

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, March 6, 2009 – 0800 MST
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity:	Light (998 new fires)
New large fires:	49 (*)
Large fires contained:	44
Uncontained large fires:	16
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 three Burned Area Emergency Response teams, one 20-person suppression crew and 15 fire specialists and managers to Australia.

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	942
New large fires:	38
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.

Rhodes Ranch, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty miles southwest of Abilene, TX. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Highway 110, Oklahoma DOF. Two miles north of Dougherty, OK. Grass. No further information received.

West Fork, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land three miles south of Shannon, TX. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

Targa, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, FWS. Twelve miles southeast of Hackberry, LA. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

Wilderness Ridge, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land thirty-three miles southeast of Austin, TX. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Elm Wood, Oklahoma DOF. Two miles northwest of Bentley, OK. Grass. No further information received.

Deep Fork, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. Four miles south of Gypsy, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. Active fire behavior with spotting.

Loma del Norte, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land eight miles south of Alpine, TX. Brush and Grass. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

#1053, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land fifteen miles west of Odessa, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

Grave, Oklahoma DOF. Eight miles southeast of Clayton, TX. Grass. No further information received.

Tuscola, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land fifteen miles south of Abilene, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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	6,745	2,067	NR	UNK	460	---	2	20	6	0	7.9M	PRI
* Rhodes Ranch	TX	TXS	3,026	---	98	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	2	NR	PRI
* Highway 110	OK	OKS	3,000	---	70	3/6	35	---	0	17	0	0	NR	ST
West Fork	TX	TXS	2,400	---	80	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Targa	LA	SBR	2,072	---	50	3/7	4	---	0	2	1	0	0	FWS
* Wilderness Ridge	TX	TXS	1,491	---	95	UNK	34	---	0	0	4	53	NR	PRI
* Elm Wood	OK	OKS	1,400	---	70	3/6	26	---	0	12	0	0	NR	ST
* Deep Fork	OK	OMA	800	---	80	3/7	28	---	1	8	0	0	NR	BIA
* Loma del Norte	TX	TXS	800	---	50	UNK	35	---	1	0	2	0	NR	PRI
* #1053	TX	TXS	640	---	75	UNK	30	---	0	14	2	0	2	PRI
* Grave	OK	OKS	360	---	68	3/6	11	---	0	4	0	0	NR	ST
* Tuscola	TX	TXS	300	---	65	UNK	12	---	0	6	3	3	NR	PRI
* WF Sabine Pass	TX	TPR	8,900	---	100	---	15	---	0	5	1	0	NR	FWS
Kiowa One	OK	OKS	2,000	1,000	100	---	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Pike	OK	OKS	1,940	---	100	---	40	---	0	17	0	0	NR	ST
* 53 Progress Energy	FL	FLS	1,600	---	100	---	6	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
40 Acre Turnaround	OK	OKS	1,536	0	100	---	4	0	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Sawmill Hollow	OK	OKS	1,500	---	100	---	5	---	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
* New Wales East	FL	FLS	1,500	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Nail Ranch Complex	TX	TXS	1,304	4	100	---	12	2	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Coke Ranch	OK	OKS	1,000	400	100	---	10	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Red Bird Hill	OK	OKS	800	---	100	---	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Rub Board #2	OK	OKS	800	0	100	---	1	-1	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* I.X.L.	OK	OKS	800	---	100	---	4	---	0	2	0	2	NR	ST
Panther Ranch	TX	TXS	704	404	100	---	6	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Parkin Fields	OK	OKS	704	---	100	---	6	---	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
Clyde	TX	TXS	700	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	10	NR	PRI

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
* Pawnee #21	TX	TXS	600	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Red Oak Peak #1	OK	OXS	600	---	100	---	10	---	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
* Hamilton Road	OK	OXS	560	---	100	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
* Smooth	FL	FLS	500	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Ballinger	TX	TXS	500	0	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Sardis Lake West Two	OK	OXS	430	---	100	---	9	---	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
* Armstrond Ranch	TX	TXS	400	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Chickasaw Trail	OK	OXS	400	0	100	---	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Barnes	TX	TXS	372	---	100	---	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
* Hospital Rock Trail	SC	SCS	351	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Sugar Ranch	TX	TXS	300	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Railroad Ridge	AR	OUF	288	---	100	---	10	---	0	1	0	0	11K	FS
* Rib	MS	MNF	273	---	100	---	6	---	1	1	0	0	3.1K	FS
* Spring Creek	OK	OXS	256	---	100	---	9	---	0	4	0	0	NR	ST
* #094	TX	TXS	250	---	100	---	12	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Clear Creek	OK	OXS	250	---	100	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
* Little Smokey	OK	OXS	200	---	100	---	6	---	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
* Taylor	AR	ARS	149	---	100	---	10	---	2	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Emeraldalda	FL	FLS	130	---	100	---	10	---	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
* Legend	OK	OXS	120	---	100	---	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Railroad Ridge	OK	OXS	120	---	100	---	4	---	0	4	0	0	NR	ST
* Love Shack	MS	MNF	113	---	100	---	13	---	0	5	1	0	4K	FS
* Sasquatch	OK	OXS	100	---	100	---	8	---	0	3	0	0	NR	ST

TPR – Texas Point NWR FLS – Florida DOF SCS – South Carolina Forestry Commission OUF – Ouachita NF
MNF – National Forests in Mississippi ARS – Arkansas Forestry Commission

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11
New large fires: 5
Uncontained large fires: 2

Hog, Coronado NF. Thirty-five miles northeast of Douglas, AZ. Juniper, brush and grass. Creeping.

