

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, April 11, 2012 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Moderate (268 new fires)
 New large fires: 6 (*)
 Large fires contained: 4
 Uncontained large fires: ** 10
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally there are no 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.

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 80
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 8
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

* **Easter Complex** (five fires), George Washington & Jefferson NF. IMT1 (Quesinberry). Includes previously reported Barbour's Creek, Shipwreck and Alleghany Tunnels incidents. Five miles north of Roanoke, VA. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

County Line, National Forests in Florida. IMT 2 (Dueitt). Twenty-five miles north of Lake City, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior.

Round Two, Florida Panther NWR. Twenty miles east of Naples, FL. Southern rough. No new information.

* **Bowens Creek**, Daniel Boone NF. Five miles north of Roark, KY. Hardwood litter. Creeping.

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
* Easter Complex	VA	VAF	11,460	---	10	UNK	561	---	16	27	4	0	100K	FS
County Line	FL	FNF	20,425	6,421	25	4/12	189	62	2	10	4	0	850K	FS
Round Two	FL	FPR	735	0	90	4/11	12	0	0	3	0	0	50K	FWS
* Bowens Creek	KY	DBF	180	---	40	4/11	23	---	1	0	0	0	10K	FS

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 155
New large fires: 3
Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Crescent Bow**, New York Forest Rangers. Two miles northwest of Manorville, NY. Hardwood litter. No further information received.

* **Hopewell**, Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection. Five miles northeast of Elverson, PA. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Numerous 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
* Crescent Bow	NY	NYS	915	---	0	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	3	NR	ST
* Hopewell	PA	PAS	400	---	80	UNK	69	---	7	2	1	0	8K	ST
Jeep	MN	MNS	1,600	0	100	---	90	6	0	6	3	5	260K	PRI
South Park	NJ	NJS	1,000	0	100	---	7	-33	0	3	0	0	5K	ST
* Anthony Rec	NY	NYS	500	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	100	ST

MNS – Minnesota DNR NJS - New Jersey Forest Fire Service

Northern Rockies (PL 1)

New fires: 8
New large fires: 1
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
* Easter	ND	DPF	326	---	100	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	11K	FS

DPF – Dakota Prairie National Grasslands

Predictive Services Discussion: A deep trough over the eastern U.S. will continue critical fire weather conditions from gusty winds and low relative humidity over the mid-Atlantic and southeastern states. Critical fire weather conditions also associated with gusty winds and low humidity will develop over the eastern Great Basin and the Southwest as an upper trough crosses the western U.S. Scattered rain showers with snow at higher elevations will move across the west coast states and the western half of the Great Basin. Surface high pressure will remain in place over the Great Lakes and Mississippi Valley, bringing cool and dry conditions to the region. In Alaska, scattered rain and snow showers will develop over the southwest while the rest of the state remain relatively quiet.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.

BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and down slope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
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- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.

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	2				2		4
	ACRES	2				1		3
Northern California	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					2		2
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				5	1	8
	ACRES	4				4	1	9
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2					3	5
	ACRES	90					1	91
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4				4		8
	ACRES	2				316		318
Eastern Area	FIRES	14				137	4	155
	ACRES	31				2,345	5	2,381
Southern Area	FIRES					69	11	80
	ACRES					251	9,785	10,036
TOTAL	FIRES	24	0	0	0	225	19	268
	ACRES	129	0	0	0	2,919	9,792	12,840

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	8	1			3		12
	ACRES	24	87			2		113
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	2	306	33	343
	ACRES		0	0	1	561	39	601
Southern California	FIRES	7	20	1	5	558	81	672
	ACRES	9	4	0	1	802	76	892
Northern Rockies	FIRES	257	7	3	2	34	21	324
	ACRES	20,047	1,320	412	620	1,158	597	24,154
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	5	20		1	48	5	79
	ACRES	96	32		0	527	33	688
Western Great Basin	FIRES		18		3	21	3	45
	ACRES		919		0	2,318	429	3,666
Southwest	FIRES	148	25	3	3	86	76	341
	ACRES	3,187	1,307	1	2,228	2,714	2,536	11,973
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	295	12	16	2	182	41	548
	ACRES	9,613	166	1,108	1	17,896	847	29,631
Eastern Area	FIRES	396		3	9	2,648	183	3,239
	ACRES	1,245		2	397	28,467	4,103	34,214
Southern Area	FIRES	203		14	18	7,010	216	7,461
	ACRES	28,927		14,863	3,443	93,081	11,016	151,330
TOTAL	FIRES	1,319	104	41	45	10,896	659	13,064
	ACRES	63,148	3,835	16,386	6,691	147,526	19,676	257,262

Ten Year Average Fires	17,703
Ten Year Average Acres	544,773

*** 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						30	30
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		0				9	9
	ACRES		20				580	600
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						510	510
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0	1			2	3
	ACRES		70	924			210	1,204
Eastern Area	FIRES			2		3	1	6
	ACRES			1,785		139	2	1,926
Southern Area	FIRES				1	55	10	66
	ACRES				80	3,509	7,489	11,078
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	3	1	58	22	84
	ACRES	0	90	2,709	80	3,648	8,821	15,348

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		30	2			30	62
	ACRES		1,222	891			3,902	6,015
Northern California	FIRES	2	11	12	17		117	159
	ACRES	107	146	3,162	137		8,648	12,200
Southern California	FIRES		6	4			132	142
	ACRES		1,516	125			3,435	5,076
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	7	3	1	1	24	38
	ACRES	189	245	426	9	0	1,567	2,436
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	11	1	3	13	9	38
	ACRES	25	206	10	113	323	444	1,121
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	4		11	2	24
	ACRES		2,236	419		273	98	3,026
Southwest	FIRES	5	7	4	15		92	123
	ACRES	220	6,230	566	109		13,760	20,885
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	15	19	21	16	15	51	137
	ACRES	1,392	3,751	1,047	1,831	1,186	9,073	18,280
Eastern Area	FIRES	13		104	34	627	102	880
	ACRES	20,073		16,926	9,045	41,900	51,377	139,321
Southern Area	FIRES	22		107	49	5,760	688	6,626
	ACRES	4,743		44,136	34,304	371,102	653,594	1,107,879
TOTAL	FIRES	60	98	262	135	6,427	1,247	8,229
	ACRES	26,749	15,552	67,708	45,548	414,784	745,898	1,316,239

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

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

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