

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, March 15, 2011 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Moderate (228 new fires)
 New large fires: 7 (*)
 Large fires contained: 14
 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 1 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 2)

New fires: 208
 New large fires: 6
 Uncontained large fires: 4

* **GA Shrimp**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Four miles north of Darien, GA. Southern rough. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Residences threatened.

Enmin, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land 11 miles northwest of Perrin, TX. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Big Trickle Ranch, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land three miles northeast of Walnut Springs, TX. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Kentucky Rain, Osage Agency, BIA. Four miles east of Barnsdall, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. Minimal fire activity.

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
* GA Shrimp	GA	GAS	550	---	75	3/17	36	---	0	10	0	2	7K	ST
Enmin	TX	TXS	7,555	0	90	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	6	NR	PRI
Big Trickle Ranch	TX	TXS	3,925	-2,275	75	UNK	2	2	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI
Kentucky Rain	OK	OSA	2,707	---	80	3/16	2	---	0	1	0	0	15K	BIA
* Mountain Armadillo	OK	OKS	2,100	---	100	---	11	---	0	5	0	0	1.5K	ST
Blanco	OK	OKS	1,700	---	100	---	4	---	0	1	0	0	1.5K	ST

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
Middle Mountain	OK	OKS	1,600	---	100	---	2	---	0	3	0	0	3.4K	ST
Limestone	OK	OKS	900	---	100	---	2	-8	0	1	0	0	3.5K	ST
Valley X	OK	OKS	800	---	100	---	2	---	0	1	0	0	3.5K	ST
* Twin Peaks	TX	TXS	750	---	100	---	13	---	0	1	0	1	NR	PRI
* Triple S Ranch	FL	FLS	498	---	100	---	3	---	0	0	0	0	.5K	ST
Reynolds Lake	OK	OKS	380	0	100	---	2	-2	0	1	0	0	2K	ST
Herman Jones	OK	OKS	200	---	100	---	12	---	0	2	0	0	5K	ST
* Benjamin Road	NC	NCS	175	---	100	---	2	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Glass Hollow	OK	OKS	150	0	100	---	9	0	0	2	0	0	5K	ST
* Bolen	AR	ARS	162	---	100	---	3	---	0	0	0	0	.5K	ST
Lumpy Gravy	OK	OKS	134	0	100	---	5	0	0	1	0	0	5K	ST

OKS – Oklahoma DOF FLS – Florida DOF NCS – North Carolina DOF ARS – Arkansas Forestry Commission

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 7
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Pena, Coronado NF. Eleven miles west of Nogales, AZ. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

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
Pena	AZ	CNF	4,900	700	65	3/17	167	0	6	4	1	0	292K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

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

Lefthand Canyon, Arapaho and Roosevelt NF. Five miles northwest of Boulder, CO. Grass. Creeping and smoldering.

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
Lefthand Canyon	CO	ARF	622	0	90	UNK	147	-128	4	8	1	0	566K	FS

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 11
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Bethel, Mark Twain NF. One mile east of McClurg, MO. Hardwood litter and grass. No new information.

Hercules, Mark Twain NF. Eight miles south of Bradleyville, MO. Hardwood litter. No new information.

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
Bethel	MO	MTF	200	---	10	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	FS
Hercules	MO	MTF	150	---	85	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	.6K	FS
Rainy	MO	MTF	75	-55	100	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	1K	FS

Northern California Area (PL 1)

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

* **Napau**, Hawaii Volcanoes NP. Nine miles west of Kalapana, HI. Rain forest vegetation. Minimal fire activity. 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
* Napau	HI	HVP	404	---	N/A	N/A	10	---	0	2	1	0	6.5K	NPS

Predictive Services Discussion: A slow-moving storm system will continue to track across the Ohio Valley. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will spread from southern New England through the Ohio Valley and into the Southeastern States. In the West, rain and snow will continue over the Pacific Northwest. A warming trend will begin from Texas northward into the Central Plains.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Wildland / Urban Interface Category.**

WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE WATCHOUTS

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

● Consider the “Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts” in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or “chimneys” on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.

Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.

- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

References: [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg11

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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		2			4	1	7
	ACRES		1			23	1	25
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						3	3
Eastern Area	FIRES					10	1	11
	ACRES					123	2	125
Southern Area	FIRES			1		207		208
	ACRES			1		12,683		12,684
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	1	0	223	3	228
	ACRES	0	1	1	0	12,683	6	12,691

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				3		6	9
	ACRES				240		2	242
Southern California	FIRES		3			103	16	122
	ACRES		22			48	2	72
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			2		7
	ACRES		2			1		3
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	73	24	3	7	79	33	219
	ACRES	291	775	9	111	83,923	5,180	90,289
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	6	1	5		27	18	57
	ACRES	26	0	233		3,876	1,979	6,114
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		2	1	306	49	359
	ACRES	1		9	2	8,968	3,939	12,919
Southern Area	FIRES	135		86	8	10,856	179	11,264
	ACRES	5,980		7,010	411	259,382	13,130	285,913
TOTAL	FIRES	215	35	96	19	11,375	301	12,041
	ACRES	6,298	799	7,261	764	356,198	24,232	395,552

Ten Year Average Fires	11,801
Ten Year Average Acres	335,061

*** 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						10	10
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						6	6
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						150	150
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	1	1	3
	ACRES				489	37	5,602	6,128
Southern Area	FIRES			1		2	9	12
	ACRES			280		300	6,839	7,419
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	3	12	17
	ACRES	0	0	280	489	337	12,607	13,713

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			32	55
	ACRES		1,529	45			679	2,253
Northern California	FIRES	1	11	3	13		59	87
	ACRES	12	215	694	43		1,334	2,298
Southern California	FIRES		2	5			47	54
	ACRES		275	531			587	1,393
Northern Rockies	FIRES	31	1			1	4	37
	ACRES	687	26			20	76	809
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6		1	16	3	26
	ACRES		728		13	296	225	1,262
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1		2	4	10
	ACRES		98	550		64	171	883
Southwest	FIRES	1	9	2			43	55
	ACRES	1,500	5,131	948			11,502	19,081
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	17	6	11	37	100	172
	ACRES	10	186	217	226	2,986	16,566	20,191
Eastern Area	FIRES			7	2	119	20	148
	ACRES			123	491	8,257	8,725	17,596
Southern Area	FIRES	22		92	9	693	362	1,178
	ACRES	5,745		52,735	6,337	135,883	352,837	553,537
TOTAL	FIRES	56	71	117	36	868	674	1,822
	ACRES	7,954	8,188	55,843	7,110	147,506	392,702	619,303

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