

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, January 8, 2010 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity: Light (90 new fires)
New large fires: 1 (*)
Large fires contained: 1
Uncontained large fires : ** 0
Area Command Teams committed: 0
NIMOs committed: 0
Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 0 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment.

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents.

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

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 84
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
* Waterhole	FL	FNF	1,818	---	100	---	6	---	0	1	0	0	5K	FS

FNF– National Forests in Florida

Predictive Services Discussion: A cold front will bring showers to Florida today. Otherwise, look for drier and colder weather over the Southeast through the weekend. Dry weather is also on tap through the weekend for Southern California and the Southwest, except for some snow showers today in southern New Mexico and west Texas.

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



Today's discussion is from the Hazard Tree Category.

HAZARD TREE FELLING – TIPS #1

Felling a hazard tree requires accurate risk assessment and complexity analysis, and demands the sawyer's full situational awareness. In all cases, remember to establish and maintain a secure felling area.

Do not bypass hazard trees without taking some action such as felling or establishing a No-Work-Zone.

Degree of hazard varies with tree size, species, and type/location of defect:

- Stem defects resulting in tree failure, i.e., collapse;
- Weakened sapwood resulting in loss of control when falling trees & limits solid wood for wedging;
- Overhead hazards, i.e., dead or hanging limbs falling on the faller.

Indicators of potential felling hazards:

- **Dead Limbs:** limbs of all sizes and species with decay evident cracking, or loose hung-up limbs. Avoid working under overhead hazards.
- **Witches Broom:** caused by mistletoe infection, limbs can grow very large and heavy (200+ lbs).
- **Split Trunk:** cracked trunk from frost, lightning or wind. Visible evidence of advanced decay indicates serious weakness where the tree could fail.
- **Stem Damage:** caused by windfall scarring, fire, machine, and animal damage, as well as heart rot diseases.
- **Thick Sloughing Bark or Sloughing Sapwood:** usually found on dead trees. Loose bark on Douglas fir or loose sapwood on wind snapped cedars can dislodge during falling.
- **Butt and Stem Cankers:** usually found on deciduous trees but can occur on Douglas fir and pine. The infected areas weaken the stem.
- **Fungal Fruiting Bodies or Conks:** found on stems may indicate massive interior rot 1 – 2 yards above and below conk. Excessive resinosis (resin flow) also indicates heart or root diseases.
- **Heavy Tree Lean:** may be caused by damaged roots or lifting root mats, shallow or wet soils. In some cases, the tree may have corrected itself which can be determined by looking for corrected top growth.
- **Root Condition:** look for any ground cracks around the base of the tree, signs of decay or fungal conks on the roots.
- **Cat Face:** look for enough solid wood to construct an effective undercut and back cut.



References: [Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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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					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	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					2		2
	ACRES					201		201
Southern Area	FIRES					81	3	84
	ACRES					296	1,838	2,134
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	86	4	90
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	497	1,838	2,335

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					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES					15	3	18
	ACRES					4	0	4
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						120	120
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					201		201
Southern Area	FIRES	1				81	6	88
	ACRES	2				296	3,636	3,934
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	101	11	113
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	501	3,756	4,259

Six Year Average Fires	291
Six Year Average Acres	72,240

*** 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		3				6	9
	ACRES		14				125	139
Northern California	FIRES				1		23	24
	ACRES				1		384	385
Southern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						70	70
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		4	5
	ACRES				0		270	270
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			8	13	23
	ACRES		4			87	675	766
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			7		20	12	39
	ACRES			2,193		9,275	11,230	22,698
TOTAL	FIRES	0	5	7	2	28	62	104
	ACRES	0	18	2,193	1	9,362	12,754	24,328

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Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		3				6	9
	ACRES		14				125	139
Northern California	FIRES				1		23	24
	ACRES				1		384	385
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						13	13
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1		1		4	6
	ACRES		30		0		270	300
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			8	12	21
	ACRES		2			87	674	763
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			5		22	15	42
	ACRES			2,190		9,175	15,494	26,859
TOTAL	FIRES	0	5	5	2	30	62	104
	ACRES	0	46	2,190	1	9,262	16,960	28,459

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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