

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, March 12, 2021 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (March 5, 2021 – March 11, 2021):

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (1,448 new fires)
New large incidents:	78
Large fires contained:	38
Uncontained large fires:***	43
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there are 0 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.

IMT 1 (GB Team 2) has been assigned in support of Idaho state COVID-19 response operations.

IMT 2 (SW Team 3) has been assigned in support of Illinois state COVID-19 response operations.

On March 10, a firefighter from Ponca Hills Volunteer Fire Department was fatally injured as a result of a medical condition while engaged in wildland fire suppression in Washington County, NE. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
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	4,434	0	0	0	0
SWCC	1	300	0	0	0	0
RMCC	6	9,986	0	51	1	144
EACC	6	6,368	0	7	0	49
SACC	64	41,341	15	185	8	680
Total	77	62,429	15	243	9	873

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 1,179
 New large incidents: 63
 Uncontained large fires: 39

- * **Ranger**, Chickasaw Agency, BIA. Six miles south of Allen, OK. Hardwood litter and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing.
- * **Blevins Hollow**, Alabama Private Lands. Started on private land two miles south of McCalla, AL. Short Grass. Minimal fire behavior.
- * **4-Mile**, Alabama Private Lands. Started on private land one mile northwest of Ragland, AL. Short Grass. Minimal fire behavior.
- * **Van Damme**, Wewoka Agency, BIA. Three miles south of Sasakwa, OK. Timber and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with backing.
- * **Pine Mountain**, Oklahoma DOF. Two miles northeast of Gans, OK. Hardwood litter and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior.
- * **Runaway**, Cherokee Nation Tribe, BIA. Six miles southwest of Jay, OK. Timber and hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with spotting, running and torching.
- * **Big Creek**, Cherokee Nation Tribe. Six miles north of Kansas, OK Hardwood litter and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running and creeping. Structures threatened.
- * **Booker Fork**, Kentucky DOF. Two miles south of Virgie, KY. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs, running and backing. Structures threatened.
- * **Peach Tree**, Oklahoma DOF. Four miles northwest of Fewell, OK. Timber and hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

