

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

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (51 new fires)
New large fires:	6(*)
Large fires contained:	8
Uncontained large fires: **	27
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

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 302<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs, CO and the 146<sup>th</sup> Air Wing, Channel Islands, CA are providing two each, MAFFS C-130 aircraft 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:	10
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	18
Type 1 IMT committed	2
Type 2 IMT committed	2

Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Quesinberry) to North Carolina IMT 2 (Hildreth) occurred yesterday. Texas 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.

**Rock House**, Texas Forest Service. IMT 1 (Wilder). Fort Davis, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Jarhead**, Big Cypress National Preserve. IMT 1 (Hughes). Seven miles north of Oasis, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior.

**Wildcat**, Texas Forest Service. Nineteen miles southwest of Bronte, TX. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

**Deaton Cole**, Texas Forest Service. Thirty-seven miles southwest of Ozona, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

**Pleasant Farms**, Texas Forest Service. Fifteen miles southwest of Odessa, TX. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. No further information received.

**Scott Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Sixteen miles northeast of Barnhart, TX. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. No further information received.

**Oasis**, Texas Forest Service. Four miles northwest of Telegraph, TX. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Fuller**, Texas Forest Service. Fifteen miles northwest of Snyder, TX. Grass. No further information received.

**Olympia**, Texas Forest Service. Previously reported as Pecan Creek incident. Thirteen miles southwest of Littlefield, TX. Grass. No further information received.

**Miller Creek**, Texas Forest Service. Ten miles southeast of Goree, TX. Grass. No new information.

**Slope**, Florida DOF. Twelve miles east of East Naples, FL. Southern rough. No new information.

**Hungryland**, Florida DOF. Fourteen miles west of Jupiter, FL. Grass. No new information.

**Swamp**, Florida DOF. Twenty-eight miles west of Ocala, FL. Southern rough. No new information.

\* **Connor 13**, National Forests in Florida. Ten miles east of Silver Springs, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity.

**Big**, Florida DOF. Ten miles northwest of Titusville, FL. Southern rough. No new information.

\* **Worthington**, Texas Forest Service. Ninety miles southeast of Midland, TX. Moderate fire activity.

**Jay**, Merritt Island NWR. Twelve miles north of Cape Canaveral, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity.

**Lightning Strike**, Florida DOF. Twelve miles northwest of Port Labelle, FL. Southern rough. 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
Rock House	TX	TXS	313,323	2,328	82	UNK	496	10	13	31	8	41	5.7M	ST
Jarhead	FL	BCP	6,150	1002	15	UNK	25	7	0	3	4	8	75K	NPS
Wildcat	TX	TXS	159,308	0	95	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	2	5.3M	ST
Deaton Cole	TX	TXS	150,000	0	10	UNK	181	9	4	18	4	1	NR	ST
Pleasant Farms	TX	TXS	15,479	0	90	UNK	150	0	1	10	0	1	103K	ST
Scott Ranch	TX	TXS	11,233	0	95	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	372K	ST
Oasis	TX	TXS	7,600	0	60	UNK	168	0	1	11	0	0	252K	ST
Fuller	TX	TXS	5,200	0	95	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Olympia	TX	TXS	5,000	---	70	UNK	21	---	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
Miller Creek	TX	TXS	3,000	---	0	UNK	16	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Slope	FL	FLS	2,824	---	70	UNK	80	---	0	24	2	1	NR	ST
Hungryland	FL	FLS	1,000	---	90	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Swamp	FL	FLS	570	---	50	UNK	11	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Connor 13	FL	FNF	516	---	90	5/1	13	---	0	3	1	0	10K	FS
Big	FL	FLS	500	---	25	UNK	12	---	0	1	1	0	NR	ST

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
* Worthington	TX	TXS	435	---	90	UNK	8	---	0	2	0	0	5.5K	ST
Jay	FL	MIR	428	5	90	UNK	6	-6	0	2	1	0	15K	FWS
Lightning Strike	FL	FLS	400	---	95	UNK	14	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Clark Ranch	TX	TXS	7,000	5,000	100	---	16	1	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Wagner	TX	TXS	2,500	1,700	100	---	11	-1	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
CR266	TX	TXS	1,500	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	4	NR	ST
Champion	TX	TXS	1,000	0	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	3	NR	PRI
Boys Ranch	TX	TXS	500	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

**Southwest (PL 3)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 Type 1 IMT committed 0  
 Type 2 IMT committed 1

**Bull**, Coronado NF. IMT 2 (Philbin). Ten miles west of Nogales, AZ. Grass and understory. Moderate fire activity.

**Last Chance**, Lincoln NF. Thirty-three miles southwest of Carlsbad, NM. Hardwood slash and brush. Minimal fire activity. No new information.

**Abrams**, Las Cruces Field Office, BLM. Six miles south of White Sands, NM. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching.

**Miller**, Gila NF. Twenty-five miles north of Silver City, NM. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity. Running and spotting.

