

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Sunday, April 17, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (110 new fires)
New large fires:	7 (*)
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires: **	33
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there are no 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:	87
New large fires:	6
Uncontained large fires:	31
Type 1 IMT committed	1
Type 2 IMT committed	1

IMT1 (Quesinberry) is assigned to manage large fires and provide support to initial attack operations for the West Branch Operational Area in Texas.

**Rock House**, Texas Forest Service. Fort Davis, TX. Pinyon pine and juniper. Active fire behavior.

**Cooper Mountain Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Fifteen miles northeast of Snyder, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

**Swenson**, Texas Forest Service. Three miles north of Swenson, TX. Brush and grass. No further information received.

**Frying Pan Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Twenty-five miles northwest of Andrews, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

**Wildcat**, Texas Forest Service. Nineteen miles southwest of Bronte, TX. Grass. Extreme fire behavior. Community of Robert Lee is threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**PK West**, Texas Forest Service. Includes previously reported Hohertz fire. Sixteen miles northeast of Breckenridge, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Little Smokey**, Texas Forest Service. Fifty miles east of Fort Stockton, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior. The community of Sheffield is threatened.

**DHR**, Texas Forest Service. Fifty miles east of Fort Stockton. Grass. Active fire behavior. No further information received.

**Hickman**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land ten miles southeast of Midland, TX. Grass. No further information received.

**Encino**, Texas Forest Service. Thirteen miles west of San Angelo, TX. Grass. Residences threatened. No further information received.

**Cannon**, Texas Forest Service. Fifty miles east of Fort Stockton. Brush and grass. No further information received.

**Sutton**, Texas Forest Service. Twenty miles southwest of Ozona, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

\* **Bryson Complex** (2 fires), Texas Forest Service. Five miles southeast of Bryson, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Wichita County Complex**, Texas Forest Service. Two miles southwest of Iowa Park, TX. Oak and brush. Minimal fire activity.

**East Sidwynicks**, Texas Forest Service. Six miles south of Eastland, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. The community of Carbon is threatened.

**Indiahoma Wye**, Wichita Mountains NWR. IMT2 (Dueitt). Seven miles northeast of Indiahoma, OK. Timber and grass. Creeping with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened.

\* **Smith**, Texas Forest Service. Six miles northeast of Graham, TX. Oak, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

**McPherson**, Texas Forest Service. Twenty miles southwest of Sonora, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

**Merritt**, St. Johns NWR. Five miles northwest of Sharpes, FL. Timber and grass. No new information.

**Centerpoint**, Buffalo National River, NPS. Three miles northwest of Ponca, AR. Hardwood litter. No new information.

\* **Livingston #254**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty miles northwest of Livingston, TX. Pine. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting.

\* **CR 104**, Texas Forest Service. Two mile north of Cisco, TX. Oak and brush. Moderate fire activity. Community of Cisco is threatened.

\* **4 Mile Road**, Anadarko Agency, BIA. Two miles east of Paradise Valley, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. Creeping and smoldering with isolated spotting. Residences threatened.

\* **Pipeline**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land ten miles northeast of Kountze, TX. Pine. Spotting and crowning. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Yates Field**, Texas Forest Service. Ten miles southwest of Iraan, TX. Grass. No further information received.

**East Central**, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Fifteen miles northeast of Moss Point, MS. Timber litter. No new information.

**Watova**, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles east of Watova, OK. Hardwood litter. Residences threatened. No new information.

**Orphan**, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Three miles northwest of Kiln, MS. Closed timber litter. No new information.

**Soccer Field**, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Three miles southwest of Gautier, MS. Closed timber litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Pritchett Rd**, Oklahoma DOF. Eight miles southeast of Stilwell, OK. Timber. 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
Rock House	TX	TXS	182,007	17,128	70	UNK	269	-20	10	0	0	40	926K	ST
Cooper Mountain Ranch	TX	TXS	152,000	3,000	50	UNK	100	-8	1	24	1	0	650K	ST
Swenson	TX	TXS	120,000	16,616	90	UNK	28	2	0	3	1	0	2.4M	ST
Frying Pan Ranch	TX	TXS	80,907	0	50	UNK	7	-1	0	0	0	0	81K	ST
Wildcat	TX	TXS	80,000	38,042	10	UNK	56	18	0	8	0	0	170K	ST
PK West	TX	TXS	30,000	10,000	10	UNK	110	77	3	7	1	31	14K	ST
Little Smokey	TX	TXS	27,895	0	80	UNK	151	47	4	7	0	0	112K	ST
DHR	TX	TXS	26,284	0	80	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	129K	ST
Hickman	TX	TXS	16,500	0	98	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	25	81K	PRI
Encino	TX	TXS	12,659	0	90	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	62K	ST
Cannon	TX	TXS	9,284	36	80	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	45K	ST
Sutton	TX	TXS	8,000	3,752	10	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	20K	ST
* Bryson Complex	TX	TXS	7,500	---	40	UNK	15	---	0	1	1	0	10K	ST
Wichita County Complex	TX	TXS	7,100	4,050	80	4/18	17	0	0	2	0	20	110K	ST
East Sidwynicks	TX	TXS	3,000	0	95	UNK	20	0	0	1	0	0	16K	ST
Indiahoma Wye	OK	WMR	2,621	-279	50	4/20	149	13	4	8	3	0	408K	FWS
* Smith	TX	TXS	2,000	---	85	UNK	5	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
McPherson	TX	TXS	1,500	0	20	UNK	8	-3	0	1	0	0	6K	ST
* Livingston #254	TX	TXS	1,440	---	50	4/19	21	---	0	1	2	0	NR	PRI
* CR 104	TX	TXS	1,400	---	75	UNK	8	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* 4 Mile Road	OK	ANA	800	---	25	UNK	30	---	0	11	0	0	7K	BIA
* Pipeline	TX	TXS	800	---	50	4/19	27	---	0	1	2	0	NR	PRI
Yates Field	TX	TXS	300	0	50	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.5K	ST
Merritt	FL	SJR	800	---	80	UNK	7	---	0	2	1	0	5K	FWS
Centerpoint	AR	BUP	636	---	90	4/18	9	---	0	0	0	0	10K	NPS
East Central	MS	MSS	300	---	95	UNK	9	---	0	3	0	2	5K	ST
Watova	OK	OXS	130	---	70	UNK	11	---	0	7	0	1	15K	ST
Orphan	MS	MSS	110	---	95	UNK	9	---	0	3	0	0	1K	ST

