

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, April 3, 2009 – 0800 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (45 new fires)
New large fires:	5 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	11
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

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

All U.S. resources assigned to Australia have been released.

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires:	30
New large fires:	5
Uncontained large fires:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**2009 Winter Initial Attack**, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Hannemann). IMT is supporting multiple fires in west Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total.

**79**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land ten miles northeast of Olney, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

**Indian Lake**, Florida DOF. Three miles west of Daytona Beach, FL. Southern rough. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Sandia Complex**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land three miles east of Sandia, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

**Turkey Knob**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land ten miles west of Boerne, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

**864**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land seventeen miles northeast of Sonora, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Chamnes**, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles southwest of Big Spring, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

**Sellers Mountain**, Oklahoma DOF. Eight miles southwest of Keys, OK. Grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Blue Mtn. @ Blocker**, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles south of Blocker, OK. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire activity.

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
2009 Winter Initial Attack	TX	TXS	12,272	190	NR	UNK	274	-13	0	15	4	0	16M	PRI
79	TX	TXS	8,000	5,000	65	UNK	31	-7	0	6	0	0	NR	PRI
Indian Lake	FL	FLS	1,294	---	85	UNK	33	---	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
* Sandia Complex	TX	TXS	800	---	20	UNK	21	---	0	2	1	0	NR	PRI
* Turkey Knob	TX	TXS	500	---	35	UNK	17	---	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
864	TX	TXS	487	-13	95	UNK	14	3	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
* Chamnes	TX	TXS	400	---	75	UNK	22	---	0	4	0	0	NR	FS
Sellers Mountain	OK	OKS	350	---	80	UNK	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Blue Mtn. @ Blocker	OK	OKS	100	---	75	4/3	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Nortor Knob	OK	OKS	300	---	100	UNK	7	---	0	3	0	0	NR	ST

### **Southwest Area (PL 2 )**

New fires: 4  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Montana**, Coronado NF. Ten miles southeast of Arivaca, AZ. Grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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
Montana	AZ	CNF	2,400	---	85	4/4	18	---	0	3	0	0	400K	FS

### **Eastern Area (PL 1 )**

New fires: 5  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Rock House**, Mark Twain NF. Seven miles southwest of Willow Springs, MO. Hardwood litter and grass. 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
Rock House	MO	MTF	166	---	80	UNK	13	---	0	1	0	0	NR	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A large low pressure trough will dig into the West today bringing wet conditions to the northwest quarter of the country and strong winds to much of the West. Significant fire potential in terms of combined dry and windy conditions will develop today across portions of New Mexico and West Texas. Another low pressure system will move across the Northeast with widespread precipitation.

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



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

### **Falling Snags**

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
  - Strong winds
  - Night operations
  - Steep slopes
  - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
  - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
  - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
  - Numerous downed trees
  - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead
  - Accumulation of downed limbs
  - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
  - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
  - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
  - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
  - Establish lookouts.

### 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					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					32	0	32
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		5					5
Eastern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					4		4
Southern Area	FIRES			4		24	2	30
	ACRES			87		2,444	13	2,544
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	4	0	35	5	45
	ACRES	0	5	87	0	2,480	13	2,585

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	8	2				4	14
	ACRES	61	12				1	74
Northern California	FIRES	7			1	94	13	115
	ACRES	14			0	260	7	281
Southern California	FIRES			1		186	16	203
	ACRES			0		1,120	1	1,121
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	2			3		8
	ACRES	0	1			14,490		14,491
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5	1		15	2	23
	ACRES		13	171		85	0	269
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	7			4		13
	ACRES	0	22			9		31
Southwest	FIRES	70	21	2	2	194	48	337
	ACRES	687	9,867	1	23	65,681	19,931	96,190
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	35	4	1	1	114	5	160
	ACRES	646	9	28	0	39,770	159	40,612
Eastern Area	FIRES			6		2,796	199	3,001
	ACRES			29		27,215	4,538	31,782
Southern Area	FIRES	199		120	18	17,529	314	18,180
	ACRES	11,624		9,697	2,470	351,911	18,785	394,487
TOTAL	FIRES	324	41	131	22	20,935	601	22,054
	ACRES	13,032	9,924	9,926	2,493	500,541	43,422	579,338

<b>Seven Year Average Fires</b>	<b>15,094</b>
<b>Seven Year Average Acres</b>	<b>579,338</b>

\*\*\* 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					1
	ACRES		350					350
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						93	93
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						17	17
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						288	288
Eastern Area	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					341	363	704
Southern Area	FIRES				1		4	5
	ACRES				17		2,987	3,004
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	9	5	16
	ACRES	0	350	0	17	341	3,748	4,456

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	76	7			10	94
	ACRES	71	3,629	2,223			364	6,287
Northern California	FIRES	26	29	12	25	4	121	217
	ACRES	224	156	5,373	132	1,155	3,526	10,566
Southern California	FIRES		5	5			119	129
	ACRES		456	96			8,833	9,385
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1				8	11
	ACRES	86	10				836	932
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		25	1	5	19	12	62
	ACRES		1,506	750	103	101	916	3,376
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1			5	9
	ACRES		72	0			219	291
Southwest	FIRES	2	9	2	2		116	131
	ACRES	40	9,515	251	229		12,827	22,862
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	9	40	4	11	73	165
	ACRES	2,796	89	4,712	43	371	18,612	26,623
Eastern Area	FIRES			27	20	308	48	403
	ACRES			4,890	8,187	28,244	24,277	65,598
Southern Area	FIRES	5		187	62	560	746	1,560
	ACRES	590		80,085	60,225	193,941	714,765	1,049,606
TOTAL	FIRES	64	157	282	118	902	1,258	2,781
	ACRES	3,807	15,433	98,380	68,919	223,812	785,175	1,195,526

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