

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, March 19, 2011 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Moderate (255 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 4
 Uncontained large fires: ** 5
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there is 1 large fire 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.

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 10
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3

* **Valle Canyon**, Santa Fe NF. Two miles south of Pajarito, NM. Timber. Active fire behavior.

Pena, Coronado NF. Eleven miles west of Nogales, AZ. Grass. 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
* Valle Canyon	NM	SNF	200	---	10	3/21	78	---	4	10	1	0	75K	FS
Pena	AZ	CNF	6,050	0	95	3/21	28	0	1	0	0	0	576K	FS
Eagle Draw	NM	ROD	4,017	-783	100	---	42	-11	2	6	0	0	150K	BLM
Lambson	NM	N6S	695	0	100	---	0	-11	0	0	0	0	13K	ST

ROD - Roswell Field Office, BLM

N6S - Bernallio District, New Mexico State Forestry

Southern California Area (PL 1)

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

* **Center**, San Bernardino Unit, Cal Fire. Big Pine, CA. Brush and grass. Wind driven fire with rapid rates of spread. Community of Big Pine threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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* Center	CA	BDU	800	---	0	UNK	92	---	11	19	1	0	NR	ST

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 237
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

High Center, Oklahoma DOF. Four miles north of Wesley, OK. Grass. 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
High Center	OK	OKS	600	0	68	3/19	4	-10	0	2	0	0	3.2K	ST
* Brother In Law	OK	OKS	840	---	100	---	4	---	0	2	0	0	0.5K	ST
Tuma Ranch	TX	TXS	300	0	100	---	0	-7	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI

TXS - Texas Forest Service

Predictive Services Discussion: Generally warm and dry conditions will continue across the southeast on Saturday. Winds will increase across the southwest and Texas on Sunday and Monday ahead of the low pressure system moving across the West. Isolated to scattered valley rain and mountain snow will continue across much of the western U.S. Saturday through Monday.

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



Today's discussion is from the Motorized Operations Category.

ATV Safety

The use of ATVs for wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire operations has increased dramatically over the last ten years. Note: Several agencies have required training for ATV operations (check your agency's requirements).

- Most injuries associated with ATVs occur when:
 - the driver loses control (When the operator encounters a change of terrain or swerves to avoid an obstacle, it causes an abrupt change of balance and loss of control.)
 - the vehicle rolls over
 - the driver or passenger is thrown off
 - the operator's loss of attention to what, where, and how an ATV is being operated
 - or there is a collision with a fixed object
- Identified contributing factors to ATV accidents include:
 - rider inexperience
 - excessive speed--excessive speed, combined with rough terrain, can create enough pitch and bounce to cause the operator to lose control of the vehicle
 - lack of helmet use
 - the ATV is improperly loaded or load weight exceeds vehicle operation capacity
 - the operator carries a passenger that affects the operators control and operation of the ATV
- Safety measures for ATV use include:
 - Conduct pre-ride inspection-- This inspection should include checking tires, throttle cable, front and rear brakes, lights and switches, oil and fuel, chain or drive shaft, air filter, clean out of weeds and other debris from around engine and other hot components, and the chassis for any defects or wear.
 - Single riders only--Injuries frequently occur to passengers, therefore riding double should not be permitted.
 - Always wear PPE- helmets, eye protection, and protective clothing. Appropriate helmets are those designed for motorcycle (not firefighting) use, and should include safety visors/face shields, goggles, or safety glasses for eye protection.
 - Use headlights to improve visibility by other vehicles
 - Maintain speeds acceptable for riding conditions, especially over uneven terrain
 - Traversing slopes should be avoided
 - Mounted or towed loads should not exceed manufacturer's recommendation and should be properly mounted so that weight transfer does not affect the center of gravity of the machine-- mounting a tank (e.g., drip torch) on the rear of the vehicle increases the chances for a rear turnover.
 - Do not drive on public roads - Collisions with automobiles on public roads are the most common cause of fatal ATV accidents. It may be illegal to operate an ATV on public roads— check your state's laws.

References: [Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)
[Safety and Occupational Health Manual Handbook, BLM-1112-1](#)

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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			0
	ACRES				538			538
Southern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					800		800
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	7				2	1	10
	ACRES	22				2	200	224
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				5		6
	ACRES	80				77		157
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES			5		225	7	237
	ACRES			170		2,990	28	3,188
TOTAL	FIRES	8	0	5	0	235	8	256
	ACRES	102	0	170	538	3,871	228	4,909

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				1,704		2	1,706
Southern California	FIRES		4			107	19	130
	ACRES		22			50	2	74
Northern Rockies	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			3		6
	ACRES		2			2		4
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	108	28	3	7	91	41	278
	ACRES	361	2,241	9	111	84,652	8,339	95,713
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	3	6		38	19	75
	ACRES	122	2	799		6,272	1,982	9,177
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		2	1	324	53	381
	ACRES	1		9	2	9,704	3,941	13,657
Southern Area	FIRES	135		98	8	11,414	188	11,843
	ACRES	5,980		7,819	411	255,504	13,065	282,779
TOTAL	FIRES	253	40	109	19	11,980	326	12,727
	ACRES	6,464	2,267	8,636	2,228	356,184	27,331	403,110

Ten Year Average Fires	11,367
Ten Year Average Acres	381,880

*** 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		0	0
	ACRES				2		2	4
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				0	1
	ACRES		30				3	33
Eastern Area	FIRES			0		4	1	5
	ACRES			86		212	143	441
Southern Area	FIRES	1		1		8	20	30
	ACRES	103		380		589	17,462	18,534
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	1	0	12	21	36
	ACRES	103	30	466	2	801	17,610	19,012

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			36	59
	ACRES		1,529	45			722	2,296
Northern California	FIRES	1	11	3	13		64	92
	ACRES	12	215	694	45		1,385	2,351
Southern California	FIRES		4	7			50	61
	ACRES		550	551			830	1,931
Northern Rockies	FIRES	31	1			1	4	37
	ACRES	687	26			20	76	809
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4		1	17	3	25
	ACRES		820		13	304	225	1,362
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1		2	4	10
	ACRES		105	550		64	182	901
Southwest	FIRES	1	12	2			55	70
	ACRES	1,500	5,936	948			17,542	25,926
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	18	7	11	40	101	178
	ACRES	10	216	321	226	7,186	16,909	24,868
Eastern Area	FIRES			9	2	128	21	160
	ACRES			229	491	10,442	8,868	20,030
Southern Area	FIRES	29		97	9	726	403	1,264
	ACRES	6,588		53,807	6,337	141,843	391,396	599,971
TOTAL	FIRES	63	75	127	36	914	741	1,956
	ACRES	8,797	9,397	57,145	7,112	159,859	438,135	680,445

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

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.