

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, March 23, 2011 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Heavy (343 new fires)  
 New large fires: 6 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 7  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 11  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there is 1 large fire 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.

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 15  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Indian Gulch**, Jefferson County. IMT 1 (Muir). One mile west of Golden, CO. Timber litter and grass. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Stanton County**, Kansas Counties. Thirty miles south of Johnson City, KS. 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 |
|------------------|----|------|---------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Indian Gulch     | CO | JEX  | 1,162   | 312              | 25    | 3/26    | 285       | -125             | 3   | 33  | 2    | 0         | 680K     | CNTY       |
| * Stanton County | KS | KSX  | 144,000 | ---              | 70    | UNK     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | CNTY       |

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 311  
 New large fires: 5  
 Uncontained large fires: 7

\* **Ralph Keller Ranch**, Texas forest Service. Started on private land 14 miles northeast of Marathon, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Bread Town**, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles northeast of Stringtown, OK. Timber. No further information received.

**Queen Simmons**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Ten miles northwest of Clinton, AR. Timber. No further information received.

**Rocky**, Oklahoma DOF. Four miles northeast of Marble City, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information.

\* **Koch**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land nine miles south of Andrews, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

**Trall Hollow**, Oklahoma DOF. One mile southeast of Bell, OK. Hardwood litter. No new information.

**Long**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Six miles south of Canaan, AR. Timber. 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 |
|----------------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Ralph Keller Ranch | TX | TXS  | 1,000 | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 21        | ---              | 1   | 2   | 0    | 0         | NR       | PRI        |
| Bread Town           | OK | OKS  | 880   | 0                | 75    | 3/24    | 9         | -4               | 0   | 3   | 0    | 0         | 3.3K     | ST         |
| Queen Simmons        | AR | ARS  | 632   | 132              | 90    | UNK     | 0         | 0                | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | .8K      | ST         |
| Rocky                | OK | OKS  | 530   | ---              | 70    | 3/23    | 6         | ---              | 0   | 2   | 0    | 0         | 7K       | ST         |
| * Koch               | TX | TXS  | 400   | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 1         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | NR       | PRI        |
| Trall Hollow         | OK | OKS  | 360   | 0                | 85    | 3/23    | 6         | -2               | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0         | 5K       | ST         |
| Long                 | AR | ARS  | 200   | ---              | 98    | UNK     | 4         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | .5K      | ST         |
| High Center          | OK | OKS  | 600   | 0                | 100   | ---     | 4         | 0                | 0   | 2   | 0    | 0         | 3.7K     | ST         |
| * Hiway 82           | OK | OKS  | 388   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 7         | ---              | 0   | 3   | 0    | 0         | 1K       | ST         |
| * Chad               | TX | TXS  | 300   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 13        | ---              | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0         | NR       | PRI        |
| Hopewell             | AR | ARS  | 268   | 0                | 100   | ---     | 3         | 0                | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | .5K      | ST         |
| * Whip               | KY | DBF  | 197   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 8K       | FS         |
| Hwy 70E              | AR | ARS  | 150   | 0                | 100   | ---     | 2         | 0                | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | .5K      | ST         |
| South Mt.            | AR | ARS  | 101   | 0                | 100   | ---     | 2         | 0                | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | .3K      | ST         |

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

New fires: 1

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

**Duke**, Coronado NF. Eleven miles northeast of Nogales, AZ. Grass. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect.

| 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Duke          | AZ | CNF  | 4,000 | 0                | 15    | 3/24    | 160       | 22               | 4   | 11  | 2    | 0         | 312K     | FS         |

**Northern California Area (PL 1)**

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

**Napau**, Hawaii Volcanoes NP. Previously reported incident. Nine miles west of Kalapana, HI. Rain forest vegetation. Moderate fire activity. 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Napau         | HI | HVP  | 2,010 | ---              | N/A   | N/A     | 35        | ---              | 2   | 2   | 2    | 0         | 140K     | NPS        |

**Eastern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 16  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Crane Cemetery**, Mark Twain NF. Six miles north of Houston, MO. 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 |
|----------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Crane Cemetery | MO | MTF  | 100  | ---              | 40    | UNK     | 2         | ---              | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0         | 4K       | FS         |

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Wind speeds across the southern tier of the U.S. will decrease on Wednesday before picking up again on Thursday. The low pressure system that has been affecting the western U.S. will move northeast across the Great Lakes area, bringing snow and freezing rain to the region. Another low pressure system moves onto the California coast beginning Wednesday for another round of valley showers and mountain snow.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape  
Routes, and Safety Zones) Category.

### Escape Routes (part 2)

Escape Routes are the path the firefighter takes from their current locations, exposed to the danger, to an area free from danger. Notice that escape routes is used instead of escape route(s). Unlike the other components, there always must be more than one escape route available to the firefighter. Escape routes are probably the most elusive component of LCES. Their effectiveness changes continuously. As the firefighter works along the fire perimeter, fatigue and spatial separation increases the time required to reach the safety zone. The most common escape route (or part of an escape route) is the fireline. On indirect or parallel fireline, situations become compounded. Unless safety zones have been identified ahead, as well as behind, firefighters retreat may not be possible.

