

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, February 12, 2008 – 0800 MST  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (February 8 – February 11)**

|                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Initial attack activity:      | Heavy (1,368 new fires) |
| New large fires:              | 27 (*)                  |
| Large fires contained:        | 17                      |
| Uncontained large fires:      | 12                      |
| Area Command Teams committed: | 0                       |
| NIMOs committed:              | 0                       |
| Type 1 IMTs committed:        | 1                       |
| Type 2 IMTs committed:        | 1                       |
| Fire Use Teams committed:     | 0                       |

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

**Southern Area (PL 3)**

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| New fires:               | 1,362 |
| New large fires:         | 27    |
| Uncontained large fires: | 12    |

**Blackhorse**, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests. IMT1 (Quesinberry). One mile northeast of Villamont, VA. Hardwood litter. Extreme fire behavior with rapid runs. Multiple residences threatened. Evacuations in progress.

**Little Cuba**, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests. IMT2 (Wilder). Two miles southeast of New Castle, VA. Hardwood litter. Backing.

**Chevron**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land sixteen miles northwest of Midland, TX. Grass. No further information was received.

**Carta Valley**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land fourteen miles north of Barksdale, TX. Heavy brush. Smoldering.

**Ball Goal**, National Forests in Mississippi. Five miles northeast of Brooklyn, MS. Timber and grass. Running. Military range, residences and other structures threatened.

**Dillon's Ridge**, North Carolina DOF. Five miles east of Columbia, NC. Southern Rough. Running, torching and creeping. Residences threatened.

**Sandy Mountain**, Eglin Air Force Base, DOD. Ten miles southwest of Defuniak Springs. Southern Rough. No further information was received.

**Lynch Road**, North Carolina DOF. Two miles southeast of Essex, NC. Timber. Running and torching. Evacuations in effect. Structures threatened.

**Camp Elliott**, North Carolina DOF. Thirteen miles southeast of Black Mountain, NC. Hardwood litter. Extreme fire behavior.

**Dragon Slayer**, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. Three miles east of Gypsy, OK. Hardwood litter. Running. Structures, oil wells, and pipelines threatened.

**Jump**, Florida DOF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Jacksonville, FL. Southern rough. Monitor status. No further information received.

**Highway 1**, North Carolina DOF. Six miles northeast of Franklinton, NC. Hardwood Litter. Running and torching. Residences threatened.

| 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 |
|-------------------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Blackhorse            | VA | VAF  | 1,200 | 600              | 10    | 2/21    | 199       | 40               | 6   | 15  | 0    | 0         | 75K      | FS         |
| * Little Cuba           | VA | VAF  | 400   | 1,211            | 10    | 2/15    | 8         | ---              | 0   | 3   | 0    | 0         | 15K      | FS         |
| * Chevron               | TX | TXS  | 8,900 | ---              | 89    | 2/13    | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | PRI        |
| * Carta Valley          | TX | TXS  | 2,100 | ---              | 85    | 2/12    | 6         | 1                | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | PRI        |
| * Ball Goal             | MS | MNF  | 1,500 | 500              | 70    | 2/13    | 11        | ---              | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0         | 6K       | FS         |
| * Dillon's Ridge        | NC | NCS  | 800   | ---              | 60    | 2/12    | 46        | ---              | 0   | 9   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Sandy Mountain        | FL | EAQ  | 600   | ---              | 20    | 2/12    | 4         | ---              | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0         | NR       | DOD        |
| * Lynch Road            | NC | NCS  | 1,500 | ---              | 75    | UNK     | 59        | ---              | 0   | 17  | 1    | 9         | NR       | ST         |
| * Camp Elliott          | NC | NCS  | 100   | ---              | 20    | UNK     | 23        | ---              | 2   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Dragon Slayer         | OK | OMA  | 126   | ---              | 95    | UNK     | 16        | ---              | 0   | 8   | 0    | 1         | 0.25K    | BIA        |
| * Jump                  | FL | FLS  | 300   | ---              | 95    | UNK     | 14        | ---              | 11  | 0   | 1    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Highway 1             | NC | NCS  | 100   | ---              | 75    | UNK     | 54        | ---              | 0   | 20  | 0    | 2         | 2K       | ST         |
| * Garvens Store Complex | TX | TXS  | 4,500 | ---              | 100   | ---     | 1         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 4         | NR       | PRI        |
| Laureles                | TX | TXS  | 3,000 | ---              | 100   | ---     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Sandy Road            | FL | FLS  | 900   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 53        | ---              | 0   | 15  | 2    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Cramer                | NC | NCS  | 700   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 3         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| Hackley                 | TX | TXS  | 500   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Acorn Hill            | NC | NCS  | 450   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 1         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 2         | NR       | ST         |
| * Hopewell Road         | TX | TXS  | 400   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 5         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Monica                | GA | GAS  | 337   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 22        | ---              | 0   | 2   | 1    | 0         | 5K       | ST         |
| * Old West              | TX | TXS  | 320   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Jack Got Stuck        | NC | NCS  | 288   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 1.0K     | ST         |
| * Mattassee Lake #1     | SC | SCS  | 573   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 4         | ---              | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |
| * Choppee               | SC | SCS  | 250   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 27        | 0                | 0   | 7   | 0    | 0         | NR       | ST         |