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Soccer Field	MS	MSS	250	---	95	UNK	12	---	0	0	0	0	3.2K	ST
Pritchett Rd	OK	OKS	145	---	80	UNK	5	---	0	3	0	0	4K	ST
Camp Bowie	TX	TXS	3,355	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Hubbard Creek	TX	TXS	800	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Schoelzow	TX	TXS	400	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Lucas	TX	TXS	400	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Justiceburg East	TX	TXS	300	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	750K	ST

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

New fires: 4  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **Pine Lawn**, Gila NF. Eight miles south of Reserve, NM. Mixed pine, juniper and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Rabbit Ear**, Cimarron District, New Mexico State Forestry. Three miles north of Clayton, NM. Pinyon pine, juniper and grass. No new information.

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* Pine Lawn	NM	GNF	500	---	0	UNK	100	---	2	9	0	0	10K	FS
Rabbit Ear	NM	N2S	24,305	0	95	UNK	31	-6	1	6	0	0	171K	ST

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Strong, drying southwest winds will develop over southeastern Colorado, all of New Mexico and the western half of Texas. These winds are expected to persist through Monday. Scattered showers and mountain snow showers will be likely over the Pacific Northwest and the northern Rockies. Widespread wetting rains will continue over New England.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Fireline Safety Category.

## FIRE NOT SCOUTED AND SIZED UP

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and **every time** resources arrive at a fire.

- Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:
  - Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
  - Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
  - Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
  - Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
  - Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)
  - Are there aerial resources that can act as lookouts?
  
- Continued...
  - Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
  - Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
  - Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)
  
- To reduce the risks:
  - Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
  - Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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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				2	1	4
	ACRES	0				5	500	505
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3				1	4
	ACRES		5				0	5
Eastern Area	FIRES					15		15
	ACRES					7		7
Southern Area	FIRES				1	82	4	87
	ACRES				735	14,729	72	15,536
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	1	99	6	110
	ACRES	0	5	0	735	14,741	572	16,053

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					2		2
Northwest	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					22		22
Northern California	FIRES				3		11	14
	ACRES				2,076		2	2,078
Southern California	FIRES		5			164	10	179
	ACRES		22			929	2	953
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11				9		20
	ACRES	16				16		32
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		7			8		15
	ACRES		4			2		6
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	2					3
	ACRES	10	0					10
Southwest	FIRES	205	53	6	7	207	78	556
	ACRES	1,238	6,852	147	111	154,479	28,202	191,029
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	93	7	10	1	121	26	258
	ACRES	1,654	14	1,343	2,269	120,337	3,106	128,723
Eastern Area	FIRES	78		6	12	1,326	134	1,556
	ACRES	59		80	70	15,783	13,966	29,958
Southern Area	FIRES	146		154	31	17,541	327	18,199
	ACRES	5,987		12,659	6,624	573,268	17,033	615,571
TOTAL	FIRES	534	74	176	54	19,389	586	20,813
	ACRES	8,964	6,892	14,229	11,150	864,838	62,311	968,384

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>19,903</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>719,600</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							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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		100				50	150
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					2,638		2,638
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
	ACRES	0	100	0	0	2,638	50	2,788



### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			20				20
Northwest	FIRES		26	3			55	84
	ACRES		2,771	245			998	4,014
Northern California	FIRES	1	15	5	14		73	108
	ACRES	12	306	2,809	62		1,575	4,764
Southern California	FIRES		5	7			53	65
	ACRES		554	551			875	1,980
Northern Rockies	FIRES	32	5			1	18	56
	ACRES	1,143	152			20	217	1,532
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		7	3	1	20	7	38
	ACRES		1,143	995	13	651	555	3,357
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1		2	4	10
	ACRES		105	550		64	182	901
Southwest	FIRES	5	20	3	1		63	92
	ACRES	1,640	14,749	1,428	15		24,708	42,540
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	26	25	13	42	110	220
	ACRES	654	969	5,232	3,516	7,196	20,859	38,426
Eastern Area	FIRES	7		26	11	467	63	574
	ACRES	35,694		4,226	3,433	32,250	32,773	108,376
Southern Area	FIRES	38		127	11	889	580	1,645
	ACRES	7,588		64,135	9,904	184,063	560,917	826,607
TOTAL	FIRES	87	107	201	51	1,421	1,026	2,893
	ACRES	46,731	20,749	80,191	16,943	224,244	643,659	1,032,517

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

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