

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, March 9, 2011 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (62 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires: ** 2
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 1 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: 50
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Pinon, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty-four miles southeast of Fort Stockton, TX. Pinyon pine, 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
Pinon	TX	TXS	4,575	75	90	UNK	0	-75	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Ferry 7	FL	FNF	698	0	100	---	6	0	0	1	0	0	420K	FS
* Homestead	OK	OKS	370	---	100	---	7	---	0	4	0	0	1.2K	ST

FNF – National Forests in Florida OKS – Oklahoma DOF

Southwest Area (PL 1)

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

* **Quail Ridge**, Socorro District, New Mexico State Forestry. One mile south of Silver City, NM. Grass. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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* Quail Ridge	NM	N3S	1,700	---	20	3/9	257	---	2	61	0	15	100K	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: Very low relative humidity in the 10-15% range will continue from southeastern New Mexico across much of Texas and Oklahoma on Wednesday. However, winds will be much lighter from the north to northwest at 10-15 mph. Meanwhile, a strong storm system will move across the Mississippi valley to the East Coast, bringing a mix of strong thunderstorms in the south to snow in northeast.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Hazard Tree Category.

HAZARD TREE FELLING – HANG-UPS

- For decades, hazard trees have been associated with numerous deaths of workers assigned fire operations and project work. Incidents involving hazard trees are included in the top 5 life threats to wildland firefighters along with wildfire entrapment and motor vehicle accidents. In private industry, logging is recognized as the most dangerous occupation in the nation, and many associated fatalities involve felling hazard trees. Felling a hung-up hazard tree is a particularly hazardous and complex task.



- Sawyers are to be reminded on how vital it is to constantly apply and maintain situational awareness and assess risks, particularly when faced with problem of a **hang-up** hazard tree.
- In most cases, safely felling a hang-up requires extreme caution and expertise due to characteristic danger and complexity. The following are some topics experienced sawyers should review during 6 minutes for safety/tailgate safety discussions and cover in training modules specifically designed to address felling hang-up hazard trees:

- Cut/No Cut (walk-a-way) criteria
- Risk Assessment
- Situational Awareness Checklist
- Secure Felling Area
- No Work Zones (NWZ)
- Blasting option
- Equipment/cable option
- Role/responsibility of swamper/lookout
- Escape routes
- Pushing/driver tree opportunity
- Felling trees tied together
- Sidewinder potential
- Hazards of obscured view of top
- Need to keep looking up
- Weak/spiked tops, limb location/condition/density, and hidden defect/rot
- Prescribed step down (fence post/wafer) cutting techniques
- Rope Technique

References:

[Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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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					1,700		1,700
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					73		73
Southern Area	FIRES			1		48	1	50
	ACRES			1		388	0	389
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	60	1	62
	ACRES	0	0	1	0	2,161	0	2,162

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			88	16	106
	ACRES		21			38	2	61
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5			3		8
	ACRES		2			2		4
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	61	17	2	7	67	22	176
	ACRES	232	738	0	111	82,646	2,404	86,131
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	6	1	5		16	17	45
	ACRES	26	0	233		3,545	1,329	5,133
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		2	1	281	41	326
	ACRES	1		9	2	8,817	3,062	11,891
Southern Area	FIRES	135		66	7	11,075	164	11,447
	ACRES	5,980		6,831	411	225,425	12,579	251,226
TOTAL	FIRES	203	26	75	17	11,530	266	12,117
	ACRES	6,239	761	7,073	524	320,473	19,378	354,448

Ten Year Average Fires	9,532
Ten Year Average Acres	263,535

*** 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						19	19
Northern California	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				5		21	26
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	0
	ACRES						25	25
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1	1	0	2
	ACRES				1	3	4	8
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1		2		9	8	20
	ACRES	180		523		3,985	3,813	8,501
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	2	1	10	9	23
	ACRES	180	0	523	6	3,988	3,882	8,579

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			31	54
	ACRES		1,529	45			669	2,243
Northern California	FIRES	1	11	1	11		57	81
	ACRES	12	215	549	39		1,297	2,112
Southern California	FIRES		2	4			45	51
	ACRES		275	496			578	1,349
Northern Rockies	FIRES	31	1				2	34
	ACRES	687	26				1	714
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6		1	14	3	24
	ACRES		678		13	268	270	1,229
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1		2	4	10
	ACRES		98	550		64	171	883
Southwest	FIRES		3				41	44
	ACRES		130				3,649	3,779
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	17	6	11	36	99	170
	ACRES	10	186	217	226	2,955	16,257	19,851
Eastern Area	FIRES			6	1	88	17	112
	ACRES			118	2	4,685	2,918	7,723
Southern Area	FIRES	21		87	7	662	305	1,082
	ACRES	5,695		51,571	6,330	122,555	297,066	483,217
TOTAL	FIRES	54	65	106	31	802	604	1,662
	ACRES	6,404	3,137	53,546	6,610	130,527	322,876	523,100

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