

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, April 11, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Moderate (268 new fires)  
 New large fires: 6 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 4  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 10  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally there are no 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.

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 80  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 8  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**\* Easter Complex** (five fires), George Washington & Jefferson NF. IMT1 (Quesinberry). Includes previously reported Barbours Creek, Shipwreck and Alleghany Tunnels incidents. Five miles north of Roanoke, VA. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Road closures in effect.

**County Line**, National Forests in Florida. IMT 2 (Dueitt). Twenty-five miles north of Lake City, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior.

**Round Two**, Florida Panther NWR. Twenty miles east of Naples, FL. Southern rough. No new information.

**\* Bowens Creek**, Daniel Boone NF. Five miles north of Roark, KY. Hardwood litter. Creeping.

| 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 |
|------------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Easter Complex | VA | VAF  | 11,460 | ---              | 10    | UNK     | 561       | ---              | 16  | 27  | 4    | 0         | 100K     | FS         |
| County Line      | FL | FNF  | 20,425 | 6,421            | 25    | 4/12    | 189       | 62               | 2   | 10  | 4    | 0         | 850K     | FS         |
| Round Two        | FL | FPR  | 735    | 0                | 90    | 4/11    | 12        | 0                | 0   | 3   | 0    | 0         | 50K      | FWS        |
| * Bowens Creek   | KY | DBF  | 180    | ---              | 40    | 4/11    | 23        | ---              | 1   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 10K      | FS         |

**Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 155  
 New large fires: 3  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **Crescent Bow**, New York Forest Rangers. Two miles northwest of Manorville, NY. Hardwood litter. No further information received.

\* **Hopewell**, Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection. Five miles northeast of Elverson, PA. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Numerous residences threatened.

| 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 |
|----------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Crescent Bow | NY | NYS  | 915   | ---              | 0     | UNK     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 3         | NR       | ST         |
| * Hopewell     | PA | PAS  | 400   | ---              | 80    | UNK     | 69        | ---              | 7   | 2   | 1    | 0         | 8K       | ST         |
| Jeep           | MN | MNS  | 1,600 | 0                | 100   | ---     | 90        | 6                | 0   | 6   | 3    | 5         | 260K     | PRI        |
| South Park     | NJ | NJS  | 1,000 | 0                | 100   | ---     | 7         | -33              | 0   | 3   | 0    | 0         | 5K       | ST         |
| * Anthony Rec  | NY | NYS  | 500   | ---              | 100   | ---     | 0         | ---              | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0         | 100      | ST         |

MNS – Minnesota DNR    NJS - New Jersey Forest Fire Service

**Northern Rockies (PL 1)**

New fires: 8  
 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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Easter      | ND | DPF  | 326  | ---              | 100   | ---     | 3         | ---              | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0         | 11K      | FS         |

DPF – Dakota Prairie National Grasslands

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A deep trough over the eastern U.S. will continue critical fire weather conditions from gusty winds and low relative humidity over the mid-Atlantic and southeastern states. Critical fire weather conditions also associated with gusty winds and low humidity will develop over the eastern Great Basin and the Southwest as an upper trough crosses the western U.S. Scattered rain showers with snow at higher elevations will move across the west coast states and the western half of the Great Basin. Surface high pressure will remain in place over the Great Lakes and Mississippi Valley, bringing cool and dry conditions to the region. In Alaska, scattered rain and snow showers will develop over the southwest while the rest of the state remain relatively quiet.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Today's discussion is from the  
Fireline Safety Category.

## **BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW**

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and down slope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
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- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)  
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS  | TOTAL  |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0      |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 2   |     |     |     | 2     |       | 4      |
|                     | ACRES | 2   |     |     |     | 1     |       | 3      |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 8     |       | 8      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 2     |       | 2      |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0      |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 2   |     |     |     | 5     | 1     | 8      |
|                     | ACRES | 4   |     |     |     | 4     | 1     | 9      |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0      |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |       |       | 0      |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 2   |     |     |     |       | 3     | 5      |
|                     | ACRES | 90  |     |     |     |       | 1     | 91     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 4   |     |     |     | 4     |       | 8      |
|                     | ACRES | 2   |     |     |     | 316   |       | 318    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 14  |     |     |     | 137   | 4     | 155    |
|                     | ACRES | 31  |     |     |     | 2,345 | 5     | 2,381  |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 69    | 11    | 80     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 251   | 9,785 | 10,036 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 24  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 225   | 19    | 268    |
|                     | ACRES | 129 | 0   | 0   | 0   | 2,919 | 9,792 | 12,840 |