- * **Fivemile**, Miami Agency, BIA. Eight miles east of Quapaw, OK. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running, torching and spotting. Structures threatened.
- * **Talking John**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Twenty-three miles southeast of Childress, TX. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.
- * **Gray**, Oklahoma DOF. Five miles southeast of Canadian, OK. Hardwood litter and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and backing.
- * **January**, Kisatchie NF, USFS. Nine miles southeast of Pickering, LA. Timber. Extreme fire behavior.
- * **Brush Creek**, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles south of Jay, OK. Hardwood litter and tall grass. No new information.
- * **Tony**, Osage Agency, BIA. Two miles northwest of Prue, OK. Brush and tall grass. No new information.
- * **Boar Creek**, Osage Agency, BIA. Five miles east of Hominy, OK. Timber. No new information.
- * **Intercept**, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. Eight miles northwest of Okemah, OK. Tall grass. No new information.
- * **OHSP**, Osage Agency, BIA. Two miles northwest of Okesa, OK. Hardwood litter and tall grass. No new information.
- * **Caney Creek**, Oklahoma DOF. Ten miles west of Stilwell, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information.
- * **Horseshoe**, Oklahoma DOF. Seven miles south of Tahlequah, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information.
- * **High Grounds**, Oklahoma DOF. Twenty miles northwest of Tahlequah, OK. Timber and tall grass. No new information.
- * **Rye Cove**, Virginia DOF. Six miles northeast of Duffield, VA. Hardwood litter and tall grass. No new information.
- * **Bailey**, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. Three miles north of Hanna, OK. Timber. No new information.
- * **Lewis**, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. One mile north of Hanna, OK. Timber. No new information.
- * **Scraper**, Oklahoma DOF. Eight miles north of Stilwell, OK. Timber and tall grass. No new information.
- * **Frying Pan**, Virginia DOF. Twenty-three miles west of Richlands, VA. Hardwood litter and tall grass. No new information.
- * **Twin Ponds #1**, Oklahoma DOF. Four miles south of Jay, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.
- * **Twin Ponds #2**, Oklahoma DOF. Four miles south of Jay, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.
- * **Mining Camp**, Oklahoma DOF. Six miles southeast of Tahlequah, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.
- * **Eucha State Park**, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles south of Jay, OK. Timber. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.
- * **Honey Creek**, Oklahoma DOF. Six miles southwest of Okmulgee, OK. Hardwood litter and tall grass. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Little Creek**, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles north of Rose, OK. Hardwood litter and tall grass. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Reagan**, Oklahoma DOF. Twenty-seven miles southwest of Ft. Smith, AR. Timber and hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Wheeler # 4**, Oklahoma DOF. Twenty-seven miles southeast of McAlester, OK. Timber and hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Cemetery**, Oklahoma DOF. Four miles east of Tahlequah, OK. Hardwood litter and tall grass. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Junction**, Oklahoma DOF. Thirty-six miles southwest of Ft. Smith, AR. Hardwood litter and short grass. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Watts Ranch**, Oklahoma DOF. Twenty-one miles southeast of McAlester, OK. Timber and tall grass. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Martin**, Oklahoma DOF. Thirty-seven miles east of McAlester, OK. Timber and short grass. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Indian Trail**, Oklahoma DOF. Seventeen miles south of McAlester, OK. Timber, hardwood litter and grass. No new information. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Hei			
* Ranger	OK-CHA	286	0	85	Ctn	UNK	11	0	1	1	0	0	30K	BIA
* Blevins Hollow	AL-PRI	400	0	93	Ctn	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* 4-Mile	AL-PRI	575	15	86	Ctn	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	5K	PRI
* Van Damme	OK-WEA	160	0	95	Ctn	UNK	6	0	2	1	0	0	20K	BIA
* Pine Mountain	OK-OKS	340	0	90	Ctn	UNK	22	0	0	11	0	0	8K	ST
* Runaway	OK-CNA	1,024	21	80	Ctn	3/12	17	0	1	3	0	0	30K	BIA
* Big Creek	OK-CNA	2,029	1,029	30	Ctn	3/15	12	0	1	3	0	0	18K	BIA
* Booker Fork	KY-KYS	292	77	75	Ctn	3/12	9	0	1	0	0	0	5K	ST
* Peach Tree	OK-OKS	150	0	80	Ctn	3/13	1	0	0	1	0	0	4K	ST
* Fivemile	OK-MIA	841	0	90	Ctn	3/14	13	0	0	6	0	0	10K	BIA
* Talking John	TX-TXS	675	-25	95	Ctn	3/14	29	0	0	6	0	0	NR	ST
* Gray	OK-OKS	156	0	75	Ctn	3/13	2	0	0	1	0	0	2K	ST
* January	LA-KIF	292	---	50	Ctn	3/14	30	---	0	7	1	0	10K	FS
* Brush Creek	OK-OKS	2,895	---	95	Ctn	UNK	2	---	0	1	0	0	20K	ST
* Tony	OK-OSA	967	---	75	Ctn	UNK	19	---	1	3	0	0	20K	BIA
* Boar Creek	OK-OSA	1,708	---	95	Ctn	UNK	6	---	1	0	0	0	13K	BIA
* Intercept	OK-OMA	1,280	---	65	Ctn	3/15	6	---	0	2	0	0	30K	BIA
* OHSP	OK-OSA	1,667	---	70	Ctn	UNK	49	---	1	20	0	0	NR	BIA
* Caney Creek	OK-OKS	960	---	91	Ctn	3/12	2	---	0	1	0	0	6K	ST
* Horseshoe	OK-OKS	105	---	85	Ctn	3/12	4	---	0	2	0	0	6K	ST
* High Grounds	OK-OKS	1,112	---	85	Ctn	UNK	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Rye Cove	VA-VAS	850	---	90	Ctn	UNK	18	---	1	1	0	0	3K	ST

