

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, April 22, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (126 new fires)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	9
Uncontained large fires: **	15
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

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.

The 145<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charlotte, NC and the 153<sup>rd</sup> Air Wing, Cheyenne, WY are providing one MAFFS C-130 aircraft each, along with two from the 146<sup>th</sup> Air Wing, Channel Islands, CA, and support personnel to the state of Texas. The aircraft and personnel are based at Dyess Air Force Base under the command of Colonel Jack Pittman.

**Southern Area (PL 4)**

New fires:	69
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	14
Type 1 IMT committed	2
Type 2 IMT committed	2

IMT 1 (Quesinberry) is assigned to manage large fires and provide support to initial attack operations for the West Branch Operational Area in Texas. Texas State IMT 2 (Hannemann) is managing existing and new fires located in Texas state initial attack zones. Florida IMT 2 (Graham) is managing existing and new fires for the East Branch Operational Area in Texas.

**PK Complex** (4 fires), Texas Forest Service. IMT 1 (Wilder). Sixteen miles northeast of Breckenridge, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Numerous communities threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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

**Wildcat**, Texas Forest Service. Nineteen miles southwest of Bronte, TX. Grass. Moderate fire activity. Numerous residences threatened.

**Sutton**, Texas Forest Service. Twenty miles southwest of Ozona, TX. Grass. No further information received.

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

**U-Pick**, Florida DOF. Eight miles northwest of Indiantown, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity.

\* **Hungryland**, Florida DOF. Fourteen miles west of Jupiter, FL. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

\* **Ranger**, National Forests in Florida. Five miles southwest of Crawfordville, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching and short-range spotting.

**Pipeline**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land ten miles northeast of Kountze, TX. Pine plantation. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Merritt**, St. Johns NWR. Five miles northwest of Sharpes, FL. Timber and grass. 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
PK Complex	TX	TXS	147,973	0	25	4/30	662	78	5	96	14	159	1.1M	ST
Rock House	TX	TXS	202,756	606	75	UNK	253	-26	9	9	0	40	1.9M	ST
Wildcat	TX	TXS	159,308	0	75	UNK	258	-2	0	40	0	2	1.2M	ST
Sutton	TX	TXS	25,000	0	95	UNK	152	-20	4	3	0	0	321K	ST
Bryson Complex	TX	TXS	7,500	0	95	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	10K	ST
U-Pick	FL	FLS	715	0	90	UNK	42	0	0	6	2	0	NR	ST
* Hungryland	FL	FLS	650	---	75	UNK	16	---	0	2	2	0	NR	ST
* Ranger	FL	FNF	130	---	25	4/23	17	---	0	3	0	0	6K	FS
Pipeline	TX	TXS	7,000	---	75	UNK	27	---	0	1	2	0	NR	PRI
Merritt	FL	SJR	810	---	90	UNK	5	---	0	3	0	0	15K	FWS
Cooper Mountain Ranch	TX	TXS	162,625	0	100	---	37	-15	0	8	0	0	1.3M	ST
Swenson	TX	TXS	122,500	0	100	---	29	0	0	6	0	0	2.6M	ST
Cement	OK	OKS	2,950	0	100	---	27	0	0	8	0	13	180K	ST
Immokalee Ranch	FS	FLS	2,000	0	100	---	15	0	0	1	1	0	NR	ST
Mossy Rock Ranch	TX	TXS	855	55	100	---	0	-35	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Addielee Road	OK	OKS	708	198	100	---	2	-2	0	1	0	0	6K	ST
Orphan	MS	MSS	379	3	100	---	9	0	0	3	0	0	6K	ST

OKS – Oklahoma DOF      MSS – Mississippi Forestry Commission

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Yellow**, Gila NF. 36 miles northwest of Silver City. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Pine Lawn**, Gila NF. Eight miles south of Reserve, NM. Mixed pine, juniper and grass. 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
* Yellow	NM	GNF	115	---	N/A	N/A	48	---	2	0	0	0	60K	FS
Pine Lawn	NM	GNF	500	---	80	UNK	145	---	4	7	0	0	110K	FS
Tire	NM	N4S	24,000	0	100	---	4	-22	0	1	0	4	100K	ST
Empire	AZ	A3S	2,009	1,009	100	---	69	-62	3	2	0	0	100K	ST

N4S – Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry    A3S – Tucson District, Arizona DOF

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Low relative humidity below 15 percent and gusty winds of 20 to 30 mph will produce critical fire weather conditions across eastern New Mexico and parts of southeastern Colorado and far west Texas. Showers and thunderstorms will continue to move through Nebraska, Oklahoma and north Texas to the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys. Rain and snow showers will spread across the northern Plains to the northern Rockies.