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA                |       | BIA    | BLM   | FWS    | NPS   | ST/OT   | USFS   | TOTAL   |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |        |       |        |       |         |        | 0       |
|                     | ACRES |        |       |        |       |         |        | 0       |
| Northwest           | FIRES | 8      | 1     |        |       | 3       |        | 12      |
|                     | ACRES | 24     | 87    |        |       | 2       |        | 113     |
| Northern California | FIRES |        | 1     | 1      | 2     | 306     | 33     | 343     |
|                     | ACRES |        | 0     | 0      | 1     | 561     | 39     | 601     |
| Southern California | FIRES | 7      | 20    | 1      | 5     | 558     | 81     | 672     |
|                     | ACRES | 9      | 4     | 0      | 1     | 802     | 76     | 892     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 257    | 7     | 3      | 2     | 34      | 21     | 324     |
|                     | ACRES | 20,047 | 1,320 | 412    | 620   | 1,158   | 597    | 24,154  |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 5      | 20    |        | 1     | 48      | 5      | 79      |
|                     | ACRES | 96     | 32    |        | 0     | 527     | 33     | 688     |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |        | 18    |        | 3     | 21      | 3      | 45      |
|                     | ACRES |        | 919   |        | 0     | 2,318   | 429    | 3,666   |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 148    | 25    | 3      | 3     | 86      | 76     | 341     |
|                     | ACRES | 3,187  | 1,307 | 1      | 2,228 | 2,714   | 2,536  | 11,973  |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 295    | 12    | 16     | 2     | 182     | 41     | 548     |
|                     | ACRES | 9,613  | 166   | 1,108  | 1     | 17,896  | 847    | 29,631  |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 396    |       | 3      | 9     | 2,648   | 183    | 3,239   |
|                     | ACRES | 1,245  |       | 2      | 397   | 28,467  | 4,103  | 34,214  |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 203    |       | 14     | 18    | 7,010   | 216    | 7,461   |
|                     | ACRES | 28,927 |       | 14,863 | 3,443 | 93,081  | 11,016 | 151,330 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 1,319  | 104   | 41     | 45    | 10,896  | 659    | 13,064  |
|                     | ACRES | 63,148 | 3,835 | 16,386 | 6,691 | 147,526 | 19,676 | 257,262 |

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Ten Year Average Fires</b> | <b>17,703</b>  |
| <b>Ten Year Average Acres</b> | <b>544,773</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 |     |     |       |     |       |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |       | 0      |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       | 0     | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       | 30    | 30     |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |       | 0      |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     | 0   |       |     |       | 9     | 9      |
|                     | ACRES |     | 20  |       |     |       | 580   | 600    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |       | 0      |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       |       | 0      |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |       |     |       | 0     | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       |     |       | 510   | 510    |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     | 0   | 1     |     |       | 2     | 3      |
|                     | ACRES |     | 70  | 924   |     |       | 210   | 1,204  |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     | 2     |     | 3     | 1     | 6      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 1,785 |     | 139   | 2     | 1,926  |
| Southern Area       | FIRES |     |     |       | 1   | 55    | 10    | 66     |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |       | 80  | 3,509 | 7,489 | 11,078 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 0   | 0   | 3     | 1   | 58    | 22    | 84     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 90  | 2,709 | 80  | 3,648 | 8,821 | 15,348 |

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

| AREA                |       | BIA    | BLM    | FWS    | NPS    | ST/OT   | USFS    | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |        |        |        |        |         |         | 0         |
|                     | ACRES |        |        |        |        |         |         | 0         |
| Northwest           | FIRES |        | 30     | 2      |        |         | 30      | 62        |
|                     | ACRES |        | 1,222  | 891    |        |         | 3,902   | 6,015     |
| Northern California | FIRES | 2      | 11     | 12     | 17     |         | 117     | 159       |
|                     | ACRES | 107    | 146    | 3,162  | 137    |         | 8,648   | 12,200    |
| Southern California | FIRES |        | 6      | 4      |        |         | 132     | 142       |
|                     | ACRES |        | 1,516  | 125    |        |         | 3,435   | 5,076     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES | 2      | 7      | 3      | 1      | 1       | 24      | 38        |
|                     | ACRES | 189    | 245    | 426    | 9      | 0       | 1,567   | 2,436     |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1      | 11     | 1      | 3      | 13      | 9       | 38        |
|                     | ACRES | 25     | 206    | 10     | 113    | 323     | 444     | 1,121     |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |        | 7      | 4      |        | 11      | 2       | 24        |
|                     | ACRES |        | 2,236  | 419    |        | 273     | 98      | 3,026     |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 5      | 7      | 4      | 15     |         | 92      | 123       |
|                     | ACRES | 220    | 6,230  | 566    | 109    |         | 13,760  | 20,885    |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 15     | 19     | 21     | 16     | 15      | 51      | 137       |
|                     | ACRES | 1,392  | 3,751  | 1,047  | 1,831  | 1,186   | 9,073   | 18,280    |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES | 13     |        | 104    | 34     | 627     | 102     | 880       |
|                     | ACRES | 20,073 |        | 16,926 | 9,045  | 41,900  | 51,377  | 139,321   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 22     |        | 107    | 49     | 5,760   | 688     | 6,626     |
|                     | ACRES | 4,743  |        | 44,136 | 34,304 | 371,102 | 653,594 | 1,107,879 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 60     | 98     | 262    | 135    | 6,427   | 1,247   | 8,229     |
|                     | ACRES | 26,749 | 15,552 | 67,708 | 45,548 | 414,784 | 745,898 | 1,316,239 |

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

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

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