Picacho, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. Twenty-five miles west of Hope, NM. Grass. Active fire behavior. Structures 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
* Hog	AZ	CNF	16,640	---	50	3/13	229	---	8	7	1	0	160K	FS
* Picacho	NM	N5S	8,500	---	60	UNK	37	---	0	12	0	0	50K	ST
* Capp	NM	N5S	890	---	100	---	25	---	0	7	0	0	5K	ST
* Harris	NM	N5S	640	---	100	---	11	---	0	4	0	0	0.9K	ST
* Turkey Track	NM	N5S	300	---	100	---	40	---	0	18	0	0	6K	ST

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 10

New large fires: 4

Uncontained large fires: 1

Quarry, Fort Carson FD. Started on Defense Department land two miles west of Fountain, CO. Timber, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with group-tree torching. Structures 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
* Quarry	CO	FCQ	6,328	---	90	3/6	46	---	0	4	0	4	NR	DOD
* Butts Road	KS	KSX	640	---	100	---	37	---	0	15	0	0	5K	CNTY
* Honey Creek	KS	KSX	300	---	100	---	45	---	0	7	0	0	14.5K	CNTY
* Nick	KS	KSX	350	---	100	---	28	---	0	9	0	0	5K	CNTY

KSX – Kansas Counties

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 28

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 1

Fiebleman Cemetery, Mark Twain NF. Four miles west of Viburnum, MO. Hardwood litter and grass. 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
* Fiebleman Cemetery	MO	MTF	200	---	75	UNK	25	---	0	1	0	0	5K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Parts of western, central and eastern New Mexico along with portions of west Texas, Oklahoma, and eastern Colorado will be dry and windy with low humidity on Friday and Saturday ahead of a trough of low pressure system passage late Saturday. Breezy to windy and dry conditions are also anticipated in the wake of this system across parts of southern and eastern New Mexico into west Texas on Sunday. Breezy and dry conditions with low humidity will continue on Monday across these same areas ahead of another disturbance expected to swing quickly through the central Rockies by early Tuesday. Weaker winds and continued dry conditions are expected for the remainder of the week across much of New Mexico and west Texas. Elsewhere, drier air is anticipated in the Carolinas and mid-Atlantic coastal region by Thursday and Friday with breezy northwesterly winds.

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



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 Last Week

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						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0			2		2
	ACRES		10			41		51
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2			2		4
	ACRES		0			3		3
Southwest	FIRES	2	0		1	3	5	11
	ACRES	1	450		0	219	16,643	17,313
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1	9	0	10
	ACRES				0	7,735	42	7,777
Eastern Area	FIRES					25	3	28
	ACRES					91	69	160
Southern Area	FIRES	39		11		861	31	942
	ACRES	1,499		7,160		13,906	1,302	23,867
TOTAL	FIRES	41	2	11	2	902	40	998
	ACRES	1,500	460	7,160	0	21,995	18,056	49,171

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					65	1	66
	ACRES					245	0	245
Southern California	FIRES					118	8	126
	ACRES					995	0	995
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3				2		5
	ACRES	0				14,490		14,490
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			3	1	6
	ACRES		13			42	0	55
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3			3		6
	ACRES		0			9		9
Southwest	FIRES	27	6	1	2	46	24	106
	ACRES	46	553	0	23	5,212	17,218	23,052
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28		0	1	50	5	84
	ACRES	533		23	0	23,324	159	24,039
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		433	52	486
	ACRES			0		7,062	1,455	8,517
Southern Area	FIRES	186		75	15	10,478	172	10,926
	ACRES	6,015		10,799	2,294	197,569	4,011	220,688
TOTAL	FIRES	244	11	77	18	11,198	266	11,814
	ACRES	6,594	566	10,822	2,317	248,948	22,844	292,091

Seven Year Average Fires	8,126
Seven Year Average Acres	191,053

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Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		9				1	10
	ACRES		178				18	196
Northern California	FIRES	5		0	2		3	10
	ACRES	21		400	6		23	450
Southern California	FIRES			3			4	7
	ACRES			56			161	217
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						2	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			4	2	8
	ACRES		7			28	215	250
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		42					42
Southwest	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		600				400	1,000
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			5		1	1	7
	ACRES			413		1	100	514
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		7	3	11
	ACRES			9		262	447	718
Southern Area	FIRES			5	4	50	54	113
	ACRES			1,515	2,413	14,101	45,222	63,251
TOTAL	FIRES	5	14	14	6	62	70	171
	ACRES	21	827	2,393	2,419	14,392	46,588	66,640

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		70	3			9	82
	ACRES		2,585	170			295	3,050
Northern California	FIRES	20	20	3	14	4	98	159
	ACRES	179	148	851	81	1,155	3,153	5,567
Southern California	FIRES		6	3			107	116
	ACRES		165	56			7,404	7,625
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1				2	5
	ACRES	86	10				104	200
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		17		2	13	10	42
	ACRES		709		55	60	543	1,367
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1			4	8
	ACRES		72	0			144	216
Southwest	FIRES	2	3		1		73	79
	ACRES	40	4,200		179		7,400	11,819
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	15	7	24	2	6	57	111
	ACRES	849	54	3,037	21	114	7,373	11,448
Eastern Area	FIRES			5		100	15	120
	ACRES			103		15,145	3,532	18,780
Southern Area	FIRES	1		129	39	401	461	1,031
	ACRES	10		80,983	39,276	113,063	416,817	650,149
TOTAL	FIRES	40	127	168	58	524	836	1,753
	ACRES	1,164	7,943	85,200	39,612	129,537	446,765	710,221

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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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