

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, April 13, 2012 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Moderate (260 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 3
 Uncontained large fires: ** 9
 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: 98
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 7
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Easter Complex (five fires), George Washington & Jefferson NF. IMT1 (Quesinberry). One mile northeast of Buena Vista, VA. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity. Numerous residences threatened.

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

Bowens Creek, Daniel Boone NF. Five miles north of Roark, KY. Hardwood litter. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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	17,711	2,360	35	UNK	503	132	9	29	5	0	553K	FS
County Line	FL	FNF	34,936	4,682	50	UNK	410	204	2	33	3	0	1.4M	FS
Bowens Creek	KY	DBF	171	-9	90	---	13	-10	1	0	0	0	10K	FS

Eastern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 89
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

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
Hopewell	PA	PAS	619	49	80	4/13	28	-41	0	18	1	0	238K	ST
*Glenn Summit	PA	PAS	100	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	1k	ST

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 24
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Middle Creek, Routt County. Six miles northwest of Oak Creek, CO. Brush and grass. 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
Middle Creek	CO	RTX	480	---	80	UNK	1	---	0	0	0	0	56K	CNTY

Western Great Basin Area (PL 1)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 0
 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
North	NV	NNS	217	-83	100	---	0	-85	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

NNS – Nevada DOF

Southwest (PL 1)

New fires: 3
 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
* McCauley	NM	N3S	1,000	---	100	---	7	---	0	2	0	0	30K	ST

N3S – Socorro District, New Mexico State Forestry

Predictive Services Discussion: A deepening trough in the West will bring scattered rain and snow to the region from the coastal regions to the northern and central Rockies. Strong winds and low relative humidity will create critical fire weather conditions across much of the Southwest from Arizona to west Texas. Gusty winds and low humidity will also develop eastern Montana and western North Dakota. A cold front will push into the High Plains and upper Midwest producing scattered showers and thunderstorms from Texas to Minnesota. High pressure over the eastern U.S. will keep generally cool to mild conditions in place from New England to the Southeast.

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



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

Radio Narrow banding

The ability to have positive, reliable communication is one of the most important safety considerations we have in Wildland fire. As we are forced to adapt to technological changes, maintaining good radio communications becomes more complex and requires a heightened level of skill and awareness from all firefighters. The following are some facts and suggestions that may make radio communications easier

- Federal Agencies have been congressionally mandated to narrowband their frequencies by January 1, 2005. State and municipal agencies will not have to follow suit until the year 2013. For firefighters trying to determine if a frequency will be narrow banded or not, this means that it is probably a good bet that Federal frequencies (those frequencies between 162.0000 and 174.0000 Mhz) are.
- Operating your radio in the wideband mode while working in a narrowband environment may cause radio communication problems for everyone working on that channel. The symptoms may range from distorted transmissions to no transmission at all.
- Before we were mandated to work in narrowband, frequencies were listed with just three digits past the decimal point. It is imperative that we now convey frequencies with four digits past the decimal point, for example 168.xxxx
- Some firefighters mistakenly believe that if they simply punch in four numbers past the decimal point, the channel will then be narrow banded. This is not true! Each channel must be programmed specifically to operate in wideband or narrowband. Narrowband programming instructions for most handheld radios can be found at www.fireradios.net
Another website that has programming instructions as well as pocket cards that can be printed is: www.fs.fed.us/fire/niicd/documents
- Check your frequency guides, plans and maps to see which mode the frequencies are supposed to be operating on. If these don't have the information you need, find it and make pen and ink notes for yourself.
- If available, have a radio technician check your radio to ensure you are operating in the proper mode on the assigned frequencies.
- Discuss the narrow/wide band concept with all firefighters, managers and pilots.

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	2						2
	ACRES	1						1
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		5				14	19
	ACRES		1				13	14
Northern Rockies	FIRES	10				2	1	13
	ACRES	88				5	0	93
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			6	1	9
	ACRES		6			83	122	211
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			2		3
	ACRES		0			227		227
Southwest	FIRES	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	1				5	6	12
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	6			13	2	24
	ACRES	2	0			10	27	39
Eastern Area	FIRES	8				79	2	89
	ACRES	57				367	7	431
Southern Area	FIRES					96	2	98
	ACRES					1,221	2,326	3,547
TOTAL	FIRES	24	14	0	0	199	23	260
	ACRES	149	7	0	0	1,918	2,501	4,575

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	13	2			28		43
	ACRES	1,028	202			441		1,671
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	2	306	34	344
	ACRES		0	0	1	561	39	601
Southern California	FIRES	7	22	1	5	471	92	598
	ACRES	9	4	0	1	792	89	895
Northern Rockies	FIRES	339	7	3	2	42	22	415
	ACRES	21,165	1,320	412	620	1,500	597	25,614
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	22		2	51	6	90
	ACRES	123	38		0	576	155	892
Western Great Basin	FIRES		20		3	20	3	46
	ACRES		1,099		0	2,318	429	3,846
Southwest	FIRES	150	25	3	3	88	79	348
	ACRES	3,220	1,307	1	2,228	2,729	2,542	12,027
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	306	25	16	2	345	44	738
	ACRES	9,620	275	1,108	1	31,466	874	43,344
Eastern Area	FIRES	415		3	9	2,808	187	3,422
	ACRES	1,312		2	397	27,653	4,110	33,474
Southern Area	FIRES	203		14	19	7,275	225	7,736
	ACRES	28,927		14,863	3,443	95,235	36,179	178,647
TOTAL	FIRES	1,442	124	41	47	11,434	692	13,780
	ACRES	65,404	4,245	16,386	6,691	163,271	45,014	301,011

Ten Year Average Fires	19,532
Ten Year Average Acres	631,234

*** 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						18	18
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						59	59
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		1,786				12	1,798
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	1			0	6	8
	ACRES	9	49			3	4,046	4,107
Western Great Basin	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					4		4
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						86	86
Eastern Area	FIRES			4		10	1	15
	ACRES			694		1,721	80	2,495
Southern Area	FIRES			2		60	11	73
	ACRES			248		2,743	11,366	14,357
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	6	0	70	27	106
	ACRES	9	1,835	942	0	4,471	15,667	22,924

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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