## National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Saturday, April 14, 2018 – 0800 MT National Preparedness Level 2

#### **National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Moderate (218) new fires

New large incidents: 14
Large fires contained: 6
Uncontained large fires:\*\* 23
Area Command teams committed: 0
NIMOs committed: 0
Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

On April 12th a Roger Mills County, OK firefighter operating a road grader was fatally injured while assigned to the Shaw wildfire near Ryedon, OK. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

|       | Ac        | tive Incide         | nt Res | ource S | Summary     |                    |
|-------|-----------|---------------------|--------|---------|-------------|--------------------|
| GACC  | Incidents | Cumulative<br>Acres | Crews  | Engines | Helicopters | Total<br>Personnel |
| AICC  | 0         | 0                   | 0      | 0       | 0           | 0                  |
| NWCC  | 0         | 0                   | 0      | 0       | 0           | 0                  |
| ONCC  | 0         | 0                   | 0      | 0       | 0           | 0                  |
| oscc  | 1         | 258                 | 0      | 1       | 0           | 11                 |
| NRCC  | 0         | 0                   | 0      | 0       | 0           | 0                  |
| GBCC  | 0         | 0                   | 0      | 0       | 0           | 0                  |
| swcc  | 6         | 46,801              | 16     | 29      | 3           | 542                |
| RMCC  | 1         | 2,888               | 0      | 13      | 0           | 36                 |
| EACC  | 4         | 5,791               | 3      | 9       | 2           | 136                |
| SACC  | 32        | 313,994             | 8      | 216     | 6           | 805                |
| Total | 44        | 369,732             | 27     | 268     | 11          | 1,530              |

## Southern Area (PL 3)

| New fires:               | 181 |
|--------------------------|-----|
| New large incidents:     | 11  |
| Uncontained large fires: | 17  |
| IMT1                     | 1   |

**34 Complex**, Oklahoma DOF. Florida IMT1 (Mousel) mobilizing. Six miles north of Woodward, OK. Tall grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with wind driven runs and flanking. Numerous residences threatened.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

<u>Link</u> to Geographic Area daily reports.

- \* **Rhae**, Oklahoma DOF. One mile west of Rhea, OK. Tall grass and brush. Extreme fire behavior with running, long-range spotting and flanking. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.
- \* **Shaw**, Oklahoma DOF. Ten miles north of Ryedon, OK. Tall grass and brush. Active fire behavior with running and flanking. Structures threatened.
- \* **Milliron**, Texas A & M Forest Service. Started on private land two miles south of Wellington, TX. Tall grass and brush. Active fire behavior with running and wind driven runs. Residences threatened.
- \* **Carbon**, Texas A & M Forest Service. Started on private land seven miles east of Shamrock, TX. Tall grass, brush and short grass. Extreme fire behavior with wind driven runs, running and long-range spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Spoonbill**, Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS. Thirty miles east of Naples, FL. Southern rough and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Area closures in effect.

\* **East Reydon**, Oklahoma DOF. Six miles northeast of Reydon, Ok. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

**Roadside**, Oklahoma DOF. Six miles southeast of Woodward, OK. Tall grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping. Residences threatened.

**Canadian River**, Texas A & M Forest Service. Started on private land seventeen miles north of Amarillo, TX. Tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

\* Harbor Bay, Texas A & M Forest Service. One mile northwest of Fritch, TX. Tall grass and brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Bower City**, Texas A & M Forest Service. Started on private land six miles south of Pampa, TX. Tall and short grass. Moderate fire behavior.

**Buzzard**, Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS. Twenty-five miles northeast of Ochopee, FL. Southern rough, timber and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Area and trail closures in effect.

\* **HWY 11**, Oklahoma DOF. Six miles east of Blackwell, OK. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

**Brake Road**, Oklahoma DOF. Eight miles northeast of Kilidare, OK. Tall grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

\* **Craig Road14:04**, Texas A & M Forest Service. Started on private land six miles south of Big Spring, TX. Tall grass, short grass and brush. Extreme fire behavior with wind driven runs and running. Structures threatened.

**Colony**, Concho Agency, BIA. One mile east of Colony, OK. Timber and tall grass. No new information.

**Bull Pine**, Northeast Area, Oklahoma DOF. Four miles northeast of Peggs, OK. Hardwood litter and timber. No new information.

