

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, March 31, 2011 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (24 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	12
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there are 2 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:	19
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	11
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Southeast GA Complex** (4 fires), Georgia Forestry Commission. Georgia IMT 2 (Floyd). Eight miles south of Waycross, GA. Southern rough. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Elim Church Rd.**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Dueitt) back to local unit occurred yesterday. One mile northeast of Ludiwici, GA. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Winch Bumper**, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Two miles west of Gulfport, MS. Timber litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Sixteenth Section**, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Nine miles northwest of Gulfport, MS. Timber litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Bailey's Slough**, Oklahoma DOF. Twelve miles southeast of Broken Bow, OK. Timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Clearcut**, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Ten miles northeast of Biloxi, MS. Timber litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Drunken**, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Eleven miles northeast of Picayune, MS. Timber litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Logtown**, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Five miles west of Waveland, MS. Timber litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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
Southeast GA Complex	GA	GAS	41,850	0	70	4/6	141	-4	0	13	0	12	1.3M	ST
Elim Church Rd.	GA	GAS	4,035	0	90	4/1	107	-46	1	6	0	15	1.1M	ST
Winch Bumper	MS	MSS	923	---	98	3/31	22	---	0	6	0	0	25K	ST
Sixteenth Section	MS	MSS	575	---	96	UNK	20	---	0	4	0	0	7.5K	ST
Bailey's Slough	OK	OKS	250	---	85	UNK	16	---	0	8	0	0	4.5K	ST
Clearcut	MS	MSS	220	---	90	UNK	12	---	0	2	0	0	4.5K	ST
Drunken	MS	MSS	175	---	99	UNK	11	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Logtown	MS	MSS	140	---	95	UNK	11	---	0	7	0	0	1.2K	ST

### Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* Corner, Safford Field Office, BLM. Twenty-five miles east of Douglas, AZ. Grass. Creeping and smoldering.

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* Corner	AZ	SAD	300	---	65	4/2	75	---	3	2	1	0	90K	BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Continued cool and humid over the southern states today. Showers and wet thunderstorms will increase over the East Coast of the United States. Very warm and dry over the Southwest and Southern California. Scattered valley rain showers and mountain snow showers will continue over the Pacific Northwest and the Northern Rockies.

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



**Today's discussion is from the Environmental Factors Category.**

## **SMOKE EXPOSURE**

Exposure to smoke during fire operations can be a significant safety concern. Research has shown that smoke exposure on prescribed fires, especially in the holding and ignition positions, often exceeds that on wildfires. There are many precautions that can be taken to reduce personnel from exposure to smoke.

- Planning: Smoke exposure needs to be considered when planning suppression tactics and prescribed fires. Simple actions can mitigate smoke exposures, such as:
  - Altering line locations can have a significant impact on smoke exposure.
  - Placing firelines in areas of lighter fuels or moving lines to roads or other barriers that will require less holding, patrol and mop-up will significantly reduce the smoke exposure to personnel.
  - Use flanking attack as opposed to head attack (where appropriate) in heavy smoke situations.
  - Check fire behavior forecasts for smoke and inversion potential.
  - In heavy smoke, give up acres to gain control.
- Implementation: Many techniques can help reduce the exposure of personnel to heavy smoke, such as:
  - Rotating people out of the heaviest smoke area may be the single most effective method.
  - Locate camps and incident command posts in areas that are not prone to inversions.
  - Minimize snag falling, consistent with safety concerns, to avoid putting heavy fuels on the ground that will require mop-up.
  - Changing firing patterns and preburning (black lining) during less severe conditions can greatly reduce exposure to smoke.
  - The use of retardant, foam or sprinklers can also significantly reduce the workload and exposure time for holding crews.

### **References:**

[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	2	0			1		3
	ACRES	0	63			1		64
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Eastern Area	FIREs	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Southern Area	FIREs				19			19
	ACRES				128			128
TOTAL	FIREs	4	0	0	0	19	1	24
	ACRES	1	63	0	0	128	1	193

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES				3		7	10
	ACRES				2,076		2	2,078
Southern California	FIRES		5			130	20	155
	ACRES		22			910	2	934
Northern Rockies	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			4		10
	ACRES		4			2		6
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	133	44	4	7	120	55	363
	ACRES	482	6,839	11	111	88,735	16,974	113,152
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	13	4	9		66	22	114
	ACRES	124	9	1,201		68,981	1,994	72,309
Eastern Area	FIRES	3		4	6	345	84	442
	ACRES	2		77	15	13,265	6,095	19,454
Southern Area	FIRES	146		113	17	15,355	231	15,862
	ACRES	5,987		8,066	2,050	354,104	14,484	384,691
TOTAL	FIRES	295	61	130	33	16,027	419	16,965
	ACRES	6,595	6,874	9,355	4,252	525,998	39,551	592,625

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>15,141</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>441,227</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						2	2
	ACRES						14	14
Northern California	FIRES		3	0	1		2	6
	ACRES		91	7	2		24	124
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						1,450	1,450
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1		1				2
	ACRES	80		426				506
Eastern Area	FIRES			0		3		3
	ACRES			2		331		333
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						582	582
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	1	1	3	5	14
	ACRES	80	91	435	2	331	2,070	3,009

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			20				20
Northwest	FIRES		22	1			39	62
	ACRES		1,529	45			748	2,322
Northern California	FIRES	1	15	4	14		69	103
	ACRES	12	306	701	52		1,437	2,508
Southern California	FIRES		4	7			52	63
	ACRES		550	551			839	1,940
Northern Rockies	FIRES	32	1			1	5	39
	ACRES	1,242	26			20	91	1,379
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6	2	1	18	6	33
	ACRES		863	805	13	306	459	2,446
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1		2	4	10
	ACRES		105	550		64	182	901
Southwest	FIRES	1	18	3	1		56	79
	ACRES	1,500	12,949	1,428	15		21,657	37,549
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	21	12	11	40	104	191
	ACRES	94	696	1,470	251	7,186	20,215	29,912
Eastern Area	FIRES			13	7	220	39	279
	ACRES			630	3,079	20,017	17,845	41,571
Southern Area	FIRES	32		110	10	817	501	1,470
	ACRES	7,056		58,442	7,824	159,555	481,163	714,040
TOTAL	FIRES	69	90	154	44	1,098	875	2,330
	ACRES	9,904	17,024	64,642	11,234	187,148	544,636	834,588

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

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