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Bailey	OK-OMA	378	---	85	Ctn	3/13	16	---	1	6	0	0	10K	BIA
* Lewis	OK-OMA	907	---	75	Ctn	3/15	25	---	1	6	0	0	12K	BIA
* Scraper	OK-OKS	130	---	90	Ctn	3/13	4	---	0	2	0	0	6K	ST
* Frying Pan	VA-VAS	150	---	10	Ctn	3/12	12	---	1	1	0	0	2K	ST
* Twin Ponds #1	OK-OKS	220	---	90	Ctn	UNK	2	---	0	1	0	0	3K	ST
* Twin Ponds #2	OK-OKS	160	---	90	Ctn	UNK	2	---	0	1	0	0	3K	ST
* Mining Camp	OK-OKS	170	---	90	Ctn	UNK	8	---	0	4	0	0	6K	ST
* Eucha State Park	OK-OKS	160	---	90	Ctn	UNK	2	---	0	1	0	0	3K	ST
* Honey Creek	OK-OKS	1,551	---	90	Ctn	UNK	49	---	0	17	0	0	10K	ST
* Little Creek	OK-OKS	598	---	90	Ctn	UNK	4	---	0	2	0	0	6K	ST
* Reagan	OK-OKS	145	---	80	Ctn	UNK	2	---	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
* Wheeler # 4	OK-OKS	146	---	80	Ctn	UNK	5	---	0	2	0	0	2K	ST
* Cemetery	OK-OKS	110	---	90	Ctn	UNK	4	---	0	2	0	0	6K	ST
* Junction	OK-OKS	187	---	80	Ctn	UNK	6	---	0	4	0	0	2K	ST
* Watts Ranch	OK-OKS	1,500	---	70	Ctn	UNK	9	---	0	4	0	0	9K	ST
* Martin	OK-OKS	101	---	80	Ctn	UNK	13	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Indian Trail	OK-OKS	700	---	75	Ctn	UNK	2	---	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
* Mt. Wiesner	AL-PRI	551	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	6K	PRI
* Whispering Pine Chavers Creek Rds	AL-PRI	200	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	PRI
* Gravel Pit	OK-OKS	170	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	1	0	0	3K	ST
* Big Day Town	OK-CNA	402	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	20K	BIA
* Blue Barrel	FL-EAQ	1,080	---	100	Ctn	---	5	---	0	4	0	0	6K	DOD
* Melder 1	LA-KIF	2,525	---	100	Ctn	---	33	---	0	8	1	0	10K	FS
* Slingshot Road	KY-KYS	115	---	100	Ctn	---	7	---	1	0	0	0	3K	ST
* Callas Mountain	SC-FMF	126	---	100	Ctn	---	51	---	0	4	1	0	15K	FS
* Mary Road	NC-NCS	297	---	100	Ctn	---	7	---	0	1	1	0	9K	ST
* Alabama Creek	OK-OMA	240	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	0	0	0	35K	BIA
* Running Deer	NC-NCS	240	---	100	Ctn	---	2	---	0	2	0	0	7K	ST
* Five Mile Road	OK-OKS	400	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	1	0	0	8K	ST
* Half Bank Road	OK-OKS	160	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	1	0	0	5K	ST
* Beaver River	OK-OKS	300	---	100	Ctn	---	2	---	0	1	0	0	30K	ST
* Grand	MS-MNF	432	---	100	Ctn	---	12	---	0	1	1	0	4K	FS
* Davis	MS-MNF	1,600	---	100	Ctn	---	9	---	0	1	1	0	12K	FS
* Loving	AR-OUF	162	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FS
* Able	OK-OKS	225	---	100	Ctn	---	3	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Farmers Road	OK-OKS	208	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	1	0	0	NR	ST

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Railroad Ridge	AR-OUF	240	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	20K	FS
* White Oak	OK-OZPR	159	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FWS
* Cypress	MS-MNF	762	---	100	Ctn	---	8	---	0	1	1	0	3K	FS
* Poor Bottom	KY-KYS	133	---	100	Ctn	---	9	---	1	0	0	0	3K	ST
Eureka Valley	OK-OKS	183	---	100	Ctn	---	11	0	0	5	0	0	6K	ST
South Mill	OK-OMA	375	---	100	Ctn	---	14	2	0	1	0	0	30K	BIA
Windmill	OK-OKS	6,000	---	100	Ctn	---	4	-19	0	2	0	0	17K	ST

EAQ – Eglin AFB, DOD FMF – Francis Marion & Sumter NF, USFS NCS – North Carolina Forest Service
MNF – National Forests in Mississippi, USFS OUF – Ouachita NF, USFS OZPR – Ozark Plateau NWR, FWS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 7
New large incidents: 8
Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Crawford**, Shawnee County. Three miles southeast of Dover, KS. Timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

* **Clover**, Marion County. Four miles northeast of Burns, KS. Tall grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Crawford	KS-SNX	1,500	---	90	Ctn	---	6	---	0	1	0	4	85K	CNTY
* Clover	KS-MNX	3,000	---	85	Ctn	---	59	---	0	22	0	2	NR	CNTY
* Agate Bed	NE-NBF	2,546	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	120K	FS
* Moyer Ranch	KS-GEX	1,500	---	100	Ctn	---	32	---	0	12	1	0	25K	CNTY
* 5 Spots	SD-RBA	406	---	100	Ctn	---	4	---	0	2	0	1	15K	BIA
* Oregon Trail	KS-PTX	110	---	100	Ctn	---	24	---	0	7	0	1	5K	CNTY
* Rifle Pit Ranch	WY-CRX	106	---	100	Ctn	---	33	---	0	10	0	2	2K	CNTY
* 4 Delta 21	KS-HOA	1,200	---	100	Ctn	---	12	---	0	2	0	0	NR	BIA
Coal Seam West	ND-SRA	928	0	100	Ctn	---	12	0	0	4	0	0	50K	BIA

NBF – Nebraska NF, USFS GEX – Geary County RBA – Rosebud Agency, BIA PTX – Pottawatomie County
CRX – Crook County HOA – Horton Agency, BIA SRA – Standing Rock Agency, BIA