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



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

## **HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SAFETY**

The following points should be considered when operating around an unimproved landing site:

- Always wear your personal protective equipment (PPE) when working around an operating helicopter. (Eye, hearing, head)
- Always get the approval of a flight crewmember or the pilot before approaching an operating helicopter.
- Only approach and depart a helicopter as directed, in a slightly crouched position, and in full view of a crewmember. Keep in pilot's field of vision at all times.
- Never go near the tail of helicopters.
- When loading helicopters in uneven terrain, always approach and depart from the down slope (lower) side and do not hold equipment overhead..
- Remove or secure loose articles prior to working around an operating helicopter.
- Be aware of the dust abatement conditions of the landing area, as blowing dust, sand, or rocks caused by the helicopter's rotor wash can be hazardous.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#), pgs 52, 54,55

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide \(IHOG\)](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					2		2
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		2			23		25
	ACRES		0			17		17
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					10		10
Southwest	FIRES	3				3	2	8
	ACRES	2				13	0	15
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			0		5		5
	ACRES			3		196		199
Eastern Area	FIRES	3				6	3	12
	ACRES	2				4	13	19
Southern Area	FIRES			3		63	3	69
	ACRES			15		856	199	1,070
TOTAL	FIRES	6	3	3	0	105	9	126
	ACRES	4	0	18	0	1,098	212	1,332

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					24		24
	ACRES					11		11
Northwest	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					22		22
Northern California	FIRES				3		14	17
	ACRES				2,076		3	2,079
Southern California	FIRES		16			197	10	223
	ACRES		25			957	2	984
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13		1		10		24
	ACRES	24		6		17		47
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11			11	2	24
	ACRES		5			2	0	7
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	17		3	4		25
	ACRES	10	1		0	95		106
Southwest	FIRES	212	62	6	7	245	89	621
	ACRES	1,244	8,223	147	111	203,756	28,476	241,957
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	114	8	13	1	137	27	300
	ACRES	2,181	14	1,350	2,269	121,716	3,106	130,636
Eastern Area	FIRES	88		8	12	1,498	145	1,751
	ACRES	65		81	70	16,102	14,004	30,322
Southern Area	FIRES	146		165	31	18,110	365	18,817
	ACRES	5,987		12,742	6,624	581,932	18,343	625,628
TOTAL	FIRES	574	114	193	57	20,239	652	21,829
	ACRES	9,511	8,268	14,326	11,150	924,610	63,934	1,031,799

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>24,544</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>827,603</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				0
	ACRES			3,306				3,306
Southern California	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		16				27	43
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			5	1	7
	ACRES		20			12	75	107
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						4	4
Eastern Area	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	90						90
Southern Area	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					796		796
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	0	0	16	1	20
	ACRES	90	36	3,306	0	808	106	4,346

### 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	1		61	91
	ACRES		2,771	245	6		1,496	4,518
Northern California	FIRES	1	15	5	14		75	110
	ACRES	12	306	9,640	66		1,672	11,696
Southern California	FIRES		5	7			53	65
	ACRES		570	551			877	1,998
Northern Rockies	FIRES	32	5			1	21	59
	ACRES	1,143	152			20	307	1,622
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		9	3	1	39	8	60
	ACRES		1,184	995	13	875	630	3,697
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	4	11
	ACRES		111	550		64	182	907
Southwest	FIRES	7	20	3	1		64	95
	ACRES	1,665	14,749	1,428	15		24,709	42,566
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	26	35	14	43	111	234
	ACRES	662	969	6,015	3,523	7,428	21,677	40,274
Eastern Area	FIRES	5		46	17	509	64	641
	ACRES	36,713		5,521	3,441	33,396	32,803	111,874
Southern Area	FIRES	38		133	15	930	601	1,717
	ACRES	7,588		65,097	10,082	188,521	576,774	848,062
TOTAL	FIRES	88	110	237	63	1,524	1,062	3,084
	ACRES	47,783	20,812	90,062	17,146	230,304	661,127	1,067,234

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

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