

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2004 1000 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 275 new fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, two in the Southern Area and two in the Eastern Area. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Southern, Eastern and Rocky Mountain Areas.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

EAST FORK, National Forests in Florida. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned. This fire is in timber and southern rough, 12 miles northeast of Crawfordville, FL. Overnight precipitation resulted in minimal fire behavior.

THOMPSON PARK, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in melaleuca and sawgrass, eight miles northwest of Hialeah, FL. No new information was reported.

BIGGIN, Francis Marion & Sumter National Forests. This fire is in southern rough and timber, 20 miles north of Awendaw, SC. Active fire behavior at the flame front with frequent spotting, crowning and torching was reported.

BULLDOG, Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 16 miles northeast of Charleston, SC and is burning in hardwood slash and brush. Short runs with individual tree torching and spotting were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EAST FORK FIRE	FL	FNF	8,400	20	4/20	123	3	7	3	0	NR
THOMPSON PARK FIRE	FL	FLS	2,675	75	UNK	14	0	3	0	0	NR
BIGGIN	SC	FMF	600	70	UNK	65	0	23	2	1	25K
BULLDOG	SC	CMR	750	65	4/9	40	1	4	1	0	20K
MACON SE	AL	ALS	1,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

ALS = Alabama Forestry Commission

## EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WILLIS SWAMP, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This fire is in grass, one mile south of Hillman, MN. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

SUGAR LAKE, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This fire is in hardwood leaf litter and lowland grass, six miles south of Clearwater, MN. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLIS SWAMP	MN	MNS	600	95	UNK	23	0	2	0	0	5K
SUGAR LAKE	MN	MNS	150	60	4/10	16	0	6	0	0	NR
FISH FIRE	MN	BGR	800	100	---	7	0	4	0	1	21K

BGR = Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FISCHER	ND	SRA	2,300	100	---	8	0	4	0	0	NR

SRA = Standing Rock Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Low pressure will move from western Colorado into the southern Mississippi Valley over the weekend. Showers and higher elevation snows will occur along the Rocky Mountain Front Range as moisture from this system pools up in the area. On Sunday, southerly flow ahead of this system will increase thunderstorm chances for central and northern Florida. By early next week, this system will move off of the East Coast, bringing much drier air to the southern United States from the southern Rockies to the Southeast coastal sections.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly sunny except coastal low clouds in the morning.	58 to 68 coastal areas. 50 to 65 mountains. 68 to 78 valleys. 72 to 78 upper deserts. 80 to 85 lower deserts.	20 to 35%.	Northwest to northeast 5 to 15 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **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.

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIREs	2				5	6	13
	ACRES	65				5	9	79
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs					13	1	14
	ACRES					2,635	20	2,655
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	2	1					3
	ACRES	4	0					4
Eastern Area	FIREs			1		75	3	79
	ACRES			800		1,192	7	1,999
Southern Area	FIREs					155	7	162
	ACRES					783	103	886
TOTAL	FIREs	4	1	1	0	248	21	275
	ACRES	69	0	800	0	4,615	140	5,624

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs	12	4	3		3	7	29
	ACRES	59	0	7		2	3	71
Northern California	FIREs					46	21	67
	ACRES					90	21	111
Southern California	FIREs		1	1		207	46	255
	ACRES		0	1		47	133	181
Northern Rockies	FIREs	16	3	1		27	20	67
	ACRES	133	54	90		917	116	1,310
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		4			14		18
	ACRES		7			66		73
Western Great Basin	FIREs	1	2		1	2	2	8
	ACRES	0	4		0	1	65	70
Southwest	FIREs	30	9	1	4	97	46	187
	ACRES	161	9	0	3	8,683	5,686	14,542
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	9	12	5	2	80	16	124
	ACRES	2,358	38	202	0	11,330	2,743	16,671
Eastern Area	FIREs	55		4	4	1,181	191	1,435
	ACRES	440		824	74	14,056	3,158	18,552
Southern Area	FIREs	95		31	14	15,492	367	15,999
	ACRES	14,953		4,285	391	151,762	8,801	180,192
TOTAL	FIREs	218	35	46	25	17,149	716	18,189
	ACRES	18,104	112	5,409	468	186,954	20,726	231,773

Eight Year Average Fires	18,869
Eight Year Average Acres	359,410

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the second reporting period in April\*\*\*

and

\*\*\* 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	1	2	0			5	8
	ACRES	75	165	40			962	1,242
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						536	536
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						114	114
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2			1	7	10
	ACRES		1,450			50	572	2,072
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						20	20
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	1			1		2
	ACRES	12	5			25		42
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		2		3
	ACRES			20		82		102
Southern Area	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					2,000	1,673	3,673
TOTAL	FIRES	1	5	1	0	6	15	28
	ACRES	87	1,620	60	0	2,157	3,877	7,801

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	7	40	26			85	158
	ACRES	1,524	2,552	2,289			11,486	17,851
Northern California	FIRES	12	0	6	10		116	144
	ACRES	179	18	13,363	623		12,673	26,856
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	1		63	69
	ACRES		28	332	10		4,857	5,227
Northern Rockies	FIRES		15			11	114	140
	ACRES		1,925			386	14,330	16,641
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	6	1	1	3	12	24
	ACRES	149	1,017	80	10	82	3,895	5,233
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3				4	7
	ACRES		78				71	149
Southwest	FIRES	13	10	5	2		198	228
	ACRES	4,928	4,919	469	23		14,746	25,085
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	14	22	12	7	62	147
	ACRES	3,967	2,808	5,438	423	1,139	19,682	33,457
Eastern Area	FIRES	7		34	8	212	58	319
	ACRES	10,722		11,700	3,161	17,510	21,441	64,534
Southern Area	FIRES	50		120	48	161	879	1,258
	ACRES	8,473		53,348	50,397	98,032	767,643	977,893
TOTAL	FIRES	120	90	217	82	394	1,591	2,494
	ACRES	29,942	13,345	87,019	54,647	117,149	870,824	1,172,926

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIREs					25		25
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		30					30
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	0	1	0	0	0	25	26
	ACRES	0	30	0	0	0	1	31

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1			7			1			21
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1			3						3
Rocky Mountain	1			8	2		1		11	4
Eastern Area				4	8					
Southern Area	6			8	21	6	1		59	94
Total	9	0	30	31	6	3	0	0	94	98

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