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 156
New large incidents: 5
Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Tin Top**, Mark Twain NF, USFS. Four miles west of Merritt, MO. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

* **West Glade**, Mark Twain NF, USFS. Three miles north of Fairview, MO. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Tin Top	MO-MTF	400	---	80	Ctn	UNK	15	---	0	2	0	0	10K	FS
* West Glade	MO-MTF	1,067	---	95	Ctn	UNK	14	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FS
* Turkey Spring	MO-MTF	733	---	100	Ctn	---	8	---	0	1	0	0	5K	FS
* Rush Lake Marsh	MI-MIS	432	---	100	Ctn	---	4	---	0	1	0	0	3K	ST
* RL 005 Unit 8&9	MN-RLA	3,561	---	100	Ctn	---	5	---	0	2	0	0	2K	BIA

MIS – Michigan DNR RLA – Red Lake Agency, BIA

Great Basin Area (PL 1)

New fires: 15
 New large incidents: 1
 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			
* Big Rocks	NV-ELD	4,434	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	50K	BLM

ELD – Ely District, BLM

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 24
 New large incidents: 1
 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			
* Punkin	AZ-A4S	300	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	55K	ST

A4S – Central District DOF

Fires and Acres (by Protection) from March 5, 2021 to March 11, 2021:

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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	26	1	27
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
Southern California Area	FIRES	1	2	0	0	31	1	35
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	40	4	44
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	12	0	15
	ACRES	0	4,436	0	0	98	0	4,534
Southwest Area	FIRES	11	3	0	0	5	5	24
	ACRES	52	0	0	0	105	10	167
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	4	1	7
	ACRES	7	0	0	0	96	0	103
Eastern Area	FIRES	4	0	0	1	111	40	156
	ACRES	3,564	0	0	98	1,183	2,731	7,576
Southern Area	FIRES	20	0	1	1	1,119	38	1,179
	ACRES	2,136	0	137	0	12,193	4,410	18,877
TOTAL FIRES:		38	8	1	2	1,309	90	1,448
TOTAL ACRES:		5,759	4,436	137	98	13,725	7,156	31,313

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

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	2	0	0	3	1	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	22	0	22
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	224	16	240
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	276	77	353
Southern California Area	FIRES	3	13	0	0	410	51	477
	ACRES	3	116	0	0	1,038	1,121	2,279
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	32	1	0	0	21	12	66
	ACRES	1,091	5	0	0	5,467	291	6,854
Great Basin Area	FIRES	5	26	1	1	39	6	78
	ACRES	34	4,445	0	4	317	88	4,889
Southwest Area	FIRES	76	17	0	1	47	41	182
	ACRES	746	8	0	0	2,702	1,606	5,062
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	15	2	0	2	38	6	63
	ACRES	1,231	2	0	230	10,286	2,591	14,340
Eastern Area	FIRES	5	0	1	2	194	57	259
	ACRES	3,564	0	277	99	2,373	2,971	9,284
Southern Area	FIRES	190	0	11	10	3,993	107	4,311
	ACRES	12,061	0	6,647	5	59,367	5,820	83,901
TOTAL FIRES:		326	61	13	16	4,969	297	5,682
TOTAL ACRES:		18,731	4,576	6,924	338	81,849	14,566	126,986

Ten Year Average Fires (2011 – 2020 as of today)	6,604
Ten Year Average Acres (2011 – 2020 as of today)	295,575

***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/>

Predictive Services Discussion: A strong upper-level trough will pivot over southern California today before tracking east across the Intermountain West during the weekend and over the Plains early next week. This will bring widespread snow to the Colorado Rockies, much of Wyoming, and western South Dakota and Nebraska. Heavy snow, potentially record breaking, will likely be focused along the Front Range extending from Denver northward into southeast Wyoming over the weekend. Snow is also expected across the mountains of Utah, much of Arizona, and western and northern New Mexico. Heavy rain will develop across portions of the southern and central Plains beginning tomorrow and continuing over the weekend before spreading eastward into the Mid-Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee Valleys and the far southern Appalachian Mountains. Severe weather is also likely across parts of the central and southern Plains today through the weekend. Another upper-level trough will move over the West early next week bringing another round of snow to the Sierra, Great Basin, and the central and northern Rockies.

Dry and windy conditions will continue across the southern High Plains through the weekend. The eastern edge of elevated to critical fire weather conditions will be modulated by dryline movement and cold frontal passages with the two upper-level troughs forecast to move over the western and central US today through early next week. Low relative humidity and breezy winds are also expected this weekend into next week across portions of the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.

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



Refusing Risk

Operational Engagement Category

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 turn down 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.)
 - The 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.

Resources:

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

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

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

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