

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, March 23, 2011 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Heavy (343 new fires)
 New large fires: 6 (*)
 Large fires contained: 7
 Uncontained large fires: ** 11
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 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.

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 15
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Indian Gulch, Jefferson County. IMT 1 (Muir). One mile west of Golden, CO. Timber litter and grass. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

* **Stanton County**, Kansas Counties. Thirty miles south of Johnson City, KS. Grass. Active fire behavior.

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
Indian Gulch	CO	JEX	1,162	312	25	3/26	285	-125	3	33	2	0	680K	CNTY
* Stanton County	KS	KSX	144,000	---	70	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	CNTY

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 311
 New large fires: 5
 Uncontained large fires: 7

* **Ralph Keller Ranch**, Texas forest Service. Started on private land 14 miles northeast of Marathon, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Bread Town, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles northeast of Stringtown, OK. Timber. No further information received.

Queen Simmons, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Ten miles northwest of Clinton, AR. Timber. No further information received.

Rocky, Oklahoma DOF. Four miles northeast of Marble City, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information.

* **Koch**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land nine miles south of Andrews, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

Trall Hollow, Oklahoma DOF. One mile southeast of Bell, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information.

Long, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Six miles south of Canaan, AR. Timber. No new information.

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* Ralph Keller Ranch	TX	TXS	1,000	---	0	UNK	21	---	1	2	0	0	NR	PRI
Bread Town	OK	OKS	880	0	75	3/24	9	-4	0	3	0	0	3.3K	ST
Queen Simmons	AR	ARS	632	132	90	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	.8K	ST
Rocky	OK	OKS	530	---	70	3/23	6	---	0	2	0	0	7K	ST
* Koch	TX	TXS	400	---	0	UNK	1	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Trall Hollow	OK	OKS	360	0	85	3/23	6	-2	0	1	0	0	5K	ST
Long	AR	ARS	200	---	98	UNK	4	---	0	0	0	0	.5K	ST
High Center	OK	OKS	600	0	100	---	4	0	0	2	0	0	3.7K	ST
* Hiway 82	OK	OKS	388	---	100	---	7	---	0	3	0	0	1K	ST
* Chad	TX	TXS	300	---	100	---	13	---	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
Hopewell	AR	ARS	268	0	100	---	3	0	0	0	0	0	.5K	ST
* Whip	KY	DBF	197	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	8K	FS
Hwy 70E	AR	ARS	150	0	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	0	.5K	ST
South Mt.	AR	ARS	101	0	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	0	.3K	ST

DBF – Daniel Boone NF

Southwest Area (PL 2)

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

Duke, Coronado NF. Eleven miles northeast of Nogales, AZ. Grass. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

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
Duke	AZ	CNF	4,000	0	15	3/24	160	22	4	11	2	0	312K	FS

Northern California Area (PL 1)

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

Napau, Hawaii Volcanoes NP. Previously reported incident. Nine miles west of Kalapana, HI. Rain forest vegetation. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Napau	HI	HVP	2,010	---	N/A	N/A	35	---	2	2	2	0	140K	NPS

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 16
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Crane Cemetary, Mark Twain NF. Six miles north of Houston, 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
Crane Cemetary	MO	MTF	100	---	40	UNK	2	---	0	1	0	0	4K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Wind speeds across the southern tier of the U.S. will decrease on Wednesday before picking up again on Thursday. The low pressure system that has been affecting the western U.S. will move northeast across the Great Lakes area, bringing snow and freezing rain to the region. Another low pressure system moves onto the California coast beginning Wednesday for another round of valley showers and mountain snow.

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



Today's discussion is from the
LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape
Routes, and Safety Zones) Category.

Escape Routes (part 2)

Escape Routes are the path the firefighter takes from their current locations, exposed to the danger, to an area free from danger. Notice that escape routes is used instead of escape route(s). Unlike the other components, there always must be more than one escape route available to the firefighter. Escape routes are probably the most elusive component of LCES. Their effectiveness changes continuously. As the firefighter works along the fire perimeter, fatigue and spatial separation increases the time required to reach the safety zone. The most common escape route (or part of an escape route) is the fireline. On indirect or parallel fireline, situations become compounded. Unless safety zones have been identified ahead, as well as behind, firefighters retreat may not be possible.

- Have you ever timed an escape route? If not how do you judge its effectiveness?
- Describe a time when you were uncomfortably distant from your escape route.
- Describe a method you have used to communicate an escape route to your crews.

References:

["LCES and Other Thoughts" by Paul Gleason](#)

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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						1	1
	ACRES						70	70
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			2		13		15
	ACRES			402		147,402		147,804
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	8	7	16
	ACRES				4	33	302	339
Southern Area	FIRES					303	8	311
	ACRES					6,842	37	6,879
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	1	324	16	343
	ACRES	0	0	402	4	154,277	409	155,092

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	114	29	3	7	94	45	292
	ACRES	376	2,241	9	111	84,736	12,282	99,755
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	10	3	8		57	20	98
	ACRES	123	2	1,201		153,748	1,994	157,068
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		2	4	412	68	487
	ACRES	1		9	6	9,810	5,096	14,922
Southern Area	FIRES	135		102	8	12,936	216	13,397
	ACRES	5,980		7,883	411	286,627	13,807	314,708
TOTAL	FIRES	260	41	115	22	13,612	374	14,424
	ACRES	6,480	2,267	9,102	2,232	534,973	33,183	588,237

Ten Year Average Fires	13,078
Ten Year Average Acres	500,204

*** 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	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						1
	ACRES	4						4
Eastern Area	FIRES			1	1	5	3	10
	ACRES			10	636	568	3,276	4,490
Southern Area	FIRES			4	1	6	12	23
	ACRES			848	551	833	11,844	14,076
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	5	2	11	16	35
	ACRES	4	0	858	1,189	1,401	15,132	18,584

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			37	60
	ACRES		1,529	45			732	2,306
Northern California	FIRES	1	11	3	13		64	92
	ACRES	12	215	694	49		1,389	2,359
Southern California	FIRES		4	7			50	61
	ACRES		550	551			830	1,931
Northern Rockies	FIRES	31	1			1	4	37
	ACRES	1,051	26			20	76	1,173
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	2	19	7	11	40	104	183
	ACRES	14	226	321	226	7,186	19,985	27,958
Eastern Area	FIRES			10	5	164	31	210
	ACRES			315	1,330	12,896	13,242	27,783
Southern Area	FIRES	29		105	11	762	469	1,376
	ACRES	6,588		56,675	6,928	151,204	462,050	683,445
TOTAL	FIRES	64	76	136	41	986	821	2,124
	ACRES	9,165	9,407	60,099	8,546	171,674	516,253	775,144

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

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