

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, April 17, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Moderate (297 new fires)  
 New large fires: 0 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 9  
 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 2)**

New fires: 145  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 8  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Easter Complex** (five fires), George Washington & Jefferson NF. IMT1 (Quesinberry). One mile northeast of Buena Vista, VA. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

**County Line**, National Forests in Florida. IMT 2 (Dueitt). Twenty-five miles north of Lake City, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity within interior.

**Cowpen Trail**, National Forests in Mississippi. Seven miles southwest of New Augusta, MS. Grass. No new information.

**Hickory Knob**, Daniel Boone NF. Seven miles southwest Whitley City, KY. Hardwood litter. 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
Easter Complex	VA	VAF	35,092	5,163	70	UNK	624	27	14	23	4	0	2.5M	FS
County Line	FL	FNF	34,936	0	75	UNK	304	-46	1	31	2	0	3.7M	FS
Cowpen Trail	MS	MNF	782	---	80	UNK	11	---	0	5	1	---	7K	FS
Hickory Knob	KY	DBF	110	---	40	UNK	26	---	1	1	0	0	4K	FS
Godfrey Creek	NC	NCS	450	---	100	---	15	-18	0	3	0	0	50K	ST

**Southwest (PL 1)**

New fires: 5  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Jordan**, Gila NF. Twenty-five miles north of Silver City, NM. Pinion pine, juniper and grass. No new information..

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Jordan	NM	GNF	407	---	30	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	30K	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A trough moving across the central U.S. and a ridge building along the East coast will combine to produce windy and dry conditions across much of the mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions. Showers and thunderstorms will develop in the Southeast from Louisiana to Virginia. Cooler high pressure will stretch from the Great Lakes to Texas. Predominantly westerly flow over the West will produce scattered rain and snow showers from the northern Great Basin to the northern Plains. Gusty winds and low relative humidity will develop across parts of the Southwest. The remainder of the West will continue to be warm and dry. Scattered rain and snow showers will move across the southern coast of Alaska, while a low over the interior produces gusty winds in the western half of the state. The eastern interior will remain generally dry.

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



**Today's discussion is from the  
Wildland / Urban Interface Category.**

## **Wildland Urban Interface Hazards**

Firefighters in the wildland urban interface may encounter hazards other than the fire itself, such as hazardous materials, utility lines and poor access.

- **Hazardous Materials**
  - Common chemicals used around the home may be a direct hazard to firefighters from flammability, explosion potential and/or vapors or off-gassing. Such chemicals include paint, varnish and other flammable liquids; fertilizer; pesticides; cleansers; aerosol cans, fireworks, batteries and ammunition. In addition, some common household products such as plastics may give off very toxic fumes when they burn. Stay OUT of the smoke from burning structures and any unknown sources such as trash piles.
- **Illicit Activities**
  - Marijuana plantations or drug production labs may be found in wildland urban interface areas. Extremely hazardous materials such as propane tanks and flammable/toxic chemicals may be encountered, as well as booby traps.
- **Propane tanks**
  - Both large (household size) and small (gas grill size) liquefied propane gas (LPG) tanks can present hazards to firefighters, including explosion. See the "LPG Tank Hazards" discussion for details.
- **Utility lines**
  - Utility lines may be located above and below ground and may be cut or damaged by tools or equipment. Don't spray water on utility lines or boxes.
- **Septic tanks and fields**
  - Below-ground structures may not be readily apparent and may not support the weight of engines or other apparatus.
- **New construction materials**
  - Many new construction materials have comparatively low melting points and may "off-gas" extremely hazardous vapors. Plastic decking materials that resemble wood are becoming more common and may begin softening and losing structural strength at 180° F, though they normally do not sustain combustion once direct flame is removed. However, if they continue to burn they exhibit the characteristics of flammable liquids.
- **Pets and livestock**
  - Pets and livestock may be left when residents evacuate and will likely be highly stressed, making them more inclined to bite and kick. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk to rescue pets or livestock.
- **Evacuation occurring**
  - Firefighters may be taking structural protection actions while evacuations of residents are occurring. Be very cautious of people driving erratically. Distraught residents may refuse to leave their property, and firefighters may need to disengage from fighting fire to contact law enforcement officers for assistance. In most jurisdictions firefighters do not have the authority to force evacuations. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk trying to protect someone who will not evacuate!
- **Limited access**
  - Narrow one-lane roads with no turn-around room, inadequate or poorly maintained bridges and culverts are frequently found in wildland urban interface areas. Access should be sized-up and an evacuation plan for all emergency personnel should be developed.