**Greenway (11)**, Florida Forest Service. Sixteen miles southeast of Naples, FL. Southern rough. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

|                      |        | Siz     | ze   |     | Ctn/ |       | Pers  | onnel | Re  | esource | :S   | Strc | \$\$ | Origin |
|----------------------|--------|---------|------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|---------|------|------|------|--------|
| Incident Name        | Unit   | Acres   | Chge | %   | Comp | Est   | Total | Chge  | Crw | Eng     | Heli | Lost | CTD  | Own    |
| 34 Complex           | OK-OKS | 120,000 | 000  | 13  | Ctn  | 04/20 | 88    | -159  | 0   | 30      | 2    | 32   | 365K | ST     |
| * Rhae               | OK-OKS | 137,900 |      | 3   | Ctn  | 04/20 | 109   |       | 0   | 40      | 0    | 0    | 155K | ST     |
| * Shaw               | OK-OKS | 7,257   |      | 40  | Ctn  | 04/15 | 88    |       | 0   | 32      | 0    | 16   | 67K  | ST     |
| * Milliron           | TX-TXS | 5,000   |      | 0   | Ctn  | 04/15 | 11    |       | 0   | 0       | 0    | 0    | 1K   | PRI    |
| * Carbon             | TX-TXS | 2,500   |      | 0   | Ctn  | 04/15 | 27    |       | 0   | 1       | 0    | 0    | 1K   | PRI    |
| Spoonbill            | FL-BCP | 1,843   | 0    | 85  | Ctn  | 05/01 | 3     | 0     | 0   | 0       | 0    | 0    | 250K | NPS    |
| * East Reydon        | OK-OKS | 1,232   |      | 81  | Ctn  | 04/14 | 8     |       | 0   | 4       | 0    | 0    | 25K  | ST     |
| Roadside             | OK-OKS | 917     | -583 | 51  | Ctn  | 04/15 | 142   | 0     | 0   | 47      | 1    | 5    | 122K | ST     |
| Canadian River       | TX-TXS | 922     | -578 | 90  | Ctn  | 04/16 | 8     | -17   | 1   | 1       | 0    | 0    | 1K   | PRI    |
| * Harbor Bay         | TX-TXS | 1,000   |      | 20  | Ctn  | 04/16 | 18    |       | 1   | 2       | 0    | 0    | 1K   | ST     |
| Bower City           | TX-TXS | 1,750   | 750  | 80  | Ctn  | 04/15 | 10    | -20   | 0   | 1       | 0    | 0    | 1K   | PRI    |
| Buzzard              | FL-BCP | 1,270   | 459  | 0   | Comp | 04/24 | 42    | 3     | 0   | 5       | 3    | 0    | 150K | NPS    |
| * HWY 11             | OK-OKS | 406     |      | 73  | Ctn  | 04/14 | 4     |       | 0   | 2       | 0    | 0    | 2K   | ST     |
| Brake Road           | OK-OKS | 386     | -214 | 80  | Ctn  | 04/14 | 4     | -34   | 0   | 2       | 0    | 0    | 264K | ST     |
| * Craig<br>Road14:04 | TX-TXS | 300     |      | 0   | Ctn  | 04/14 | 23    |       | 0   | 5       | 0    | 8    | 1K   | PRI    |
| Colony               | OK-COA | 575     |      | 80  | Ctn  | UNK   | 12    |       | 1   | 2       | 0    | 0    | 125K | BIA    |
| Bull Pine            | OK-NEU | 250     |      | 80  | Ctn  | UNK   | 6     |       | 0   | 2       | 0    | 0    | 7K   | ST     |
| Greenway (11)        | FL-FLS | 17,957  |      | 95  | Ctn  | UNK   | 15    |       | 0   | 2       | 0    | 4    | 399K | ST     |
| * West Liberty       | OK-ECU | 418     |      | 100 | Ctn  |       | 7     |       | 0   | 4       | 0    | 0    | 5K   | ST     |
| * Wade               | OK-OSA | 327     |      | 100 | Ctn  |       | 0     |       | 0   | 0       | 0    | 0    | 1K   | BIA    |
| * Bungletown         | VA-VAS | 300     |      | 100 | Ctn  |       | 20    |       | 0   | 2       | 0    | 0    | 2K   | ST     |
| Turkey Burn          | TX-TXS | 264     | 0    | 100 | Ctn  |       | 0     | -6    | 0   | 0       | 0    | 0    | 1K   | PRI    |

## Southwest Area (PL 3)

| New fires:               | 7 |
|--------------------------|---|
| New large incidents:     | C |
| Uncontained large fires: | 5 |
| IMT 1                    | 1 |
| IMT 2                    | 2 |

**Diener Canyon**, Cibola NF. IMT1 (Pierson). Seven miles south of Blue Water, NM. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with spotting and torching.

