

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, March 31, 2009 – 0800 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (68 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires:	10
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

[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:	31
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	8
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.

**Farco Mine**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty-nine miles northwest of Laredo, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

**Indian Lake**, Florida DOF. Three miles west of Daytona Beach, FL. Southern rough. Smoldering.

**Woody**, Florida DOF. Nine miles north of Deltona, FL. Southern rough. No new information.

**Keppler Creek Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty-three miles southwest of San Angelo, TX. Brush and grass. Smoldering and creeping.

**Pineview**, Florida DOF. Two miles northeast of Land O'Lakes, FL. Southern Rough. No further information received.

**864**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land seventeen miles northeast of Sonora, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Matanzas**, Florida DOF. Three miles southwest of St. Augustine, FL. Southern rough. 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	12,249	450	NR	UNK	289	1	0	16	4	0	15.5M	PRI
Farco Mine	TX	TXS	2,200	700	80	UNK	18	-19	0	3	1	0	NR	PRI
Indian Lake	FL	FLS	1,294	-13	85	UNK	36	-60	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Woody	FL	FLS	1,065	0	65	3/31	5	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Keppler Creek Ranch	TX	TXS	575	0	98	3/31	4	-4	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
Pineview	FL	FLS	498	198	80	3/31	20	-21	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
864	TX	TXS	440	-160	75	UNK	14	6	0	3	0	0	NR	PRI
Matanzas	FL	FLS	440	0	80	3/31	0	-4	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Flaca	TX	TXS	2,000	0	100	---	0	-1	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
San Carlos	TX	TXS	1,500	0	100	---	14	0	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI
Old Fifty	FL	FLS	650	0	100	---	12	-8	0	3	0	0	NR	ST

### **Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 2  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 2

**238**, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. One mile southeast of Buckeye, NM. Grass. Active fire behavior.

**Montana**, Coronado NF. Ten miles southeast of Arivaca, AZ. Grass. Monitor fire.

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
* 238	NM	N5S	8,960	---	0	3/31	146	---	0	48	0	0	50K	ST
Montana	AZ	CNF	2,400	0	70	UNK	19	-117	1	2	0	0	NR	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Dry and windy conditions will continue today over portions of New Mexico, and western and southern Texas. Marginal relative humidity will develop along the East Coast states with relief in the form of precipitation on Wednesday.

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



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **Dozer/Tractor Plow Operations**

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

- Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.
- Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.
- Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.
- Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.
- When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.
- Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.
- Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.
- Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.
- Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.
- Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook, Appendix A, for hand signals.)
- Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.
- Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.
- Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.
- Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.
- Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.
- Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.
- Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.
- Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.
- When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

### 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						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			11		11
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	3					5
	ACRES	0	9					9
Southwest	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	0						0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			0		3		3
	ACRES			1		702		703
Eastern Area	FIRES					22	2	24
	ACRES					44	37	81
Southern Area	FIRES				1	18	12	31
	ACRES				33	29	73	135
TOTAL	FIRES	4	4	0	1	44	15	68
	ACRES	0	9	1	33	786	111	940

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	6	2				4	12
	ACRES	36	12				1	49
Northern California	FIRES					76	8	84
	ACRES					251	7	258
Southern California	FIRES			1		186	14	201
	ACRES			0		1,120	1	1,121
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	1			3		7
	ACRES	0	0			14,490		14,490
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			15	2	22
	ACRES		13			85	0	98
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	6			3		11
	ACRES	0	9			9		18
Southwest	FIRES	63	10	2	2	144	45	266
	ACRES	679	9,407	1	23	33,308	19,925	63,343
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	34	3	0	1	114	5	157
	ACRES	644	4	28	0	39,520	159	40,355
Eastern Area	FIRES			6		2,716	180	2,902
	ACRES			29		26,836	4,351	31,216
Southern Area	FIRES	199		108	18	17,432	312	18,069
	ACRES	11,624		9,535	2,470	347,895	18,772	390,296
TOTAL	FIRES	307	27	117	21	20,689	570	21,731
	ACRES	12,983	9,445	9,593	2,493	463,514	43,216	541,244

<b>Seven Year Average Fires</b>	<b>15,469</b>
<b>Seven Year Average Acres</b>	<b>457,974</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	1						1
	ACRES	71						71
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			5		0	0	5
	ACRES			156		1	31	188
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					5		5
Southern Area	FIRES			2		2	8	12
	ACRES			163		1,696	11,610	13,469
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	7	0	3	8	19
	ACRES	71	0	319	0	1,702	11,641	13,733

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	75	7			9	92
	ACRES	71	3,279	2,223			349	5,922
Northern California	FIRES	24	26	12	20	4	115	201
	ACRES	207	154	4,018	127	1,155	3,412	9,073
Southern California	FIRES		8	5			125	138
	ACRES		416	96			8,738	9,250
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1				8	11
	ACRES	86	10				836	932
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		24	1	5	19	12	61
	ACRES		1,492	750	103	101	916	3,362
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1			5	9
	ACRES		72	0			219	291
Southwest	FIRES	2	9	2	2		114	129
	ACRES	40	9,515	251	229		12,810	22,845
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	9	36	3	11	69	156
	ACRES	2,796	89	4,112	41	224	13,263	20,525
Eastern Area	FIRES			27	20	297	44	388
	ACRES			4,890	8,187	27,640	22,909	63,626
Southern Area	FIRES	5		185	60	556	735	1,541
	ACRES	590		79,270	60,191	193,464	702,560	1,036,075
TOTAL	FIRES	62	155	276	110	887	1,236	2,726
	ACRES	3,790	15,027	95,610	68,878	222,584	766,012	1,171,901

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