

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, April 27, 2008 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (62 new fires)
 New large fires: 1 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 10
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5
 Fire Use Teams committed: 0

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

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

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 49
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Texas Winter Fires 2008, Texas Forest Service. IMT 2 (Hannemann). IMT managing the Cathedral fire. IMT is supporting numerous fires throughout western Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total.

Cathedral, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land ten miles northwest of Marathon, TX. Grass and brush. Extreme fire behavior with long flame lengths. Numerous residences threatened.

Sunrise, National Forests in North Carolina. IMT 2 (Wilder). Fifteen miles northwest of Morgantown, NC. Hardwood litter. Backing fire with isolated torching. Structures threatened.

High Cliff, Tennessee DOF. Three miles west of Jellico, TN. Logging slash. No new information.

Camelot, Tennessee DOF. Four miles northwest of Rogersville, TN. Hardwood litter. No new information.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Texas Winter Fires 2008	TX	TXS	15,036	0	NR	UNK	295	15	1	5	2	4	32.5M	PRI
Cathedral	TX	TXS	10,000	7,000	40	UNK	125	101	3	7	3	0	NR	PRI
Sunrise	NC	NCF	1,964	12	70	UNK	256	4	7	7	3	1	1.3M	FS
High Cliff	TN	TNS	150	---	80	UNK	14	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST

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Camelot	TN	TNS	1,800	---	99	UNK	4	---	0	0	0	4	NR	ST

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 4
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 4
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Trigo, Cibola NF. Ten miles east of Belen, NM. IMT 2 (Cowie). Hardwood litter. Backing fire with isolated torching. Community of Manzano threatened.

Beehive, Coronado NF. Eighteen miles northwest of Nogales, AZ. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Small) back to the local unit today. IMT is also managing the Alamo fire. Grass. Isolated interior smoking.

Alamo, Coronado NF. Thirteen miles west of Nogales, AZ. Brush and slash. Isolated interior smoking. Campground evacuated.

Eagle, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Twenty-nine miles south of Alpine, AZ. Grass and brush. No new information.

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Trigo	NM	CIF	4,910	0	67	4/28	471	-7	15	14	5	20	5.2M	FS
Beehive	AZ	CNF	325	0	80	4/30	213	26	4	3	4	0	654K	FS
Alamo	AZ	CNF	5,070	0	95	4/28	70	-2	1	2	0	0	1.45M	FS
Eagle	AZ	ASF	2,591	---	75	4/28	68	---	2	3	1	0	85K	FS

Southern California Area (PL 1)

New fires: 1
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Santa Anita, Sierra Madre FD. Three miles north of Arcadia, CA. IMT 2 (Fiorella). Chaparral. Recreation areas evacuated. No further information received.

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* Santa Anita	CA	SMD	200	---	NR	UNK	100	---	5	6	3	0	NR	CNTY

Eastern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 7
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Four Mile, Michigan DNR. Two miles south of Grayling, MI. Jack pine and oak timber. No new information.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Four Mile	MI	MIS	1,100	600	80	4/27	56	56	0	11	0	6	NR	ST
Oscar Range	MA	MAS	700	170	100	---	0	-2	0	0	0	0	NR	DOD

MAS - Massachusetts Bureau of Forest Fire Control

Predictive Services Discussion: The Northern Plains will be cool, dry and windy today with winds diminishing Monday. For the Southwest, dry and light winds today except for windy conditions in southeast Arizona. Winds will increase across the area Monday. For the Southeast, showers are expected over most of the area today and Monday. For the Northeast, dry today with rain moving into the region tonight and Monday.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Helicopter Performance and Effectiveness

Certain helicopter missions push the limits of the aircraft's performance capabilities. Items that reduce the effectiveness and increase the risk of the mission include weight, temperature, altitude, and visibility.

