

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, April 7, 2009 – 0800 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (163 new fires)
New large fires:	6 (*)
Large fires contained:	10
Uncontained large fires:	12
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

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

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires:	163
New large fires:	6
Uncontained large fires:	12
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.

**Magic City**, Texas Forest Service. Eight miles southwest of Wheeler, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

**Two Bush Road**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land four miles south of Joplin, TX. Brush and grass. Interior smoldering.

**864**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land 17 miles northeast of Sonora, TX. Brush and grass. Interior smoldering.

**Jeter II**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land three miles west of Albany, TX. Brush and grass. Interior smoldering.

**Cutover**, Texas Forest Service. Sixteen miles southeast of Woodville, TX. Timber. Active fire behavior.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Street**, Florida DOF. Fifteen miles west of Miami, FL. Timber litter. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened.

**El Coyote Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land 23 miles south of Falfurrias, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

**Black Canyon**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land 15 miles north of Alpine, TX. Grass. Creeping.

**Siebenicher**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land 14 miles south of Fredericksburg, TX. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

**West Half Bank Fire**, Oklahoma DOF. Four miles northwest of Lane, OK. Logging slash and hardwood litter. No further information received.

**Poor Mountain**, Virginia DOF. One mile northeast of Elliston, VA. Timber. No further information 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
2009 Winter Initial Attack	TX	TXS	13,261	269	NR	UNK	309	-5	1	17	6	0	17.8	PRI
Magic City	TX	TXS	15,000	0	75	UNK	12	-35	0	2	0	34	NR	ST
Two Bush Road	TX	TXS	2,190	0	85	UNK	6	-14	0	2	0	1	NR	PRI
864	TX	TXS	550	0	90	UNK	3	0	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
Jeter II	TX	TXS	410	0	95	UNK	8	0	0	3	0	0	NR	PRI
* Cutover	TX	TXS	344	---	0	UNK	32	---	0	2	2	0	NR	PRI
* 23 <sup>rd</sup> Street	FL	FLS	310	---	25	4/7	35	---	0	17	1	0	NR	ST
* El Coyote Ranch	TX	TXS	300	---	90	4/7	56	---	0	19	1	0	NR	PRI
Black Canyon	TX	TXS	300	0	95	UNK	13	-32	1	1	0	0	NR	PRI
Siebenicher	TX	TXS	300	0	95	4/7	3	-18	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
* West Half Bank Fire	OK	OKS	280	---	60	UNK	2	---	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
* Poor Mountain	VA	VAS	150	---	80	UNK	50	---	1	6	1	0	NR	ST
Cleo	OK	OKS	11,520	0	100	---	0	-2	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
79	TX	TXS	8,000	0	100	---	5	0	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
Turtle	TX	PAP	7,157	-93	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	0	22K	NPS
Sandia Complex	TX	TXS	2,000	0	100	---	3	0	0	1	0	4	NR	PRI
Kiowa West 4	OK	OKS	1,900	0	100	---	6	0	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
Anthan Church	OK	OKS	1,200	50	100	---	115	0	0	36	0	1	10K	ST
Turkey Knob	TX	TXS	520	0	100	---	3	0	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
Littlewolfe	OK	WEA	380	0	100	---	2	-4	0	1	0	0	NR	BIA
Mountain Top 99	OK	OKS	300	0	100	---	6	0	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
* Turkey Foot	AR	OUF	116	---	100	---	3	---	0	0	0	0	3.5K	FS

PAP – Padre Island National Seashore    WEA – Wewoka Agency, BIA    OUF – Ouachita NF

**Predictive Services Discussion:** An offshore low pressure system will begin to move onto the California coast today producing dry and windy conditions for southeastern California, southern Nevada and western Arizona. A weak surface low pressure system over eastern New Mexico, western Oklahoma, and west Texas will develop dry and windy conditions. Cool, dry, and windy conditions will move across the Southeast behind a strong storm system.

[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					4		4
	ACRES					4		4
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						2	2
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					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					5,000		5,000
Eastern Area	FIRES				9	11	6	26
	ACRES				62	442	84	588
Southern Area	FIRES			2		126	1	129
	ACRES			4		2,709	1	2,714
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	9	144	8	163
	ACRES	0	0	4	62	8,156	87	8,309

### 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	99	16	123
	ACRES	14			0	262	9	285
Southern California	FIRES			1		207	16	224
	ACRES			0		1,130	1	1,131
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	2			3		8
	ACRES	0	1			14,490		14,491
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6	1		15	2	24
	ACRES		13	171		87	0	271
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	8			4		14
	ACRES	0	120			9		129
Southwest	FIRES	75	22	2	2	198	49	348
	ACRES	809	9,868	1	23	66,633	19,931	97,265
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	35	4	1	1	117	5	163
	ACRES	646	16	35	0	44,921	159	45,777
Eastern Area	FIRES			6	9	2,998	210	3,223
	ACRES			29	62	28,860	4,796	33,747
Southern Area	FIRES	199		120	25	18,771	317	19,432
	ACRES	11,624		9,711	9,639	406,092	19,097	456,163
TOTAL	FIRES	329	44	131	38	22,412	619	23,573
	ACRES	13,154	10,030	9,947	9,724	562,484	43,994	649,333

<b>Seven Year Average Fires</b>	<b>17,816</b>
<b>Seven Year Average Acres</b>	<b>552,948</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	0	1				0	1
	ACRES	47	40				2	89
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						40	40
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						4	4
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					55		55
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,700	1,700
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	4	6
	ACRES	47	40	0	0	55	1,746	1,888

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	77	7			16	101
	ACRES	118	3,669	2,223			471	6,481
Northern California	FIRES	26	29	12	25	4	122	218
	ACRES	224	156	5,373	132	1,155	3,566	10,606
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		4	1			5	10
	ACRES		76	0			219	295
Southwest	FIRES	2	9	2	2		119	134
	ACRES	40	9,515	251	229		13,733	23,768
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	8	40	4	11	75	166
	ACRES	2,796	86	4,712	46	371	18,637	26,648
Eastern Area	FIRES			25	20	365	55	465
	ACRES			4,887	8,187	29,986	29,578	72,638
Southern Area	FIRES	6		188	63	564	687	1,508
	ACRES	2,390		80,001	60,355	198,191	657,517	998,454
TOTAL	FIRES	65	158	281	119	963	1,218	2,804
	ACRES	5,654	15,474	98,293	69,052	229,804	734,306	1,152,583

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