		2			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		13	12	35
	ACRES	26	0	208		2,268	1,323	3,825
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		241	26	268
	ACRES			4		8,674	2,546	11,224
Southern Area	FIRES	116		51	5	8,827	127	9,126
	ACRES	5,431		617	421	163,344	10,509	180,322
TOTAL	FIRES	164	23	57	12	9,215	202	9,673
	ACRES	5,530	758	829	517	178,179	16,547	202,360

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>5,665</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>136,298</b>

\*\*\* 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
	ACRES							0
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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1,600		1,600
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,600	0	1,600

### 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	9		54	76
	ACRES	12	215	549	27		1,228	2,031
Southern California	FIRES		2	1			44	47
	ACRES		275	115			536	926
Northern Rockies	FIRES	27	1				1	29
	ACRES	645	14				1	660
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5		1	11	2	19
	ACRES		554		13	248	35	850
Western Great Basin	FIRES			1		2	2	5
	ACRES			550		64	137	751
Southwest	FIRES		3				36	39
	ACRES		130				3,614	3,744
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	16	2	9	33	97	158
	ACRES	10	184	7	184	724	15,487	16,596
Eastern Area	FIRES			4		61	7	72
	ACRES			88		2,172	234	2,494
Southern Area	FIRES	20		66	8	503	246	843
	ACRES	5,515		35,742	6,572	90,050	263,848	401,727
TOTAL	FIRES	49	60	76	27	610	515	1,337
	ACRES	6,182	2,821	37,096	6,796	93,258	285,603	431,756

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