- Helicopter missions that transport external loads increase risk.
- Helicopters reach their maximum performance capabilities as temperature and/or altitude increase.
- All helicopters have different maximum performance capabilities, so be aware of the capabilities of the specific helicopter that you are working with.
- Low-level helicopter operations often occur in heavy smoke where hazards (e.g., trees, snags, antennas, visibility, turbulence, and other aircraft) increase the risk level significantly.
- Determine the risk level for every mission. Is the risk level acceptable? Can the risk be mitigated? If the risk is not acceptable or it cannot be mitigated, then the mission should not be flown.
- A large part of the success of a helicopter mission is the result of good communications between the pilot and the user on the ground.
- Accurate target and hazard descriptions are essential to a safe mission. Locate this information and relay it to the pilot. Things to consider in the target description include:
 - Have you considered what the target would look like from the air?
 - Are you located where the pilot can see you?
 - Do you have a signal mirror?
 - Are you using cardinal directions or clock directions in relation to the track of the aircraft?
 - What is the wind direction? Provide this information to the pilot.
 - Are all firefighters clear of the drop area?
 - Is there a safer way to carry out an effective suppression action?

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					200		200
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			2		4
	ACRES	1	5			1		7
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					13		13
Southern Area	FIRES					49		49
	ACRES					335		335
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	0	0	59	0	62
	ACRES	2	5	0	0	549	0	556

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			29		30
	ACRES		206			108		314
Northwest	FIRES	18	3	2		21	10	54
	ACRES	135	0	1,397		107	4	1,643
Northern California	FIRES				1	2	20	23
	ACRES				0	3,209	5	3,214
Southern California	FIRES	1	18	2		355	43	419
	ACRES	0	62	0		1,201	42	1,305
Northern Rockies	FIRES	243	1	6		27	23	300
	ACRES	5,793	64	3,637		6,110	262	15,866
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	6	1	3	9	1	23
	ACRES	266	8	470	5	4,032	2	4,783
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	16		3	10	3	34
	ACRES	3	17		1	1,020	0	1,041
Southwest	FIRES	161	47	3	28	259	95	593
	ACRES	1,038	13,439	24	526	176,288	18,540	209,855
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	92	5	4	1	135	7	244
	ACRES	719	302	13	0	57,278	3	58,315
Eastern Area	FIRES	145		2	7	3,944	121	4,219
	ACRES	370		1	204	29,576	1,347	31,498
Southern Area	FIRES	774		158	20	12,068	246	13,266
	ACRES	51,204		11,561	409	864,233	18,681	946,088
TOTAL	FIRES	1,439	97	178	63	16,859	569	19,205
	ACRES	59,528	14,098	17,103	1,145	1,143,162	38,886	1,273,922

Ten Year Average Fires	27,020
Ten Year Average Acres	835,122

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Prescribed 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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					1,915		1,915
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,915	0	1,915

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	21	2			56	82
	ACRES	323	2,183	1,600			8,365	12,471
Northern California	FIRES	24	14	8	3		66	115
	ACRES	403	113	13,825	5		2,348	16,694
Southern California	FIRES		3	2	2		118	125
	ACRES		118	137	1,067		3,055	4,377
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	9	7	4		46	67
	ACRES	40	1,430	3,961	219		4,052	9,702
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	15	5	2	6	18	47
	ACRES	170	2,016	352	47	778	863	4,226
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1	20		1	23
	ACRES		30	5	0		225	260
Southwest	FIRES	12	9	1	6		116	144
	ACRES	1,378	12,785	280	157		34,472	49,072
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	16	18	55	12	19	89	209
	ACRES	1,376	664	7,992	4,334	3,235	22,644	40,245
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		52	9	417	57	558
	ACRES	28,606		4,276	647	16,498	27,626	77,653
Southern Area	FIRES	24		107	61	285	783	1,260
	ACRES	14,821		43,336	41,971	176,449	791,219	1,067,796
TOTAL	FIRES	104	90	240	119	727	1,350	2,630
	ACRES	47,117	19,339	75,764	48,447	196,960	894,869	1,282,496

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							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	128						128
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						70	70
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	2	1	4
	ACRES	128	0	0	0	1	70	199

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Canada Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-to-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-to-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	71	526
Yukon Territory	0	0	17	0
Alberta	0	0	72	87
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	6	702
Manitoba	0	0	13	1,581
Ontario	0	0	21	39
Quebec	0	0	10	51
Newfoundland	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	0	0	83	80
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	5	1
Total	0	0	298	3,067

*** Table updated weekly. ***

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