- Have you ever timed an escape route? If not how do you judge its effectiveness?
- Describe a time when you were uncomfortably distant from your escape route.
- Describe a method you have used to communicate an escape route to your crews.

References:

["LCES and Other Thoughts" by Paul Gleason](#)

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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 |     |     |     |     |         | 70   | 70      |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     | 2   |     | 13      |      | 15      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 402 |     | 147,402 |      | 147,804 |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     | 1   | 8       | 7    | 16      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     | 4   | 33      | 302  | 339     |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 303     | 8    | 311     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 6,842   | 37   | 6,879   |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 2   | 1   | 324     | 16   | 343     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 402 | 4   | 154,277 | 409  | 155,092 |

### 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     |         | 6      | 9       |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |       | 1,704 |         | 2      | 1,706   |
| Southern California | FIRES |       | 4     |       |       | 107     | 19     | 130     |
|                     | ACRES |       | 22    |       |       | 50      | 2      | 74      |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |       |       |       |       | 3       |        | 3       |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |       |       | 0       |        | 0       |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |       | 3     |       |       | 3       |        | 6       |
|                     | ACRES |       | 2     |       |       | 2       |        | 4       |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |       | 2     |       |       |         |        | 2       |
|                     | ACRES |       | 0     |       |       |         |        | 0       |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 114   | 29    | 3     | 7     | 94      | 45     | 292     |
|                     | ACRES | 376   | 2,241 | 9     | 111   | 84,736  | 12,282 | 99,755  |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 10    | 3     | 8     |       | 57      | 20     | 98      |
|                     | ACRES | 123   | 2     | 1,201 |       | 153,748 | 1,994  | 157,068 |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 1     |       | 2     | 4     | 412     | 68     | 487     |
|                     | ACRES | 1     |       | 9     | 6     | 9,810   | 5,096  | 14,922  |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 135   |       | 102   | 8     | 12,936  | 216    | 13,397  |
|                     | ACRES | 5,980 |       | 7,883 | 411   | 286,627 | 13,807 | 314,708 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 260   | 41    | 115   | 22    | 13,612  | 374    | 14,424  |
|                     | ACRES | 6,480 | 2,267 | 9,102 | 2,232 | 534,973 | 33,183 | 588,237 |

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Ten Year Average Fires</b> | <b>13,078</b>  |
| <b>Ten Year Average Acres</b> | <b>500,204</b> |

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### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS   | ST/OT | USFS   | TOTAL  |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |     |       |       |        | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |       |       |        | 0      |
| Northwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |       |       | 1      | 1      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |       |       | 10     | 10     |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     |     | 0     |       | 0      | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     | 2     |       | 2      | 4      |
| 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 | 1   |     |     |       |       |        | 1      |
|                     | ACRES | 4   |     |     |       |       |        | 4      |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     | 1   | 1     | 5     | 3      | 10     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 10  | 636   | 568   | 3,276  | 4,490  |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     | 4   | 1     | 6     | 12     | 23     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 848 | 551   | 833   | 11,844 | 14,076 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 1   | 0   | 5   | 2     | 11    | 16     | 35     |
|                     | ACRES | 4   | 0   | 858 | 1,189 | 1,401 | 15,132 | 18,584 |

### 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      |       |         | 37      | 60      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 1,529 | 45     |       |         | 732     | 2,306   |
| Northern California | FIRES | 1     | 11    | 3      | 13    |         | 64      | 92      |
|                     | ACRES | 12    | 215   | 694    | 49    |         | 1,389   | 2,359   |
| Southern California | FIRES |       | 4     | 7      |       |         | 50      | 61      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 550   | 551    |       |         | 830     | 1,931   |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 31    | 1     |        |       | 1       | 4       | 37      |
|                     | ACRES | 1,051 | 26    |        |       | 20      | 76      | 1,173   |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |       | 4     |        | 1     | 17      | 3       | 25      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 820   |        | 13    | 304     | 225     | 1,362   |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |       | 3     | 1      |       | 2       | 4       | 10      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 105   | 550    |       | 64      | 182     | 901     |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 1     | 12    | 2      |       |         | 55      | 70      |
|                     | ACRES | 1,500 | 5,936 | 948    |       |         | 17,542  | 25,926  |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 2     | 19    | 7      | 11    | 40      | 104     | 183     |
|                     | ACRES | 14    | 226   | 321    | 226   | 7,186   | 19,985  | 27,958  |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |       |       | 10     | 5     | 164     | 31      | 210     |
|                     | ACRES |       |       | 315    | 1,330 | 12,896  | 13,242  | 27,783  |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 29    |       | 105    | 11    | 762     | 469     | 1,376   |
|                     | ACRES | 6,588 |       | 56,675 | 6,928 | 151,204 | 462,050 | 683,445 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 64    | 76    | 136    | 41    | 986     | 821     | 2,124   |
|                     | ACRES | 9,165 | 9,407 | 60,099 | 8,546 | 171,674 | 516,253 | 775,144 |

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

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