

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, March 19, 2009 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (88 new fires)
New large fires:	6 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	13
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 one Burned Area Emergency Response team and one fire manager to Australia.

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	58
New large fires:	5
Uncontained large fires:	11
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.

Juniper Springs, National Forests in Florida. Nine miles east of Silver Springs, FL. Southern rough and downed heavy fuels. Interior torching.

Joe Bob, Osage Agency, BIA. Two miles southeast of Barnsdall, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Two Hogs, Osage Agency, BIA. Two miles southeast of Barnsdall, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. No new information received.

Crispy Chip, Osage Agency, BIA. Four miles northeast of Sand Springs, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. Smoldering.

Hailey, Texas Forest Service. Eleven miles northeast of Abilene, TX. Brush and Grass. Creeping.

Woody, Florida DOF. Nine miles north of Deltona, FL. Brush. Moderate fire activity.

Winnott, Florida DOF. Four miles northeast of Hawthorne, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting.

Hardridge, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. Five miles west of Okmulgee, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. No further information received.

Squires Mountain, Oklahoma DOF. Two miles south of Hulbert, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information.

Zeb, Oklahoma DOF. Eight miles southwest of Tahlequah, OK. Hardwood litter. 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	8,635	-35	NR	UNK	410	-7	0	13	3	0	12.7M	PRI
Juniper Springs	FL	FNF	10,022	0	85	3/20	122	-10	1	5	4	0	920K	FS
* Joe Bob	OK	OSA	3600	---	50	3/21	32	---	0	12	0	2	NR	BIA
Two Hogs	OK	OSA	832	---	90	UNK	26	---	0	8	0	0	NR	BIA
Crispy Chip	OK	OSA	528	0	90	UNK	13	1	0	6	0	0	NR	BIA
Hailey	TX	TXS	494	94	90	3/19	51	---	0	9	1	0	NR	ST
* Woody	FL	FLS	400	---	50	3/31	14	14	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Winnott	FL	FLS	300	---	30	3/19	16	---	0	2	1	3	NR	ST
Hardridge	OK	OMA	160	0	95	UNK	5	-11	0	2	0	0	NR	BIA
Squires Mountain	OK	OKS	160	---	80	UNK	4	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Zeb	OK	OKS	130	---	80	3/19	18	---	0	6	0	0	NR	ST
* Hogeeye Creek	OK	OKS	950	---	100	---	10	---	0	4	0	0	NR	ST

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 12
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Gleeson, Tuscon District, Arizona State Forestry. Two miles west of Gleeson, AZ. Grass. Active fire behavior.

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
Gleeson	AZ	A3S	580	280	95	3/20	85	15	3	4	0	0	NR	ST

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Burmack, Kansas Counties. Four miles north of Burrton, KS. Timber, brush 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
* Burmack	KS	KSX	350	---	90	UNK	35	---	0	13	0	0	11.2K	CNTY

Predictive Services Discussion: Precipitation will extend along a cold front from the southern Great Plains to the Northeast. A large high pressure system will move in behind the cold front bringing much cooler temperatures and drier conditions to the Great Lakes region. Low relative humidity will be confined to the Southwest where winds remain light.

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



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

Lookouts

Lookouts are often better situated to notice the cumulative changes of fire behavior.

● Fire Order #8 says, “Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations.” Should you utilize lookouts at all times?

- Lookouts should be posted at all times.

● What are you looking for when you are selecting a lookout location?

- Choose a good vantage point, preferably with a good overview of the entire area where firefighters are located, including escape routes and safety zones.
- Utilize aircraft if they are available, but only as a complement to established lookouts on the ground. Never rely exclusively on aircraft as your lookout.

● What are the desired qualities, capabilities, knowledge, and responsibilities of a lookout person?

- Experienced firefighter.
- Solid knowledge of fire behavior and ability to recognize and monitor other environmental hazards.
- Good communicator--keeps the crew advised of fire behavior changes, tracks weather trends and relays the information, informs crew of work progress and updates from the latest strategy and tactical briefings.
- Monitors and accounts for all individuals within his/her assigned area at all times, and will notify others if breaks are needed.

● What is the necessary equipment for a lookout?

- PPE, radio with extra batteries, compass, binoculars, belt weather kit, IAP, map, food, and water.

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					5		5
	ACRES					5		5
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	5				6	1	12
	ACRES	5				115	4	124
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			2		3
	ACRES		0			353		353
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	8	9
	ACRES					2	142	144
Southern Area	FIRES			3		50	5	58
	ACRES			29		1,535	13	1,577
TOTAL	FIRES	5	2	3	0	64	14	88
	ACRES	5	0	29	0	2,010	159	2,203

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1					4	5
	ACRES	0					1	1
Northern California	FIRES					72	3	75
	ACRES					250	1	251
Southern California	FIRES					144	8	152
	ACRES					1,069	0	1,069
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	1			2		6
	ACRES	0	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	51	8	1	2	117	31	210
	ACRES	434	569	0	23	32,578	17,384	50,988
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	32	1	0	1	84	5	123
	ACRES	546	0	27	0	37,275	159	38,007
Eastern Area	FIRES			3		1,760	121	1,884
	ACRES			3		17,990	2,940	20,933
Southern Area	FIRES	212		85	18	15,274	244	15,833
	ACRES	12,270		5,816	2,326	308,993	12,218	341,623
TOTAL	FIRES	299	15	89	21	17,459	417	18,300
	ACRES	13,250	582	5,846	2,349	412,696	32,703	467,426

Seven Year Average Fires	11,860
Seven Year Average Acres	416,155

*** 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
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES	2	2	1	3	1	1	10
	ACRES	14	2	500	8	1	75	600
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						70	70
Northern Rockies	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						721	721
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		0				201	201
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1				2	5
	ACRES	85	25				1,230	1,340
Eastern Area	FIRES			1	1		6	8
	ACRES			10	4,000		5,316	9,326
Southern Area	FIRES			1	1	3	14	19
	ACRES			7,112	3	1,620	10,383	19,118
TOTAL	FIRES	4	4	3	5	4	29	49
	ACRES	99	27	7,622	4,011	1,621	17,996	31,376

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		71	3			9	83
	ACRES		2,661	170			309	3,140
Northern California	FIRES	24	24	4	20	4	101	177
	ACRES	207	152	1,352	95	1,155	3,211	6,172
Southern California	FIRES		7	5			108	120
	ACRES		166	96			7,514	7,776
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1				6	9
	ACRES	86	10				825	921
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		22	1	3	13	11	50
	ACRES		953	750	85	69	663	2,520
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1			5	9
	ACRES		72	0			219	291
Southwest	FIRES	2	6	2	2		104	116
	ACRES	40	8,840	251	229		9,903	19,263
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	24	8	29	3	10	62	136
	ACRES	1,844	79	3,417	41	222	9,039	14,642
Eastern Area	FIRES			7	7	198	34	246
	ACRES			123	5,314	23,472	13,607	42,516
Southern Area	FIRES	5		129	48	482	535	1,199
	ACRES	495		61,051	47,302	128,557	470,537	707,942
TOTAL	FIRES	57	142	181	83	707	975	2,145
	ACRES	2,672	12,933	67,210	53,066	153,475	515,827	805,183

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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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