

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, February 21, 2020 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (February 14 – February 20, 2020)**

Initial attack activity:	Light (149 new fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires:***	0
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there are 0 large fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

\*\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

[Link](#) to Understanding the IMSR.

This report will post every Friday at 0800 Mountain Time unless significant activity occurs.

Nineteen wildland fire personnel are assigned to support large fires in New South Wales, Australia.

Eighty wildland fire personnel are assigned to support large fires in Victoria, Australia.

<b>Active Incident Resource Summary</b>						
<b>GACC</b>	<b>Incidents</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	2	4,902	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,902</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 75  
 New large incidents: 3  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Valentines	TX-MCR	2,500	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	20K	FWS
* Cedar Creek 55	FL-FLS	130	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	0	0	0	14K	ST
* Matador	TX-TXS	2,272	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

MCR - McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge    FLS – Florida Forest Service    TXS - Texas A & M Forest Service

**Fires and Acres (by Protection) from February 14 – February 20, 2020:**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	27	5	32
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	43	102	145
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	22	8	30
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	11	4	15
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	1	2	5
	ACRES	0	14	0	0	0	70	84
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	12	0	1	0	57	5	75
	ACRES	85	0	2,500	0	139	203	2,927
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>85</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>3,178</b>

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

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	107	9	<b>116</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	72	110	<b>182</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	9	0	0	145	21	<b>175</b>
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	26	76	<b>103</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	7	1	0	0	10	5	<b>23</b>
	ACRES	2	2	0	0	3,895	2	<b>3,901</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	0	1	6	1	<b>9</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	8	69	<b>77</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	6	6	0	0	13	10	<b>35</b>
	ACRES	0	14	0	0	1,699	75	<b>1,788</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	10	2	<b>14</b>
	ACRES	17	0	0	0	6,067	544	<b>6,628</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	96	8	<b>104</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	231	158	<b>389</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	59	13	6	3	1,554	34	<b>1,669</b>
	ACRES	3,190	250	2,622	1	18,536	583	<b>25,184</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>74</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2,145</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>3,209</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>2,622</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30,534</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>38,252</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)</b>	<b>3,884</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)</b>	<b>77,723</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.  
 \*\*\*Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <https://gacc.nifc.gov/>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres from February 14 – February 20, 2020 (by Ownership):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	0	2	5
	ACRES	0	63	0	0	0	89	152
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	2	0	6	8	16
	ACRES	0	70	100	1	263	880	1,314
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
	ACRES	0	4	0	0	0	153	157
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	16	0	0	0	75	0	91
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	1	1	0	2	5
	ACRES	6	1	152	26	3	43	231
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	1	1	0	0	3	5
	ACRES	0	200	20	0	0	278	498
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	4	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	13	796	809
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	5	0	200	22	227
	ACRES	0	0	978	0	5,323	18,201	24,502
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>272</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5,677</b>	<b>20,440</b>	<b>27,754</b>

\*\*\*Prescribed fire acres are for reference only and may not reflect the most up-to-date information.

\*\*\*Official prescribed fire accomplishment reporting occurs through agency specific systems of record.

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A rogue low pressure area will move southeast along the California Coast and on shore into Southern California Friday night bringing widespread precipitation to Southern California, Southern Nevada, and the Four Corners through Sunday morning. However, Northern California, the Northern Great Basin, and Southern Oregon will remain dry. Following the passage of this system, the West will revert almost entirely to a dry pattern for the remainder of the extended period. The exception to this will be areas along the Canadian Border which will continue to experience weak systems that move from west to east bringing additional snow to the mountains. In Alaska, the favorable weather pattern for producing late-season snowfall across the southern coastal areas will continue into and beyond the extended period. This will allow for some additional improvements to a snowpack that remains well below average. Central through Northern Florida will receive much needed precipitation this weekend which should lessen fire potential slightly across the state. Other portions of the Deep South will begin to trend toward a much needed drier pattern.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



## Fire Not Scouted And Sized Up

*Operational Engagement Category*

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and **every time** resources arrive at a fire.

• Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)
- What information can aerial resources provide about the fire?
- Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from the kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
- Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
- Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)

• To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until your assigned area of the fire was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide, PMS 461](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210](#)

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