

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, April 16, 2009 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (146 new fires)
 New large fires: 0 (*)
 Large fires contained: 8
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 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: 13
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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

Cement Mountain Complex, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land four miles northeast of Graham, TX. Brush and grass. Interior smoldering.

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	14,334	0	NR	UNK	402	5	2	17	7	0	21.6M	PRI
Cement Mountain Complex	TX	TXS	27,876	0	90	4/16	5	0	0	1	0	65	NR	PRI
Loco / Healdton	OK	OKS	56,688	-145	100	---	17	0	0	9	0	0	NR	ST
Montague County Complex	TX	TXS	31,419	0	100	---	2	-3	0	1	0	131	NR	PRI
Roberts Branch	TX	TXS	16,444	0	100	---	2	-1	0	1	0	2	NR	PRI
Mulhall / Payne County	OK	OKS	8,600	-18	100	---	2	0	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
Lindsay	OK	OKS	6,766	-16	100	---	8	0	0	4	0	0	NR	ST
Beard Mountain	TX	TXS	3,600	0	100	---	0	-50	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Choctaw	OK	OKS	3,475	-20	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	50	NR	ST
1148 Complex	TX	TXS	700	0	100	---	2	-3	0	1	0	14	NR	PRI

OKS – Oklahoma DOF

Southwest (PL 2)

New fires: 9
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Flying V, Gila NF. Twenty-five miles east of Alma, NM. Grass. No further information received.

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Flying V	NM	GNF	520	0	90	4/16	42	0	2	0	0	0	NR	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: A large upper level low pressure system will move over the Four Corners today with gusty winds and low relative humidity along the surface cold front in eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Very low relative humidity will continue across the Great Lakes states and Northeast, and to a lesser extent across portions of the Southeast.

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



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

Fire Shelter Site Selection

The primary objective of every operational fire plan is to keep firefighters out of an entrapment situation. However, firefighters must always be prepared for the possibility of having to deploy their fire shelters. The key to a successful fire shelter deployment is proper site selection. Consider the following when discussing shelter deployment site selection:

- Pick a site that will keep the fire shelter away from flames and convective heat. It should also limit the amount of radiant heat that reaches the shelter.
- Select an area with no fuels, or if that isn't possible, select a site in light fuels such as grass where the flaming front passes quickly. Clear the site to mineral soil if at all possible. If time is critical, pick a site with the least fuel.
- Pick natural firebreaks (e.g., wet meadows; creek beds; wet, swampy areas; large rockslides with no fuels). Note that rough terrain in rockslides may make obtaining an effective seal impossible, thus making the site unacceptable.
- Areas on the lee side of ridge tops and knobs can be effective deployment sites because convective heat and flames will generally continue rising above them.
- Wide areas that have been cleared of fuel such as dozer lines or roads can be effective deployment sites. In larger areas, don't let trucks, dozers, and other equipment occupy the best deployment sites.
- Flat areas on slopes, such as benches or road cuts, offer some protection from radiant and convective heat. Level areas like these can keep you below the path of flames and convective heat. The ditch on the inside of the road, if free of fuel, can improve the effectiveness of deploying in a road cut.
- Avoid areas that tend to funnel smoke, flames, and hot gases.
 - Narrow draws
 - Chutes
 - Chimneys
 - Saddles on ridge tops

- Know how long it takes to reach your safety zone. Crew supervisors should identify and communicate likely escape routes and safety zones.

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	0
	ACRES						1	1
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		2			4	3	9
	ACRES		62			50	100	212
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			0		1		1
	ACRES			25		254		279
Eastern Area	FIRES	28				83	12	123
	ACRES	51				204	38	293
Southern Area	FIRES			1		12		13
	ACRES			7		39		46
TOTAL	FIRES	28	2	1	0	100	15	146
	ACRES	51	62	32	0	547	139	831

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	9	3				4	16
	ACRES	62	12				1	75
Northern California	FIRES	7			1	106	20	134
	ACRES	14			0	262	11	287
Southern California	FIRES		4	1		240	28	273
	ACRES		364	0		1,135	1	1,500
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	2			11	11	27
	ACRES	0	1			14,668	32	14,701
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	7	1		19	5	33
	ACRES	20	13	171		103	8	315
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	12			5		19
	ACRES	0	202			24		226
Southwest	FIRES	91	42	2	2	266	65	468
	ACRES	844	10,820	1	23	70,923	21,536	104,147
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	41	4	1	1	134	7	188
	ACRES	709	16	174	42	58,709	119	59,769
Eastern Area	FIRES	62		7	9	3,667	256	4,001
	ACRES	110		35	62	33,072	5,265	38,544
Southern Area	FIRES	226		128	27	20,059	371	20,811
	ACRES	31,717		16,266	9,799	517,903	21,477	597,162
TOTAL	FIRES	442	74	140	40	24,507	767	25,970
	ACRES	33,476	11,428	16,647	9,926	696,799	48,450	816,726

Seven Year Average Fires	20,142
Seven Year Average Acres	650,679

*** 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	0
	ACRES						2	2
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						4	4
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	0
	ACRES						1,850	1,850
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					32	492	524
Eastern Area	FIRES	2		1		20	3	26
	ACRES	8,312		3		762	46	9,123
Southern Area	FIRES					1	7	8
	ACRES					300	6,877	7,177
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	1	0	22	11	36
	ACRES	8,312	0	3	0	1,094	9,271	18,680

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	4	78	9			22	113
	ACRES	696	4,548	2,623			696	8,563
Northern California	FIRES	26	31	12	29	4	136	238
	ACRES	224	158	12,231	138	1,155	4,253	18,159
Southern California	FIRES		5	5			123	133
	ACRES		456	96			8,847	9,399
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1				17	20
	ACRES	86	10				1,142	1,238
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		28	1	6	20	13	68
	ACRES		1,948	750	178	102	1,069	4,047
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1			5	10
	ACRES		94	0			219	313
Southwest	FIRES	2	10	2	2		130	146
	ACRES	40	11,273	251	229		23,722	35,515
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	9	46	7	16	82	190
	ACRES	2,883	186	5,136	7,086	474	20,006	35,771
Eastern Area	FIRES	15		88	21	531	85	740
	ACRES	47,330		10,760	8,211	37,792	41,391	145,484
Southern Area	FIRES	6		209	67	612	851	1,745
	ACRES	2,390		109,260	60,810	221,056	814,055	1,207,571
TOTAL	FIRES	85	166	373	132	1,183	1,464	3,403
	ACRES	53,649	18,673	141,107	76,652	260,579	915,400	1,466,060

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