

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, April 22, 2022 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (81 fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: ***	12
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1
Complex IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there is one fire 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 Monday – Friday at 0730 Mountain time unless significant activity occurs.

Active Incident Resource Summary							
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel	Change in Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	12	65,666	37	93	19	1,674	-104
RMCC	3	4,691	4	13	0	185	0
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	10	4,673	0	18	1	159	-36
Total	25	74,850	41	124	20	2,018	-140

Southwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	6
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	9
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Crooks, Prescott NF, USFS. IMT 1 (CA Team 4). Eleven miles south of Prescott, AZ. Timber and chaparral. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs and short-range spotting. Communication infrastructure and numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Hermits Peak, Santa Fe NF, USFS. IMT 1 (SW Team 1). IMT is also managing the Calf Canyon incident. Twelve miles northwest of Las Vegas, NM. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Calf Canyon, Santa Fe NF, USFS. Eighteen miles northwest of Las Vegas, NM. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with wind-driven runs, group torching and long-range spotting. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect.

Tunnel, Coconino NF, USFS. IMT1 (PNW Team 3). Nine miles northeast of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, flanking and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, area, road and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Cooks Peak, Las Vegas District, NM State Forestry. IMT 2 (SW Team 5). Five miles north of Ocate, NM. Timber, grass and brush. Extreme fire behavior with group torching, spotting and crowning. Residences threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

McBride, Capitan District, NM State Forestry. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (SW Team 2) back to the local unit occurred yesterday. One mile southeast of Ruidoso, NM. Light slash and grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

Camino, Southeast District, Arizona DOF. Six miles east of Sunizona, AZ. Grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Evacuations have been lifted.

Big Hole, Bernalillo District, NM State Forestry. Nine miles south of Los Lunas, NM. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Nogal Canyon, Capitan District, NM State Forestry. Eight miles northwest of Ruidoso, NM. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Crooks	AZ-PNF	2,356	356	0	Ctn	5/4	359	17	7	19	5	0	2M	FS
Hermits Peak	NM-SNF	7,573	0	91	Ctn	4/25	264	-94	4	7	10	7	9.1M	FS
Calf Canyon	NM-SNF	3,000	2,877	0	Ctn	5/14	124	25	3	9	0	0	NR	FS
Tunnel	AZ-COF	20,198	-141	0	Ctn	5/13	371	192	9	30	0	54	1M	FS
Cooks Peak	NM-N4S	23,000	2,000	0	Ctn	5/7	244	46	7	12	0	0	1.2M	ST
McBride	NM-N5S	6,159	0	89	Ctn	4/30	67	-274	2	4	1	331	4.4M	ST
Camino	AZ-A3S	750	0	85	Ctn	4/22	83	-12	3	2	0	1	500K	ST
Big Hole	NM-N6S	890	0	95	Ctn	4/25	10	0	0	1	0	19	711K	ST

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Nogal Canyon	NM-N5S	412	---	77	Ctn	4/27	109	---	3	6	3	10	939K	ST

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 26
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 3

* **VA-VAS-22WR00494**, Virginia DOF. One mile southeast of Big Rock, VA. Timber and hardwood litter. Active fire behavior with flanking and backing. Residences threatened.

* **Horseshoe**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private lands 18 miles northwest of Amarillo, TX. Grass and brush. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Cobb, Kisatchie NF, USFS. Four miles southeast of Fort Polk South, LA. Grass and brush. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* VA-VAS-22WR00494	VA-VAS	300	---	90	Ctn	4/22	6	---	0	0	0	0	4K	ST
* Horseshoe	TX-TXS	400	---	70	Ctn	4/23	53	---	0	9	0	6	NR	PRI
Cobb	LA-KIF	369	---	50	Ctn	4/25	0	---	0	0	0	0	19K	FS
Easter Blues	TX-TXS	415	1	100	Ctn	---	31	-4	0	6	0	0	NR	PRI

Alaska Area (PL 1)

New fires: 0
 New large incidents: 0
 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			
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Kwethluk	AK-SWS	2,011	---	0	Comp	9/30	0	---	0	0	0	0	6K	FWS

SWS – Southwest Area, Alaska DOF

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
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	6	0	0	11	0	17
	ACRES	0	7	0	0	12	0	19
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	3	0	6
	ACRES	0	146	0	0	61	0	208
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	4	1	6
	ACRES	0	5	0	0	3	4	12
Eastern Area	FIRES	2	0	1	0	3	1	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	57	9	66
Southern Area	FIRES	1	0	0	1	21	3	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	21	21	43
TOTAL FIRES:		3	10	1	1	61	5	81
TOTAL ACRES:		0	158	0	0	162	34	356

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	9	3	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3,293	0	3,293
Northwest Area	FIRES	19	8	0	0	81	9	117
	ACRES	291	183	0	0	127	0	601
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	3	532	34	570
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	401	73	475
Southern California Area	FIRES	4	10	1	1	695	80	791
	ACRES	0	8	100	1	5,930	596	6,635
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	38	1	0	0	82	14	135
	ACRES	92	1	0	0	1,015	70	1,178
Great Basin Area	FIRES	2	28	2	1	68	11	112
	ACRES	1	61	0	0	292	1.4	356
Southwest Area	FIRES	96	47	1	1	122	105	372
	ACRES	1,272	4,374	0	0	34,086	14,363	54,097
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	63	8	7	1	118	23	220
	ACRES	1,212	102	107	264	56,326	452	58,463
Eastern Area	FIRES	14	0	3	3	1,894	96	2,010
	ACRES	202	0	141	10	15,719	2,468	18,540
Southern Area	FIRES	483	1	12	31	14,736	404	15,667
	ACRES	96,110	3	2,205	2,315	555,546	34,415	690,596
TOTAL FIRES:		719	104	26	41	18,337	779	20,006
TOTAL ACRES:		99,181	4,734	2,553	2,590	672,738	52,440	834,238

Ten Year Average Fires (2011 – 2020 as of today)	13,934
Ten Year Average Acres (2011 – 2020 as of today)	649,898

***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: Strong Pacific low pressure will move into the central Rockies and push a strong cold front through the Great Basin into the West Slope and Arizona during the afternoon. Very strong southwest winds of 25-50 mph with gusts 50-75 mph will develop near and ahead of the front across the Southwest, eastern Colorado, and adjacent High Plains. Extremely critical fire weather conditions are expected across much of New Mexico into eastern Colorado where RH will drop to 5-12% with critical conditions also developing across the rest of New Mexico into southeast Arizona amid RH of 10-25%. Scattered showers with isolated thunderstorms are forecast across much of the West from the Cascades and Sierra to the Rockies behind the front, with most of the Southwest remaining dry. Scattered thunderstorms, some severe, are expected to develop east of the dry line from west Texas into central South Dakota and southern Minnesota while rain develops across the northern Plains.

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



Building Fireline Downhill With Fire Below

Operational Engagement Category

As a 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 the 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 downslope 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 want to work?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you complete the burnout downhill as you work, providing an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied into a fireline down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What should they be monitoring?
- Have you established good communications? What are some of the dangers of poor communication with lookouts and crews working towards you? Describe the benefits of maintaining good communications.
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches it? 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? How many resources do you want to engage?
- 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)?
- 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, where they would receive their information, and where and when it might occur.

Resources:

[10 Standard Firefighting Orders, PMS 110](#)

[18 Watch Out Situations, PMS 118](#)

[10 and 18 Poster, PMS 110-18](#)

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

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

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