**Fulfer**, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. Thirty-eight miles south of Hobbs, NM. Grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

\* **Branch**, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

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
Bull	AZ	CNF	8,700	6,700	0	UNK	215	96	5	12	0	0	250K	FS
Last Chance	NM	LNF	53,342	---	90	5/1	70	---	2	5	0	1	2.1M	FS
Abrams	NM	LCD	11,278	-22	55	UNK	177	22	6	7	2	0	800K	BLM
Miller	NM	GNF	3,700	2,700	0	UNK	25	15	2	0	1	0	50K	FS
Fulfer	NM	N5S	2,188	---	90	UNK	18	---	0	1	0	0	45K	ST
* Branch	NM	N5S	1,515	---	80	UNK	44	---	0	20	0	0	31K	ST
* Phil	NM	N5S	444	---	100	---	49	---	0	29	0	0	9.4K	ST

### Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 29  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 0

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
Heliksen Prairie	MN	MNS	1,122	322	100	---	10	0	0	4	0	0	10K	ST

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### Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 3  
New large fires: 2  
Uncontained large fires: 2

**Sand Gulch**, Pike and San Isabel NF. Four miles south of Wetmore, CO. Grass and understory. Moderate fire activity.

\* **Avenue G**, Kansas Counties. Two and a half miles northwest of Burton, KS. Grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

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
Sand Gulch	CO	PSF	550	150	20	5/6	149	65	4	15	1	0	205K	FS
* Avenue G	KS	KSX	450	---	25	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Sand Hills	KS	KSX	300	---	100	---	100	---	0	45	0	0	25K	ST

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Critical fire weather conditions will develop across much of the Florida Panhandle, due to a combination of low relative humidity below 35 percent and high smoke dispersion. A nearly stationary frontal system from the Great Lakes to Texas will focus showers and thunderstorms across the Ohio and mid-Mississippi Valleys to North Texas. Scattered rain and snow showers will occur over the Northern and Central Rockies.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Fireline Safety Category.

## REFUSING RISK ("TURN DOWN" PROTOCOL)

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A turn down is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A turn down must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a turndown if:
  - There is a violation of safe work practices.
  - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
  - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
  - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
  - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
  - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
  - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
  - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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**Fires and Acres Yesterday**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		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			2	4	8
	ACRES	18	0			4	6,002	6,024
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					3	0	3
	ACRES					1,284	540	1,824
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		28		29
	ACRES			1,122		879		2,001
Southern Area	FIRES	2		4		3	1	10
	ACRES	76		640		20	0	736
TOTAL	FIRES	3	1	5	0	37	5	51
	ACRES	94	0	1,762	0	2,187	6,542	10,585

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					42		42
	ACRES					34		34
Northwest	FIRES		3			12		15
	ACRES		9			41		50
Northern California	FIRES				3		14	17
	ACRES				2,076		3	2,079
Southern California	FIRES		19			227	36	282
	ACRES		25			959	3	987
Northern Rockies	FIRES	29		3		16	1	49
	ACRES	44		49		19	0	112
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		15			10	2	27
	ACRES		3			2	0	5
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	21		7	5		34
	ACRES	10	1		0	95		106
Southwest	FIRES	255	74	7	8	303	115	762
	ACRES	1,431	18,910	181	112	244,223	49,146	314,003
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	127	8	17	1	174	29	356
	ACRES	2,220	24	1,492	2,269	135,062	3,657	144,724
Eastern Area	FIRES	195		20	12	1,811	149	2,187
	ACRES	160		2,393	70	20,577	14,013	37,213
Southern Area	FIRES	170		173	31	18,021	387	18,782
	ACRES	10,920		12,951	6,624	1,834,452	18,434	1,883,381
TOTAL	FIRES	777	140	220	62	20,621	733	22,553
	ACRES	14,785	18,972	17,066	11,151	2,235,464	85,256	2,382,694

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>23,791</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>920,140</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		0
	ACRES					150		150
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
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
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					300		300
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	450	10	460



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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		3		4
	ACRES			20		580		600
Northwest	FIRES		26	3	1		68	98
	ACRES		2,771	245	6		2,083	5,105
Northern California	FIRES	3	15	7	15		78	118
	ACRES	22	306	13,440	72		1,813	15,653
Southern California	FIRES		5	7			53	65
	ACRES		570	551			879	2,000
Northern Rockies	FIRES	32	7	5		2	28	74
	ACRES	1,143	368	925		22	1,091	3,549
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		9	3	1	22	10	45
	ACRES		1,184	995	13	659	1,527	4,378
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	4	11
	ACRES		111	550		64	182	907
Southwest	FIRES	9	20	3	1		64	97
	ACRES	1,715	14,749	1,428	15		24,709	42,616
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7	22	41	16	43	112	241
	ACRES	722	775	6,224	3,603	7,484	23,327	42,135
Eastern Area	FIRES	11		92	17	574	71	765
	ACRES	52,741		12,102	3,441	34,778	33,047	136,109
Southern Area	FIRES	39		136	15	970	602	1,762
	ACRES	7,632		65,745	10,082	193,369	577,260	854,088
TOTAL	FIRES	101	108	299	66	1,616	1,090	3,280
	ACRES	63,975	20,834	102,225	17,232	236,956	665,918	1,107,140

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

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