

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, February 26, 2011 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Heavy (341 new fires)
New large fires:	2 (*)
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires: **	10
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 to achieve multiple objectives.

** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

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

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires:	340
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	10

* **Gus Canalas**, Texas Forest Service. Four miles southeast of Premont, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

James River Road, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land six miles south of Mason, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

HWY 2357 Complex (3 fires), Texas Forest Service. Started on private land six miles northwest of Channing, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

Smith Run, Shenandoah NP. Five miles east of Wakefield Manor, VA. Hardwood slash and brush. No new information.

Ford, National Forests in Alabama. Fourteen miles southwest of Moulton, AL. Hardwood litter. No new information.

Bitter Creek, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land seven miles south of Groom, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

Cisco, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land nine miles north of Cisco, TX. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Reduction in acreage due do more accurate mapping.

Green Tower, National Forests in Alabama. Six miles north of Addison, AL. 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
* Gus Canallas	TX	TXS	4,800	---	40	2/26	11	---	0	0	3	4	NR	ST
James River Road	TX	TXS	4,200	2,200	85	UNK	13	0	0	0	2	0	NR	PRI
HWY 2357 Complex	TX	TXS	2,700	100	50	2/26	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Smith Run	VA	SHP	1,897	---	80	2/27	40	---	2	1	0	0	322K	NPS
Ford	AL	ALF	1,014	---	95	UNK	3	---	0	0	0	0	18K	FS
Bitter Creek	TX	TXS	850	0	75	UNK	0	-6	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Cisco	TX	TXS	500	-500	75	UNK	5	5	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Green Tower	AL	ALF	479	---	95	---	2	-1	0	0	0	0	4K	FS
Diamond Plate	TX	TXS	1,300	0	100	---	0	-7	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Crouch	TX	TXS	700	0	100	---	0	-1	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Billy Bryant	OK	OKS	680	10	100	---	3	-7	0	1	0	0	2.6K	ST
Busby	TX	TXS	550	0	100	---	0	-2	0	0	0	1	NR	PRI

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Southwest Area (PL 1)

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

*** Dog Canyon**, Las Cruces District, BLM. Forty two miles southwest of Carlsbad, NM. Brush and grass. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
* Dog Canyon	NM	LCD	5,500	---	N/A	N/A	53	---	1	9	0	0	5K	BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Strong southwest winds combined with low humidity will affect a large area stretching from southern Arizona through much of New Mexico and western portions of Texas and Oklahoma. Southwest winds of 20-40 mph with gusts over 55 mph are expected across this region where Red Flag Warnings and Fire Weather Watches are in effect. Otherwise, gusty southerly winds for eastern Texas and the lower Mississippi Valley will be accompanied by increasing humidity.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Entrapment Category.**



ENTRAPMENT AVOIDANCE

Avoiding situations where firefighters become entrapped is the first concern when devising strategy and tactics. The following discussion points are among the things that should be considered.

- Discuss the three types of safety zones and describe examples.
 - The burn
 - Natural features
 - Constructed sites

- Discuss the guidelines for distance separation to avoid radiant heat injury.
 - Four times the maximum flame height (20 feet-flame height x 4 = 80 feet radius from firefighters)
 - Discuss size based on amount of resources and equipment in the area.

- Discuss heat impact factors that will affect the guidelines for distance separation.
 - Convection heat from wind and terrain features
 - Location relative to fire spread
 - Reburn potential of fuel in safety zone

- Discuss that firefighter's have a right to know the location of their escape routes and safety zones at all times.

- Discuss that firefighter have a right to ask for clarification when faced with unclear instructions or fear of the unknown.

- Describe a basic procedure for identification of effective escape routes and safety zones.
 - Observe
 - Visualize
 - Identify
 - Time
 - Inform
 - Evaluate

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

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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							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		1					1
	ACRES		5,500					5,500
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					340		340
	ACRES					6,765		6,765
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	340	0	341
	ACRES	0	5,500	0	0	6,765	0	12,265

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				2		6	8
	ACRES				0		2	2
Southern California	FIRES		2			81	13	96
	ACRES		21			37	2	60
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			1		6
	ACRES		2			1		3
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	42	14	2	5	52	18	133
	ACRES	73	735	0	96	3,855	2,165	6,924
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	6	1	3		12	12	34
	ACRES	26	0	208		2,268	1,323	3,825
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		241	26	268
	ACRES			4		8,674	2,546	11,224
Southern Area	FIRES	116		51	5	8,762	127	9,061
	ACRES	5,431		617	421	160,746	10,509	177,724
TOTAL	FIRES	164	23	57	12	9,149	202	9,607
	ACRES	5,530	758	829	517	175,581	16,547	199,762

Ten Year Average Fires	5,995
Ten Year Average Acres	153,586

*** 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				1		0	1
	ACRES				2		5	7
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	0					1
	ACRES	25	4					29
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						267	267
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				0	0	2	2
	ACRES				31	1	509	541
Eastern Area	FIRES			0	1			1
	ACRES			1	0			1
Southern Area	FIRES			8		5	1	14
	ACRES			13,518		596	70	14,184
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	8	2	5	4	20
	ACRES	25	4	13,519	33	597	881	15,059

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		22	1			26	49
	ACRES		1,449	45			483	1,977
Northern California	FIRES	1	11	1	9		54	76
	ACRES	12	215	549	27		1,228	2,031
Southern California	FIRES		2	1			44	47
	ACRES		275	115			536	926
Northern Rockies	FIRES	27	1				1	29
	ACRES	645	14				1	660
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5		1	11	2	19
	ACRES		554		13	248	35	850
Western Great Basin	FIRES			1		2	2	5
	ACRES			550		64	137	751
Southwest	FIRES		3				36	39
	ACRES		130				3,614	3,744
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	16	2	9	33	97	158
	ACRES	10	184	7	184	724	15,487	16,596
Eastern Area	FIRES			4		61	7	72
	ACRES			88		2,172	234	2,494
Southern Area	FIRES	20		66	8	502	246	842
	ACRES	5,515		35,742	6,572	88,450	263,848	400,127
TOTAL	FIRES	49	60	76	27	609	515	1,336
	ACRES	6,182	2,821	37,096	6,796	91,658	285,603	430,156

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