| Incident Name          | St | Unit | Size | Size<br>Chge<br>24 Hrs | %<br>CTN | Est<br>Ctn | Totl<br>Pers | Pers<br>Chge<br>24 Hrs | Crw | Eng | Heli | Strc<br>Lost | \$\$<br>CTD | Origin<br>Own |
|------------------------|----|------|------|------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| * Franklinton          | NC | NCS  | 200  | ---                    | 100      | ---        | 48           | ---                    | 0   | 28  | 0    | 0            | 4K          | ST            |
| * Cedar Creek          | AL | ALS  | 160  | ---                    | 100      | ---        | 0            | ---                    | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0            | NR          | ST            |
| * Red Flag             | NC | NCS  | 150  | ---                    | 100      | ---        | 2            | ---                    | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0            | 0.5K        | ST            |
| * Halls Creek          | NC | NCS  | 120  | ---                    | 100      | ---        | 2            | ---                    | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0            | 0           | ST            |
| * Mattassee Lake<br>#2 | SC | SCS  | 100  | ---                    | 100      | ---        | 0            | ---                    | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0            | NR          | ST            |

GAS – Georgia Forestry Commission

ALS – Alabama Forestry Commission

SCS – South Carolina Forestry Commission

**Predictive Services Discussion:** For Virginia and the Carolinas, cloudy with higher humidity today with rain spreading over the area tonight and Wednesday. For eastern New Mexico, western/central Texas and western Oklahoma, dry today then fire potential increasing Wednesday due to strong winds and low humidity.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](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 (February 8 – February 11)

| 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 |     |     |     |     | 6      |       | 6      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 12     |       | 12     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 16  |     | 4   | 3   | 1,312  | 27    | 1,362  |
|                     | ACRES | 461 |     | 74  | 22  | 35,536 | 4,077 | 40,170 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 16  | 0   | 4   | 3   | 1,318  | 27    | 1,368  |
|                     | ACRES | 461 | 0   | 74  | 22  | 35,548 | 4,077 | 40,182 |

