

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, February 20, 2009 – 0800 MST
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity: Light (1,051 new fires)
 New large fires: 19 (*)
 Large fires contained: 16
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1
 Fire Use Teams committed: 0

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

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

The U.S. has mobilized two Burned Area Emergency Response teams, one 20-person suppression crew and 15 fire specialists and managers to Australia.

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 999
 New large fires: 17
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

2009 Winter Initial Attack, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Hannemann). IMT supporting multiple fires in west Texas. Brush and grass. Structures threatened. Acres reported are a cumulative total.

Miller, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land thirty-eight miles south of Abilene, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

Mountain Home C24, Texas Forest Service. Thirty-eight miles east of Fredericksburg, TX. Brush and grass. No new information.

Boston Pool, Osage Agency, BIA. Eight miles northwest of Cleveland, OK. 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
2009 Winter Initial Attack	TX	TXS	3,379	---	NR	UNK	212	---	0	16	4	1	3.5M	ST
* Miller	TX	TXS	1,000	---	90	2/20	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Mountain Home C24	TX	TXS	680	---	20	UNK	8	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Boston Pool	OK	OSA	350	---	90	UNK	8	---	0	3	0	0	NR	BIA
* St Christopher	FL	FLS	475	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	2	NR	ST

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* Not East	FL	FLS	470	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Black Creek Rd	TN	TNS	419	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Curly	FL	FLS	351	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Parkland	FL	FLS	350	---	100	---	13	---	0	1	1	0	NR	ST
* Tempo	FL	FLS	350	---	100	---	9	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Rosindale Road	NC	NCS	309	---	100	---	6	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Santa Gertrudis Complex S13	TX	TXS	300	---	100	---	7	---	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI
* Pierce Wildfire Complex	GA	GAS	256	---	100	---	27	---	0	5	0	0	6K	ST
* Pole Branch	MS	MSS	125	---	100	---	24	---	0	8	0	1	NR	ST
* Edgewater	KY	KYS	125	---	100	---	14	---	1	1	0	0	NR	PRI
* Buffalo	MS	MSS	120	---	100	---	5	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Big Woods	GA	GAS	107	---	100	---	13	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Cedar Creek	MS	MSS	100	---	100	---	34	---	0	14	0	0	NR	ST

FLS – Florida DOF TNS – Tennessee DOF NCS – North Carolina DOF GAS – Georgia Forestry Commission
MSS – Mississippi Forestry Commission KYS – Kentucky DOF

Southwest Area (PL 1)

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

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
* Valentine	AZ	CNF	500	---	100	---	46	---	2	6	0	0	20K	FS

CNF – Coronado NF

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 47
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

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
* Savanna Lake Complex	MD	MDS	1,238	---	100	---	1	---	0	1	0	0	1K	ST

MDS – Maryland DNR

Predictive Services Discussion: Central and eastern New Mexico, along with portions of west Texas and Oklahoma will be dry and breezy with low humidity today ahead of a cold frontal passage early Saturday. Breezy northerly winds will occur across west-central Texas on Saturday bringing primarily dry conditions. From Tuesday through Friday conditions are likely to be mild, dry, and breezy to windy across many of these same areas. Breezy weather across Georgia and the Carolinas on Sunday and Monday and then again next Friday is expected, although cooler temperatures are anticipated in these same areas nearly all of next week.

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



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

Hazard Mitigation through Risk Management

“Risk management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – it is the way we do the mission.” The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

● Step 1—Situational Awareness:

- Obtain information.
- Scout the fire.
- Identify hazards—those likely to result in a negative impact.
- Consider all aspects of current and future situations.
- Consider known historical problem areas (Apply information from the Fire Danger Pocket Card.).
- Recognize the need for action.
- Demonstrate ongoing awareness of fire assignment status.
- Note deviations.
- Attempt to determine why discrepancies exist with information before proceeding.

● Step 2—Hazard Assessment:

- Assess hazards to determine risks (e.g., fire behavior, snags, unburned fuels, work/rest).
- Use the Look Up, Down, and Around; and the Tactical Watch Outs (both located in the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to identify high-risk tactical hazards.
- Assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss, cost, and mission/operational degradation based on probability and severity (probability—how likely an event will occur; severity—consequences if the event occurs). Keep in mind that increased exposure time increases probability.

● Step 3—Hazard Control:

- Determine the best approach to mitigate or control the risk from the hazards assessed.
- Establish controls (e.g., anchor point, LCES, utilize downhill checklist, limit exposure time).
- As control measures are developed, reevaluate each risk until it is reduced to a level where benefits outweigh potential costs.

Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					1		1
	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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2				2		4
	ACRES	50				101		151
Eastern Area	FIRES					45	2	47
	ACRES					1,230	35	1,265
Southern Area	FIRES				1	980	18	999
	ACRES				2	13,361	249	13,612
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	1	1,028	20	1,051
	ACRES	50	0	0	2	14,693	284	15,029

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1	1
Northern California	FIRES					63	1	64
	ACRES					244	0	244
Southern California	FIRES					107	6	113
	ACRES					995	0	995
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	3					6
	ACRES	0	14,490					14,490
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			6		6
Southwest	FIRES	20	4	1		33	14	72
	ACRES	22	53	0		4,888	524	5,487
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	20				31	4	55
	ACRES	317				6,950	112	7,379
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		215	44	260
	ACRES			0		5,376	1,251	6,627
Southern Area	FIRES	125		55	11	5,667	116	5,974
	ACRES	3,319		3,473	2,289	97,371	2,278	108,730
TOTAL	FIRES	168	9	57	11	6,118	189	6,552
	ACRES	3,658	14,543	3,473	2,289	115,830	4,166	143,959

Seven Year Average Fires	4,237
Seven Year Average Acres	113,166

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		148					148
Northern California	FIRES	1	2	1	0	1	3	8
	ACRES	15	6	35	28	2	77	163
Southern California	FIRES		3				4	7
	ACRES		72				10	82
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			3		9
	ACRES		268			10		278
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						248	248
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1		1		0	3	5
	ACRES	0		0		6	532	538
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					15		15
Southern Area	FIRES			15	3	49	44	111
	ACRES			3,104	7,711	15,251	32,852	58,918
TOTAL	FIRES	2	15	17	3	54	55	146
	ACRES	15	494	3,139	7,739	15,284	33,719	60,390

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		42				5	47
	ACRES		1,549				161	1,710
Northern California	FIRES	12	19	3	12	3	90	139
	ACRES	145	147	101	67	1,152	3,093	4,705
Southern California	FIRES		6				96	102
	ACRES		165				7,099	7,264
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1				1	4
	ACRES	86	10				102	198
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		13			9	8	30
	ACRES		594			32	328	954
Western Great Basin	FIRES			1			3	4
	ACRES			0			140	140
Southwest	FIRES	2	1		1		64	68
	ACRES	40	2,400		179		5,787	8,406
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	11	6	16	2	5	50	90
	ACRES	653	39	1,743	21	113	6,746	9,315
Eastern Area	FIRES					44	2	46
	ACRES					8,906	534	9,440
Southern Area	FIRES	1		103	29	277	381	791
	ACRES	10		72,229	38,418	70,192	343,322	524,171
TOTAL	FIRES	28	88	123	44	338	700	1,321
	ACRES	934	4,904	74,073	38,685	80,395	367,312	566,303

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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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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