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Northern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		24					24
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1		2		1	1	5
	ACRES	17		1		1	0	19
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4						4
	ACRES	0						0
Eastern Area	FIRES					137	2	139
	ACRES					617	6	623
Southern Area	FIRES					134	11	145
	ACRES					225	1,011	1,236
TOTAL	FIRES	6	1	2	0	272	16	297
	ACRES	17	24	1	0	843	1,017	1,902

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	16	2			28		46
	ACRES	1,047	202			441		1,690
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	2	307	38	349
	ACRES		0	0	1	561	41	603
Southern California	FIRES	7	22	1	5	471	92	598
	ACRES	9	4	0	1	792	89	895
Northern Rockies	FIRES	340	7	3	2	44	22	418
	ACRES	21,165	1,320	412	620	1,759	597	25,873
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	27		2	51	6	95
	ACRES	123	115		0	576	155	969
Western Great Basin	FIRES		20		3	20	3	46
	ACRES		1,099		0	2,316	429	3,844
Southwest	FIRES	159	28	7	3	92	82	371
	ACRES	3,278	1,359	14	2,228	2,737	2,542	12,158
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	314	25	16	2	347	44	748
	ACRES	9,620	275	1,108	808	31,594	874	44,279
Eastern Area	FIRES	452		3	9	3,277	204	3,945
	ACRES	1,383		2	397	31,040	4,259	37,081
Southern Area	FIRES	205		14	19	7,826	244	8,308
	ACRES	28,931		14,863	3,443	100,195	46,805	194,237
TOTAL	FIRES	1,502	132	45	47	12,463	735	14,924
	ACRES	65,556	4,374	16,399	7,498	172,011	55,791	321,629

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>19,450</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>683,421</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						8	8
	ACRES						1,250	1,250
Northern California	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				1		35	36
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						7	7
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		12					12
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			419				419
Eastern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					461		461
Southern Area	FIRES			1		55	2	58
	ACRES			108		2,883	512	3,503
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	3	1	61	13	79
	ACRES	0	12	527	1	3,344	1,804	5,688

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	30	2			39	72
	ACRES	5	1,222	891			5,170	7,288
Northern California	FIRES	2	12	12	19		118	163
	ACRES	107	153	4,798	139		8,722	13,919
Southern California	FIRES		6	4			138	148
	ACRES		1,516	125			3,495	5,136
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	9	5	1	1	53	73
	ACRES	243	2,056	895	10	0	5,163	8,367
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12	1	3	13	17	47
	ACRES	25	246	10	113	326	4,955	5,675
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	4		13	3	27
	ACRES		2,236	419		279	116	3,050
Southwest	FIRES	6	10	5	15		93	129
	ACRES	273	7,642	2,571	109		14,368	24,963
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	17	19	34	16	16	59	161
	ACRES	1,781	1,861	3,100	1,831	1,346	9,572	19,491
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		121	35	695	111	982
	ACRES	20,908		21,490	9,048	47,138	51,602	150,186
Southern Area	FIRES	22		112	50	6,098	725	7,007
	ACRES	4,743		45,886	34,384	385,498	689,388	1,159,899
TOTAL	FIRES	73	105	300	139	6,836	1,356	8,809
	ACRES	28,085	16,932	80,185	45,634	434,587	792,551	1,397,974

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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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