

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, March 4, 2011 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (129 new fires)
 New large fires: 4 (*)
 Large fires contained: 10
 Uncontained large fires: ** 8
 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: 115
 New large fires: 4
 Uncontained large fires: 8

Iron Horse, Florida DOF. Thirteen miles northwest of Titusville, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

Crews Road, Georgia Forestry Commission. Five miles southeast of Hoboken, GA. Southern rough. No new information.

Mind, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land ten miles southwest of Alpine, TX. Juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

West, Osage Agency, BIA. Five miles southeast of Pawhuska, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information.

Keller, Florida DOF. Fifteen miles southeast of Jacksonville, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Ferry 7, National Forests in Florida. Five miles northeast of Salt Springs, FL. Southern rough. Smoldering with single tree torching.

Gregory Mill, National Forests in Florida. Fifteen miles south of Bristol, FL. Southern rough. Smoldering in heavy fuels.

* **Spavinaw**, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles southeast of Spavinaw, OK. Timber. No further 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
Iron Horse	FL	FLS	17,434	1,290	25	3/12	93	0	0	14	2	4	30K	ST

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Crews Road	GA	GAS	2,250	0	95	3/4	15	0	0	0	1	0	5K	ST
Mind	TX	TXS	2,000	800	20	UNK	70	25	3	5	0	0	NR	ST
West	OK	OSA	1,325	---	60	UNK	6	---	0	2	0	0	10K	BIA
Keller	FL	FLS	1,134	-266	80	UNK	25	0	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Ferry 7	FL	FNF	682	0	80	3/5	23	0	0	5	1	0	200K	FS
Gregory Mill	FL	FNF	589	0	98	3/5	8	-2	0	1	1	1	85K	FS
* Spavinaw Hill	OK	OKS	300	---	75	3/7	4	---	0	2	0	0	5K	ST
Willow Creek South	TX	TXS	24,310	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	29	NR	PRI
Mitchell County Complex	TX	TXS	13,740	0	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	16	NR	PRI
Sheperds Complex	TX	TXS	7,500	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
WF Texas Point Air Log	TX	MCR	4,160	2,160	100	---	0	-14	0	0	0	0	10K	FWS
Tanglewood Complex	TX	TXS	1,659	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	27	NR	ST
* Big Turnaround	OK	OKS	600	---	100	---	6	---	0	3	0	0	.8K	ST
PineTree	OK	OKS	420	0	100	---	2	0	0	1	0	0	.3K	ST
Sulphur Draw	TX	TXS	350	0	100	---	0	-5	0	0	0	1	NR	PRI
* Road 751	AL	ALF	200	---	100	---	10	---	0	1	0	0	5K	FS
* Tasmania	FL	FLS	180	---	100	---	8	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST

MCR – McFaddin NWR ALF - National Forests in Alabama

Predictive Services Discussion: Critical fire weather conditions will continue from central New Mexico to west Texas on Friday due to relative humidity below 15% and 15-25 mph winds. Elevated fire danger will continue from west Texas to southeast Arizona through Wednesday, but the most significant concern will occur Monday and Tuesday. Also, parts of Florida experiencing long-term drought will see critical fire weather conditions with relative humidity below 35% and winds 15-20% on Friday.

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



Today's discussion is from the Hazard Tree Category.

HAZARD TREE FELLING – TIPS #1

Felling a hazard tree requires accurate risk assessment and complexity analysis, and demands the sawyer's full situational awareness. In all cases, remember to establish and maintain a secure felling area.

Do not bypass hazard trees without taking some action such as felling or establishing a No-Work-Zone.

Degree of hazard varies with tree size, species, and type/location of defect:

- Stem defects resulting in tree failure, i.e., collapse;
- Weakened sapwood resulting in loss of control when falling trees & limits solid wood for wedging;
- Overhead hazards, i.e., dead or hanging limbs falling on the faller.