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA                |       | BIA    | BLM | FWS   | NPS | ST/OT   | USFS  | TOTAL   |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-----|-------|-----|---------|-------|---------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |        |     |       |     |         |       | 0       |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       |     |         |       | 0       |
| Northwest           | FIRES |        |     |       |     |         | 1     | 1       |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       |     |         | 3     | 3       |
| Northern California | FIRES |        |     |       | 1   |         | 2     | 3       |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       | 0   |         | 0     | 0       |
| Southern California | FIRES |        | 3   |       |     | 56      | 4     | 63      |
|                     | ACRES |        | 0   |       |     | 46      | 0     | 46      |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |        |     |       |     | 1       |       | 1       |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       |     | 600     |       | 600     |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |        |     |       | 1   |         |       | 1       |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       | 0   |         |       | 0       |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |        |     |       |     |         |       | 0       |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       |     |         |       | 0       |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 13     | 7   |       |     | 38      | 2     | 60      |
|                     | ACRES | 2      | 4   |       |     | 13,579  | 500   | 14,085  |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |        |     |       |     | 15      | 4     | 19      |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       |     | 6,364   | 2     | 6,366   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |        |     |       | 2   | 61      | 9     | 72      |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       | 27  | 126     | 84    | 237     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 307    |     | 50    | 4   | 3,591   | 54    | 4,006   |
|                     | ACRES | 12,114 |     | 2,869 | 22  | 142,522 | 4,437 | 161,964 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 320    | 10  | 50    | 8   | 3,762   | 76    | 4,226   |
|                     | ACRES | 12,116 | 4   | 2,869 | 49  | 163,237 | 5,026 | 183,301 |

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Seven Year Average Fires</b> | <b>3,057</b>   |
| <b>Seven Year Average Acres</b> | <b>117,385</b> |

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**Prescribed Fires and Acres (February 8 – February 11)**

| 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 |     |     |       |     |       | 2      | 2      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       | 15     | 15     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       | 0      | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       | 10     | 10     |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     | 1   |       |     |       |        | 1      |
|                     | ACRES |     | 25  |       |     |       |        | 25     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     | 0   |       |     |       | 2      | 2      |
|                     | ACRES |     | 43  |       |     |       | 249    | 292    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |        | 0      |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     | 3     | 1   | 15    | 51     | 70     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 1,303 | 300 | 6,207 | 52,883 | 60,693 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 1   | 3     | 1   | 15    | 55     | 75     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 68  | 1,303 | 300 | 6,207 | 53,157 | 61,035 |

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA                |       | BIA   | BLM   | FWS   | NPS    | ST/OT  | USFS    | TOTAL   |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |       |       |       |        |        |         | 0       |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |       |        |        |         | 0       |
| Northwest           | FIRES |       | 2     |       |        |        | 8       | 10      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 41    |       |        |        | 155     | 196     |
| Northern California | FIRES | 10    | 3     |       | 1      |        | 27      | 41      |
|                     | ACRES | 213   | 36    |       | 0      |        | 132     | 381     |
| Southern California | FIRES |       | 1     |       |        |        | 24      | 25      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 5     |       |        |        | 329     | 334     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |       | 5     |       |        |        | 2       | 7       |
|                     | ACRES |       | 1,150 |       |        |        | 81      | 1,231   |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |       | 2     |       | 1      | 4      | 8       | 15      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 3     |       | 15     | 60     | 211     | 289     |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |       | 1     |       |        |        | 1       | 2       |
|                     | ACRES |       | 11    |       |        |        | 22      | 33      |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 12    | 4     |       | 2      |        | 22      | 40      |
|                     | ACRES | 1,223 | 1,290 |       | 25     |        | 1,498   | 4,036   |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 4     | 7     | 4     | 1      | 5      | 45      | 66      |
|                     | ACRES | 10    | 296   | 112   | 110    | 63     | 7,491   | 8,082   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |       |       | 1     |        | 0      | 3       | 4       |
|                     | ACRES |       |       | 1     |        | 221    | 78      | 300     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 1     |       | 31    | 17     | 76     | 173     | 298     |
|                     | ACRES | 240   |       | 9,296 | 11,909 | 49,292 | 153,105 | 223,842 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 27    | 25    | 36    | 22     | 85     | 313     | 508     |
|                     | ACRES | 1,686 | 2,832 | 9,409 | 12,059 | 49,636 | 163,102 | 238,724 |

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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     |
|                     | 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 |     |     |     |     |       | 1    | 1     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       | 70   | 70    |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 1    | 1     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 70   | 70    |

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