

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, March 16, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)**

Initial attack activity: Light (714 new fires)  
 New large fires: 12 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 22  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 1  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

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 1)**

New fires: 460  
 New large fires: 5  
 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
Deep Lake	FL	BCP	8,011	---	100	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	6K	NPS
Ryans Peak	OK	OKS	900	---	100	---	8	---	0	4	0	0	1K	ST
Soldier Hollow	OK	OKS	750	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	ST
Marble Field Plantation	OK	OKS	500	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	ST
Conde	OK	OKS	475	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	16K	ST
Smoke Stack	OK	OKS	410	---	100	---	5	---	0	2	0	0	1K	ST
Walker	OK	OKS	350	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	ST
Shale Pit	OK	OKS	350	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	6K	ST
West Sellers Mt.	OK	OKS	250	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST
* Coalport	KY	KYS	200	---	100	---	11	---	1	1	0	0	3K	PRI
* Whetstone	KY	KYS	200	---	100	---	17	---	1	1	0	0	4K	PRI
* Terrels Creek	KY	KYS	150	---	100	---	11	---	1	1	0	0	6K	PRI
* Rock Springs #2	KY	KYS	125	---	100	---	12	---	1	1	0	0	1K	PRI

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 Gap	VA	VAS	120	---	100	---	14	---	0	3	0	0	1K	ST
Soap Mt.	OK	OKS	115	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	ST

BCP – Big Cypress National Preserve    OKS – Oklahoma DOF    KYS – Kentucky DOF    VAS – Virginia DOF

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires: 12  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Highway 10**, Montana DNR. Five miles east of Hysham, MT. Grass. 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
* Highway 10	MT	SOS	500	---	0	UNK	13	---	0	6	0	2	20K	ST
* Bear Trap	MT	BDF	104	---	100	---	4	---	0	0	0	0	15K	FS

BDF - Beaverhead / Deerlodge NF

### Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 38  
 New large fires: 5  
 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
* Old 77	KS	DOD	1,361	---	100	---	12	---	0	5	0	0	2K	DOD
* Six Pack	NE	WIA	1,100	---	100	---	22	---	1	0	0	2	15K	BIA
* MPRC	KS	DOD	1,022	---	100	---	10	---	0	4	0	0	2K	DOD
* Range 29	KS	DOD	765	---	100	---	21	---	0	6	0	0	9K	DOD
* March	ND	SRA	211	---	100	---	5	---	0	4	0	0	11K	BIA

DOD – Department of Defense    WIA – Winnebago Agency, BIA    SRA - Standing Rock Agency, BIA

**Southwest Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 18  
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
Babo	AZ	PPA	450	---	100	---	3	---	0	0	0	0	140K	BIA

PPA - Papago Agency, BIA

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Areas of rain and snow will continue through the weekend across the West Coast, the northern Rockies and the northern Great Basin. Windy conditions will develop across the Plains and the upper Midwest ahead of the western storms. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will move through the Southeast and mid-Atlantic region early in the week. Temperatures across the eastern two-thirds of the country will remain much above normal.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Miscellaneous Category.

### Wildfires in/near Oil and Gas Fields

As energy production increases across the country, many firefighters are responding to an increasing number of wildland fires in areas with oil and gas production, exploration, and development. As with any wildland fire operation, firefighters must maintain situational awareness at all times; however, areas of oil and gas production create an environment where firefighters may not be cognizant of potential hazards that could be encountered in these areas. First and foremost - Only engage the wildland fire when it is safe to do so and recognizing hazards in the oil field should be a part of the incident size up prior to engagement/suppression action.

- Driving hazards are amplified by narrow one lane roads and high amounts of large truck traffic. Roads often are dead-ended.
- Well sites and other facilities with flammable and/or hazardous materials in tanks, pits or other containers.
- Pipelines are common with some on the surface or buried just below the surface. \*This is a watchout situation for dozers, engines and other equipment.\*
- Poisonous gases including hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S).
- Use and storage of explosives is common in oil fields. These explosives may be detonated using two-way radio frequencies. Two-way radio use is not allowed within 500 feet of these areas.
- Untrained and unequipped personnel may be trying to suppress the fire. Often this is done with heavy equipment.
- Construction of raised pads could contain buried woody material. This material can be ignited and burn underground.
- Failures of production facility valves, gauges and fittings may result in leaks, fire, explosions, hazardous material spills and toxic vapors.
- Vents on oil and gas infrastructures often release pressure. The gases vented may be highly flammable and have the potential to ignite if a flame is nearby. Stay clear of these areas if "venting" is encountered.
- Hazard Mitigations As with any wildland fire operation; risk management, safety guidelines and practices should be implemented (e.g., LCES, Fire Orders) prior to and during wildland fire operations. Additional mitigation measures should be considered for suppression efforts in or near oil and gas production:
- Identify hazards – agency resource advisors/oil and gas specialists can be of great assistance.
- Ensure oil and gas operators in that area have been contacted - utilize dispatch to make contacts if necessary.
- Firefighters should limit their time near oil and gas infrastructures.
- Firefighters should never manipulate any valves, fittings, etc. in any way.

