

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, March 16, 2011 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (160 new fires)  
 New large fires: 0 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 6  
 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: 153  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 3

**GA Shrimp**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Four miles north of Darien, GA. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity. 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.

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	963	413	95	3/17	22	-14	0	4	0	2	20K	ST
Enmin	TX	TXS	7,555	0	90	3/17	0	0	0	0	0	6	NR	PRI
Big Trickle Ranch	TX	TXS	4,044	119	85	3/17	0	-2	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Kentucky Rain	OK	OSA	2,709	2	100	---	0	-2	0	0	0	0	10K	BIA

OSA – Osage Agency, BIA

### **Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 3  
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	5,720	820	90	3/17	167	0	6	4	1	0	452K	FS

### **Eastern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 0  
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. Last report unless new information is received.

**Hercules**, Mark Twain NF. Eight miles south of Bradleyville, MO. Hardwood litter. 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
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

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

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

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	100	---	22	-125	1	0	0	0	642K	FS

ARF – Arapaho and Roosevelt NF

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Low relative humidity combined with strong west/southwest winds are expected across eastern Colorado and northeast New Mexico for increased fire potential on Wednesday. A strong low pressure system continues to move through the Pacific Northwest and into the Intermountain West for low elevation rain and mountain snow across much of the western US. Warming and drying is in place across much of the eastern/southern portions of the U.S. as high pressure moves into the area.

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



**Today's discussion is from the  
Miscellaneous Category.**

## **HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT**

“Risk Management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – *it is the way we do the mission.*” The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

● Step 1—Situational Awareness:

- Obtain information.
- Scout the fire.
- Identify hazards—those likely to result in a negative impact.
- Consider all aspects of current and future situations.
- Consider known historical problem areas (Apply information from the Fire Danger Pocket Card.).
- Recognize the need for action.
- Demonstrate ongoing awareness of fire assignment status.
- Note deviations.
- Attempt to determine why discrepancies exist with information before proceeding.

● Step 2—Hazard Assessment:

- Assess hazards to determine risks (e.g., fire behavior, snags, unburned fuels, work/rest).
- Use the Look Up, Down, and Around; and the Tactical Watch Outs (both located in the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to identify high-risk tactical hazards.
- Assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss, cost, and mission/operational degradation based on probability and severity (probability—how likely an event will occur; severity—consequences if the event occurs). Keep in mind that increased exposure time increases probability.

● Step 3—Hazard Control:

- Determine the best approach to mitigate or control the risk from the hazards assessed.
- Establish controls (e.g., anchor point, LCES, utilize downhill checklist, limit exposure time).
- As control measures are developed, reevaluate each risk until it is reduced to a level where benefits outweigh potential costs.

● Step 4—Decision Point (decision to accept or not accept the risk(s) associated with an action):

- Consider whether controls are in place for identified hazards, whether selected tactics are based on expected fire behavior and if instructions have been given and understood.
- Make certain the decision is made at the appropriate level; if not, then elevate to a higher level.
- Reject the action if the risk is unacceptable.

● Step 5—Evaluation:

- Ensure controls are implemented and accomplished to standards.
- Supervise/evaluate effectiveness of controls and decisions. Stay on top of the situation and adjust risk controls as necessary.
- Anticipate consequences of decisions; if controls do not work, determine problem and derive a better solution.
- Adjust actions as the situation changes; maintain situational awareness at all times.
- Maintain feedback line.

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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	3						3
	ACRES	1						1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				2	1	4
	ACRES	12				3	3	18
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1		152		153
	ACRES			20		1,557		1,577
TOTAL	FIRES	4	0	1	0	154	1	160
	ACRES	13	0	20	0	1,560	3	1,596

### 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					3		3
	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	76	24	3	7	79	35	224
	ACRES	292	775	9	111	83,923	8,056	93,166
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7	1	5		29	19	61
	ACRES	38	0	233		3,879	1,982	6,132
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		2	1	306	49	359
	ACRES	1		9	2	8,968	3,939	12,919
Southern Area	FIRES	135		87	8	10,997	179	11,406
	ACRES	5,980		7,030	411	260,729	13,130	287,280
TOTAL	FIRES	219	35	97	19	11,519	304	12,193
	ACRES	6,311	799	7,281	764	357,548	27,111	399,814

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>10,9301</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>356,591</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						2	2
	ACRES						35	35
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						2	2
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	0	0
	ACRES					100	60	160
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	2				25	1	28
	ACRES	315				5,079	1,111	6,505
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	0	25	3	30
	ACRES	315	0	0	0	5,179	1,208	6,702

### 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		1,336	2,300
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	3,086	16,626	20,351
Eastern Area	FIRES			7	2	120	20	149
	ACRES			123	491	10,157	8,725	19,496
Southern Area	FIRES	24		92	9	718	363	1,206
	ACRES	6,060		52,735	6,337	140,962	353,948	560,042
TOTAL	FIRES	58	71	117	36	894	675	1,851
	ACRES	8,269	8,188	55,843	7,110	154,585	393,875	627,870

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