Indicators of potential felling hazards:

- **Dead Limbs:** limbs of all sizes and species with decay evident cracking, or loose hung-up limbs. Avoid working under overhead hazards.
- **Witches Broom:** caused by mistletoe infection, limbs can grow very large and heavy (200+ lbs).
- **Split Trunk:** cracked trunk from frost, lightning or wind. Visible evidence of advanced decay indicates serious weakness where the tree could fail.
- **Stem Damage:** caused by windfall scarring, fire, machine, and animal damage, as well as heart rot diseases.
- **Thick Sloughing Bark or Sloughing Sapwood:** usually found on dead trees. Loose bark on Douglas fir or loose sapwood on wind snapped cedars can dislodge during falling.
- **Butt and Stem Cankers:** usually found on deciduous trees but can occur on Douglas fir and pine. The infected areas weaken the stem.
- **Fungal Fruiting Bodies or Conks:** found on stems may indicate massive interior rot 1 – 2 yards above and below conk. Excessive resinosis (resin flow) also indicates heart or root diseases.
- **Heavy Tree Lean:** may be caused by damaged roots or lifting root mats, shallow or wet soils. In some cases, the tree may have corrected itself which can be determined by looking for corrected top growth.
- **Root Condition:** look for any ground cracks around the base of the tree, signs of decay or fungal conks on the roots.
- **Cat Face:** look for enough solid wood to construct an effective undercut and back cut.



References: [Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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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					7	3	10
	ACRES					1	0	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				8	8
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1		109	5	115
	ACRES			2,168		1,061	268	3,497
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	118	9	129
	ACRES	0	0	2,168	0	1,063	276	3,507

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			88	16	106
	ACRES		21			38	2	61
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			3		8
	ACRES		2			2		4
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	51	17	2	7	66	20	163
	ACRES	119	738	0	111	82,640	2,258	85,866
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	6	1	4		16	15	42
	ACRES	26	0	210		3,548	1,325	5,109
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		2	1	260	28	292
	ACRES	1		9	2	8,739	2,923	11,674
Southern Area	FIRES	116		58	6	9,646	158	9,984
	ACRES	5,431		5,766	411	189,363	12,580	213,551
TOTAL	FIRES	174	26	66	16	10,079	243	10,604
	ACRES	5,577	761	5,985	524	284,330	19,090	316,267

Ten Year Average Fires	7,554
Ten Year Average Acres	194,797

*** 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	0
	ACRES						16	16
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						3	3
Southern California	FIRES		1	3			1	5
	ACRES		120	381			41	542
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		14				65	79
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				0	1
	ACRES		7				6	13
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						22	22
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			4	0		1	5
	ACRES			210	12		78	300
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		10	5	16
	ACRES			29		241	851	1,121
Southern Area	FIRES			7		15	16	38
	ACRES			12,572		1,395	14,380	28,347
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	15	0	25	27	69
	ACRES	0	141	13,192	12	1,636	15,462	30,443

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			27	50
	ACRES		1,449	45			612	2,106
Northern California	FIRES	1	11	1	11		57	81
	ACRES	12	215	549	33		1,275	2,084
Southern California	FIRES		2	4			45	51
	ACRES		275	496			578	1,349
Northern Rockies	FIRES	27	1				1	29
	ACRES	645	26				1	672
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6		1	12	3	22
	ACRES		678		13	254	270	1,215
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1		2	4	10
	ACRES		98	550		64	171	883
Southwest	FIRES		3				40	43
	ACRES		130				3,648	3,778
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	17	9	10	33	99	169
	ACRES	10	186	390	225	745	16,205	17,761
Eastern Area	FIRES			6		75	14	95
	ACRES			118		3,133	1,637	4,888
Southern Area	FIRES	20		81	7	532	272	912
	ACRES	5,515		49,285	6,330	97,421	274,336	432,887
TOTAL	FIRES	49	65	103	29	654	562	1,462
	ACRES	6,182	3,057	51,433	6,601	101,617	298,733	467,623

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