References:

[http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch\\_centers/r2drc/Handbook Oil & Gas Well.pdf](http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2drc/Handbook_Oil_& Gas_Well.pdf)  
[Oil and Gas Field Risk Assessment Worksheet](#)  
[http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar/oil\\_gas.htm](http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar/oil_gas.htm)

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### Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES		1	1		31	1	34
	ACRES		0	0		10	0	10
Southern California	FIRES	1	4		1	38	6	50
	ACRES	1	2		0	86	16	105
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6				3	3	12
	ACRES	82				551	103	736
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			6	1	10
	ACRES		12			118	0	130
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		1	4		6
	ACRES		14		0	27		41
Southwest	FIRES	9	2			4	3	18
	ACRES	4	0			5	10	19
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	18	0			17	3	38
	ACRES	1,667	2			2,040	8	3,717
Eastern Area	FIRES	3			1	78	4	86
	ACRES	3			0	489	96	588
Southern Area	FIRES	2				454	4	460
	ACRES	1				9,089	210	9,300
TOTAL	FIRES	39	11	1	3	635	25	714
	ACRES	1,758	30	0	0	12,415	443	14,646

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	2	264	33	301
	ACRES		0	0	1	475	39	515
Southern California	FIRES	7	14		5	342	70	438
	ACRES	9	4		1	610	43	667
Northern Rockies	FIRES	40	4		2	10	10	66
	ACRES	18,757	10		620	1,117	139	20,643
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	11		1	22	2	38
	ACRES	48	16		0	302	0	366
Western Great Basin	FIRES		13		3	15	2	33
	ACRES		668		0	2,276	395	3,339
Southwest	FIRES	72	12	1	3	31	37	156
	ACRES	665	439	1	2,228	2,061	393	5,787
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	153	1	7		80	12	253
	ACRES	7,893	4	184		6,516	176	14,773
Eastern Area	FIRES	3		4	5	692	72	776
	ACRES	3		558	393	2,233	2,827	6,014
Southern Area	FIRES	83		9	15	5,160	136	5,403
	ACRES	3,022		13,055	3,438	56,297	8,600	84,412
TOTAL	FIRES	360	56	22	36	6,617	374	7,465
	ACRES	30,397	1,141	13,798	6,681	71,888	12,612	136,517

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>10,545</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>332,138</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		15				884	899
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	0		8	10
	ACRES		5	30	3		555	593
Southern California	FIRES						15	15
	ACRES						244	244
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						32	32
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		11				90	101
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1		6	0	8
	ACRES		1,200	150		64	5	1,419
Southwest	FIRES	0	1	1	1		4	7
	ACRES	26	480	6	7		180	699
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES			100			798	898
Eastern Area	FIRES	4		4	3	29	12	52
	ACRES	9,695		509	1,407	1,463	4,794	17,868
Southern Area	FIRES			13	6	963	55	1,037
	ACRES			4,724	6,180	48,415	39,951	99,270
TOTAL	FIRES	4	4	21	10	998	100	1,137
	ACRES	9,721	1,711	5,519	7,597	49,942	47,533	122,023

### 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			29	61
	ACRES		1,222	610			3,567	5,399
Northern California	FIRES	2	10	11	16		110	149
	ACRES	107	121	3,157	87		8,418	11,890
Southern California	FIRES		3	4			95	102
	ACRES		1,390	125			2,813	4,328
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	3				8	13
	ACRES	189	105				106	400
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		10		3	11	9	33
	ACRES		175		113	213	444	945
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	3		10	2	18
	ACRES		1,252	418		219	93	1,982
Southwest	FIRES	5	4	2	15		80	106
	ACRES	220	1,290	16	109		4,892	6,527
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	13	3	15	9	44	92
	ACRES	752	210	106	431	193	5,959	7,651
Eastern Area	FIRES	4		24	8	274	47	357
	ACRES	9,695		6,541	2,808	25,356	16,515	60,915
Southern Area	FIRES	21		66	38	4,001	439	4,565
	ACRES	4,327		25,582	30,684	265,311	364,589	690,493
TOTAL	FIRES	42	76	115	95	4,305	863	5,496
	ACRES	15,290	5,765	36,555	34,232	291,292	407,396	790,530

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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.

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***