**Rattlesnake**, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. IMT2 (Andrews) mobilizing. Twenty-four miles southwest of Alpine AZ. Timber. Active fire behavior with running.

**206**, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. Ten miles south of Milnesand, NM. Short and tall Grass. Minimal fire behavior. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**246**, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. Five miles north of Capitan, NM. Tall grass and brush. Active fire behavior with wind driven runs, torching and short-range spotting. Residences threatened. Road and area closures in effect.

**Blue Water**, Cibola NF. Two miles south of Blue Water, NM. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with spotting, torching and wind driven runs. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

| Incident Name Unit Size Acres C |        | Size   |        |     | Ctn/  |       | Personnel |     | Resources |      |     | Strc | \$\$ | Origin |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----|-------|-------|-----------|-----|-----------|------|-----|------|------|--------|
|                                 | Chge   | %      | % Comp | Est | Total | Chge  | Crw       | Eng | Heli      | Lost | CTD | Own  |      |        |
| Diener Canyon                   | NM-CIF | 1,000  | 0      | 0   | Ctn   | 5/31  | 116       | 0   | 2         | 9    | 0   | 0    | 100K | FS     |
| Rattlesnake                     | AZ-FTA | 1,717  | 1,317  | 0   | Ctn   | 04/25 | 199       | 41  | 7         | 2    | 2   | 0    | 800K | BIA    |
| 206                             | NM-N5S | 39,688 | 0      | 90  | Ctn   | 04/15 | 4         | -33 | 0         | 2    | 0   | 3    | 83K  | ST     |
| 246                             | NM-N5S | 3,360  | 2,360  | 0   | Ctn   | 04/16 | 146       | 60  | 4         | 15   | 1   | 7    | 130K | ST     |
| Blue Water                      | NM-CIF | 1,000  | 0      | 0   | Ctn   | 5/31  | 24        | 0   | 0         | 1    | 0   | 0    | 75K  | FS     |

## Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires:27New large incidents:3Uncontained large fires:1

<sup>\*</sup> **Eastwood**, Mark Twain NF. Two miles south of Eastwood, MO. Hardwood litter and short grass. Active fire behavior with isolated torching and wind driven runs. Structures threatened.

| Incident Name  | Unit   | Size  |      |     | Ctn/ |     | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc | \$\$ | Origin |
|----------------|--------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|------|------|--------|
|                |        | Acres | Chge | %   | Comp | Est | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli | Lost | CTD  | Own    |
| * Eastwood     | MO-MTF | 131   |      | 0   | Ctn  | UNK | 49        |      | 1         | 2   | 1    | 1    | 20K  | FS     |
| * Bunker South | MO-MTF | 512   |      | 100 | Ctn  |     | 33        |      | 1         | 3   | 0    | 0    | 20K  | FS     |
| * Welch Lodge  | MO-OZP | 148   |      | 100 | Ctn  |     | 15        |      | 0         | 2   | 0    | 1    | 8K   | NPS    |

OZP - Ozark National Scenic River, NPS

## Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

| Area                     |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT  | USFS  | TOTAL  |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------|--------|
| Alaska Area              | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Alaska Alea              | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Northwest Area           | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Northwest Area           | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1      | 0     | 1      |
| Northern Camornia Area   | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Southern California Area | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Northern Rockies Area    | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Northern Rockies Area    | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Great Basin Area         | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Great basiii Area        | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Southwest Area           | FIRES | 3   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 2      | 1     | 7      |
| Southwest Area           | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 6      | 500   | 506    |
| Dooley Mountain Area     | FIRES | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1      | 0     | 2      |
| Rocky Mountain Area      | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0     | 0      |
| Eastern Area             | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 16     | 10    | 27     |
| Eastern Area             | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 148 | 25     | 794   | 967    |
| Southern Area            | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 179    | 2     | 181    |
| Southern Area            | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 12,220 | 557   | 12,777 |
| TOTAL FIRES:             |       | 4   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 199    | 13    | 218    |
| TOTAL ACRES:             |       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 148 | 12,251 | 1,851 | 14,250 |

## Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

| Area                     |       | BIA    | BLM   | FWS   | NPS   | ST/OT   | USFS   | TOTAL   |  |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|---------|--|
| Alaska Aras              | FIRES | 0      | 1     | 0     | 0     | 4       | 2      | 7       |  |
| Alaska Area              | ACRES | 0      | 0     | 0     | 0     | 18      | 1      | 19      |  |
| Northwest Area           | FIRES | 13     | 9     | 1     | 0     | 27      | 13     | 63      |  |
| Northwest Area           | ACRES | 203    | 50    | 4     | 0     | 106     | 0      | 363     |  |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 0      | 6     | 0     | 0     | 205     | 17     | 228     |  |
| Northern Camornia Area   | ACRES | 0      | 10    | 0     | 0     | 133     | 37     | 180     |  |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 4      | 1     | 0     | 1     | 433     | 27     | 466     |  |
| Southern California Area | ACRES | 1      | 28    | 0     | 250   | 2,250   | 8      | 2,537   |  |
| Northern Rockies Area    | FIRES | 1      | 0     | 0     | 0     | 3       | 4      | 8       |  |
| Northern Rockies Area    | ACRES | 0      | 0     | 0     | 0     | 426     | 0      | 426     |  |
| Great Basin Area         | FIRES | 3      | 40    | 0     | 6     | 66      | 7      | 122     |  |
| Gleat Basiii Alea        | ACRES | 50     | 731   | 0     | 35    | 1,889   | 13     | 2,718   |  |
| Southwest Area           | FIRES | 163    | 39    | 1     | 6     | 196     | 90     | 495     |  |
| Southwest Area           | ACRES | 1,116  | 602   | 215   | 688   | 87,240  | 3,783  | 93,644  |  |
| Rocky Mountain Area      | FIRES | 58     | 12    | 5     | 2     | 157     | 18     | 252     |  |
| Rocky Wouldain Area      | ACRES | 896    | 37    | 1,646 | 7     | 62,966  | 140    | 65,692  |  |
| Eastern Area             | FIRES | 10     | 0     | 0     | 2     | 538     | 128    | 678     |  |
| Lastelli Alea            | ACRES | 198    | 0     | 0     | 149   | 1,053   | 5,480  | 6,880   |  |
| Southern Area            | FIRES | 304    | 67    | 22    | 24    | 11,089  | 201    | 11,707  |  |
| Southern Area            | ACRES | 87,531 | 310   | 1,475 | 7,268 | 305,418 | 21,230 | 423,232 |  |
| TOTAL FIRES:             |       | 556    | 175   | 29    | 41    | 12,718  | 507    | 14,026  |  |
| TOTAL ACRES:             |       | 89,995 | 1,768 | 3,340 | 8,397 | 461,499 | 30,692 | 595,691 |  |

| Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today) | 15,218  |
|--|---------|
| Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today) | 698,570 |

## Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

| Area                     |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT  | USFS   | TOTAL  |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|
| Alaska Area              | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Alaska Alea              | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Northwest Area           | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 1      | 1      |
| Northwest Alea           | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 429    | 429    |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Northern California Area | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0      | 0      | 2      |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Southern California Area | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Northern Rockies Area    | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Northern Rockies Area    | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Great Basin Area         | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Great basiii Area        | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Southwest Area           | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Southwest Area           | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Booky Mountain Araa      | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Rocky Mountain Area      | ACRES | 0   | 70  | 0   | 0   | 0      | 0      | 70     |
| Eastern Area             | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 2      | 0      | 3      |
| Eastelli Alea            | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 151 | 5      | 0      | 156    |
| Southern Area            | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 690    | 15     | 706    |
| Southern Area            | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 159 | 0   | 30,169 | 18,966 | 49,294 |
| TOTAL FIRES:             |       | 0   | 0   | 1   | 1   | 692    | 16     | 710    |
| TOTAL ACRES:             |       | 0   | 70  | 159 | 153 | 30,174 | 19,395 | 49,951 |

#### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

| Area                  |       | BIA    | BLM    | FWS    | NPS     | ST/OT     | USFS    | TOTAL     |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Alaaka Araa           | FIRES | 0      | 0      | 3      | 0       | 0         | 0       | 3         |
| Alaska Area           | ACRES | 0      | 0      | 56     | 0       | 0         | 0       | 56        |
| Northwest Area        | FIRES | 5      | 22     | 6      | 2       | 0         | 54      | 89        |
| Northwest Alea        | ACRES | 346    | 1,670  | 985    | 5       | 0         | 8,360   | 11,366    |
| Northern California   | FIRES | 0      | 3      | 5      | 8       | 0         | 106     | 122       |
| Area                  | ACRES | 0      | 1,792  | 120    | 307     | 0         | 12,928  | 15,147    |
| Southern California   | FIRES | 0      | 1      | 0      | 0       | 0         | 97      | 98        |
| Area                  | ACRES | 0      | 65     | 0      | 0       | 0         | 10,622  | 10,687    |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 0      | 6      | 1      | 0       | 1         | 6       | 14        |
| Northern Rockies Area | ACRES | 0      | 349    | 6      | 0       | 6         | 348     | 709       |
| Great Basin Area      | FIRES | 2      | 15     | 1      | 5       | 32        | 45      | 100       |
| Great Basiii Area     | ACRES | 75     | 1,405  | 34     | 80      | 926       | 5,665   | 8,185     |
| Southwest Area        | FIRES | 10     | 14     | 5      | 4       | 1         | 73      | 107       |
| Southwest Area        | ACRES | 1,676  | 12,960 | 193    | 836     | 51        | 31,945  | 47,661    |
| Rocky Mountain Area   | FIRES | 5      | 27     | 6      | 9       | 29        | 101     | 177       |
| Nocky Wouldain Alea   | ACRES | 111    | 1,754  | 3,524  | 263     | 3,069     | 36,635  | 45,356    |
| Eastern Area          | FIRES | 3      | 0      | 41     | 16      | 303       | 99      | 462       |
| Eastern Area          | ACRES | 1,970  | 0      | 4,562  | 7,028   | 20,894    | 39,589  | 74,043    |
| Southern Area         | FIRES | 74     | 0      | 128    | 27      | 46,435    | 786     | 47,450    |
| Southern Area         | ACRES | 19,819 | 0      | 83,879 | 103,582 | 1,960,904 | 800,407 | 2,968,591 |
| TOTAL FIRES:          |       | 99     | 88     | 196    | 71      | 46,801    | 1,367   | 48,622    |
| TOTAL ACRES:          |       | 23,997 | 19,995 | 93,359 | 112,101 | 1,985,850 | 946,499 | 3,181,801 |

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.

Predictive Services Discussion: Critical fire weather conditions are expected portions of the southern Great Plains Saturday as a breezy, dry, northwesterly flow pattern develops behind a cold front moving that will be moving east across the Southeast. Areas of concern will be western Oklahoma, and the western half of Texas west through New Mexico. Significant snow will continue across the Upper Midwest as the strong low pressure system moves east toward the Ohio River Valley. Across the West, expect warm and dry conditions as high pressure moves across the region. In Alaska, dry conditions are expected with seasonal temperatures as high pressure over the western Interior keeps a Bering Sea Low Pressure area at bay just north of Attu, Shemya, and the Rat Islands.

http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.html

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <a href="http://gacc.nifc.gov/">http://gacc.nifc.gov/</a>



# Terrain And Fuels Make Escape Difficult

Operational Engagement Category

When fighting wildland fires, it is often easy to get committed to areas that put you in Watchout Situation #17. As firefighters progress along the fireline, it is imperative to constantly keep the following considerations in mind:

- Retreat times should be based on the slowest member of the crew.
- Does the crew's condition allow for fast travel?
  - Discuss physical and mental conditions that could interfere with a crew's ability to travel quickly.
- Will you get adequate warning to make it to your safety zone? Who will you rely on to warn you? How will you ensure that everyone gets the word?
- Can escape routes be improved to make travel to safety zones faster? Are escape routes marked?
  - Review what you have done on past fires to locate, mark, and improve escape routes.
- Will posting more lookouts give adequate warning? Talk about situations where there was more than one firefighter assigned to be lookout.
- To reduce the risks:
  - Consider other tactics that will allow you to be in a safer location. Review fires
    where you have had to change tactics because escape to safety zones was not
    adequate.

Resources:

**Incident Response Pocket Guide** 

**Interagency Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Operations** 

Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide

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