

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, April 18, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (30 new fires)
New large fires:	4 (*)
Large fires contained:	6
Uncontained large fires: **	33
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
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:	4
New large fires:	3
Uncontained large fires:	30
Type 1 IMT committed	2
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, juniper, brush and slash. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

PK West Complex (3 fires), Texas Forest Service. IMT1 (Wilder) ordered. Includes previously reported PK West fire. Sixteen miles northeast of Breckenridge, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Cooper Mountain Ranch, Texas Forest Service. Fifteen miles northeast of Snyder, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

Swenson, Texas Forest Service. Three miles north of Swenson, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate 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.

Frying Pan Ranch, Texas Forest Service. Twenty-five miles northwest of Andrews, TX. Grass. No further information received.

Little Smokey, Texas Forest Service. Fifty miles east of Fort Stockton, TX. Grass. Structures threatened. No further information received.

DHR, Texas Forest Service. Fifty miles east of Fort Stockton, TX. Grass. 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.

Wichita County Complex, Texas Forest Service. Two miles southwest of Iowa Park, TX. Oak and brush. No further information received.

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

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

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

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

* **Dad's Corner**, Texas Forest Service. Fifteen miles southwest of Wichita Falls, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Indiahoma Wye, Wichita Mountains NWR. IMT2 (Dueitt). Seven miles northeast of Indianhoma, OK. Timber and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

* **Jackson Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles south of Caddo, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

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

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

Livingston #254, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty miles northwest of Livingston, TX. Pine. Minimal fire activity.

Merritt, St. Johns NWR. Five miles northwest of Sharpes, FL. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity.

* **Middle Pease**, Texas Forest Service. Four miles northwest of Matador, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior.

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

4 Mile Road, Anadarko Agency, BIA. Two miles east of Paradise Valley, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. No new information.

East Central, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Fifteen miles northeast of Moss Point, MS. Timber litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Orphan, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Three miles northwest of Kiln, MS. Closed timber 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
Rock House	TX	TXS	191,066	9,059	75	UNK	270	1	7	7	0	40	1.2M	ST
PK West	TX	TXS	50,739	20,739	10	UNK	136	26	2	21	1	31	156K	ST
Cooper Mountain Ranch	TX	TXS	168,000	16,000	50	UNK	81	-19	1	23	1	0	1.3M	ST
Swenson	TX	TXS	120,000	0	90	4/19	45	17	0	6	1	0	2.6M	ST
Wildcat	TX	TXS	103,772	23,772	10	UNK	129	73	0	19	0	0	433K	ST
Frying Pan Ranch	TX	TXS	80,907	0	80	UNK	7	0	0	0	0	0	273K	ST
Little Smokey	TX	TXS	27,895	0	80	UNK	0	-151	0	0	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
Wichita County Complex	TX	TXS	11,785	4,685	90	4/18	0	-17	0	0	0	20	17K	ST
Sutton	TX	TXS	10,000	2,000	60	UNK	124	124	4	7	0	0	33K	ST
Cannon	TX	TXS	9,284	0	80	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	45K	ST
Bryson Complex	TX	TXS	7,500	0	50	UNK	54	39	2	5	1	0	10K	ST
Pipeline	TX	TXS	6,700	5,900	60	4/19	33	6	0	1	4	0	NR	PRI
* Dad's Corner	TX	TXS	6,100	---	70	UNK	1	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Indiahoma Wye	OK	WMR	2,621	0	95	4/20	128	-21	3	7	3	0	486K	FWS
* Jackson Ranch	TX	TXS	2,200	---	50	UNK	16	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
CR 104	TX	TXS	2,000	600	75	UNK	6	-2	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
McPherson	TX	TXS	1,500	0	60	UNK	8	0	0	1	0	0	6K	ST
Livingston #254	TX	TXS	1,369	-71	75	4/19	21	0	0	1	1	0	NR	PRI
Merritt	FL	SJR	810	10	80	4/20	3	-4	0	2	0	0	9K	FWS
* Middle Pease	TX	TXS	400	---	90	4/18	1	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Yates Field	TX	TXS	300	0	80	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
4 Mile Road	OK	ANA	800	---	25	UNK	30	---	0	11	0	0	7K	BIA
East Central	MS	MSS	300	---	95	UNK	9	---	0	3	0	2	5K	ST
Orphan	MS	MSS	110	---	95	UNK	9	---	0	3	0	0	1K	ST
East Sidwynicks	TX	TXS	3,000	0	100	---	0	-20	0	0	0	0	17K	ST
Smith	TX	TXS	2,000	0	100	---	0	-5	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Centerpoint	AR	BUP	735	99	100	---	9	0	0	0	0	0	10K	NPS
Pritchett Rd	OK	OKS	145	0	100	---	5	0	0	3	0	0	4K	ST
Watova	OK	OKS	130	0	100	---	11	0	0	7	0	1	15K	ST

BUP – Buffalo National River, NPS OKS – Oklahoma DOF

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 4
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 3

White, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. Previously reported incident. Two miles west of Ruidoso Downs, NM. Timber. Smoldering.

Pine Lawn, Gila NF. Eight miles south of Reserve, NM. Mixed pine, juniper and grass. Minimal fire activity with isolated spotting. Residences threatened.

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

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White	NM	N5S	10,435	---	95	UNK	25	---	0	4	0	12	2.3M	ST
Pine Lawn	NM	GNF	500	0	25	4/20	145	45	4	9	0	0	50K	FS
Rabbit Ear	NM	N2S	24,305	---	95	UNK	31	---	1	6	0	0	171K	ST
* Double V	NM	N5S	1,900	---	100	---	2	---	0	1	0	0	7K	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: Strong, drying winds with low relative humidity will continue over New Mexico and the western half of Texas as well as southeastern Arizona and Colorado. Widespread rain showers with mountain snow will develop over the northern half of California eastward to the western slope of Colorado. Rain will continue over the eastern Ohio Valley and the Great Lakes.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.

Hazard Trees

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw fire brands far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Air operations - cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use saw teams and falling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 80 and 81

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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	2	0				0	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					1	0	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					20		20
	ACRES					8		8
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						62	62
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	0	0	21	6	30
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	9	62	73

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	207	53	6	7	207	79	559
	ACRES	1,240	6,852	147	111	154,479	28,202	191,031
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	93	7	10	1	123	27	261
	ACRES	1,654	14	1,343	2,269	120,338	3,106	128,724
Eastern Area	FIRES	78		6	12	1,346	134	1,576
	ACRES	59		80	70	15,791	13,966	29,966
Southern Area	FIRES	146		154	31	17,541	332	18,204
	ACRES	5,987		12,659	6,624	573,268	17,124	615,662
TOTAL	FIRES	536	74	176	54	19,411	593	20,844
	ACRES	8,966	6,892	14,229	11,150	864,847	62,402	968,486

Ten Year Average Fires	20,262
Ten Year Average Acres	725,107

*** 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					1	0	1
	ACRES					225	229	454
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					502		502
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	727	229	956

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	43	110	221
	ACRES	654	969	5,232	3,516	7,421	21,088	38,880
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	13	891	581	1,650
	ACRES	7,588		64,135	9,952	184,565	561,117	827,357
TOTAL	FIRES	87	107	201	53	1,424	1,027	2,899
	ACRES	46,731	20,749	80,191	16,991	224,971	644,088	1,033,721

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

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