

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, March 23, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)**

Initial attack activity: Light (1,255 new fires)  
 New large fires: 21 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 18  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 3  
 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.

**Eastern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 455  
 New large fires: 9  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **McKinley TWP #4**, Minnesota DNR. Eighteen miles west of Pine River, MN. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

\* **Railroad**, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Gary, IN. Hardwood litter and grass. No further information 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
* McKinley TWP #4	MN	MNS	400	---	95	UNK	15	---	0	3	0	0	3K	ST
* Railroad	IN	IDP	225	---	95	3/26	18	---	0	3	0	0	3K	NPS
* Water Tower	MN	MNS	1,100	---	100	---	19	---	0	8	0	0	7.5K	ST
* St. Patrick's Day	MN	MNS	825	325	100	---	13	---	0	4	0	0	3.75K	ST
* Red Lake 43	MN	RLA	575	---	100	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	35K	BIA
* No Name	MN	MNS	400	---	100	---	9	---	0	3	0	0	3K	ST
* LeCenter	MN	MNS	400	---	100	---	20	---	0	7	1	0	22K	PRI
* Sand Ridge	IL	ILS	375	---	100	---	142	---	2	14	0	0	75K	ST
* Possum Trot	MO	MTF	160	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	PRI

RLA – Red Lake Agency, BIA ILS – Illinois DOF MTF – Mark Twain NF

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 683  
 New large fires: 8  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Sheperd Hollow**, Alabama Forestry Commission. Thirty miles northwest of Florence, AL. Southern rough.  
 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
* Sheperd Hollow	AL	ALS	660	---	60	---	10	---	1	0	0	0	23K	ST
* Hoover	TX	TXS	800	---	100	---	3	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* McCoy	TX	TXS	450	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Copeland	OK	OKS	400	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	ST
* Natural	FL	FLS	390	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Rattlesnake Ridge	OK	OKS	300	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	6K	ST
* 3 Bridge	FL	FLS	300	---	100	---	2	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Millstone	KY	KYS	250	---	100	---	14	---	2	0	0	0	2K	ST

TXS – Texas Forest Service    OKS – Oklahoma DOF    FLS – Florida Forest Service    KYS – Kentucky DOF

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 72  
 New large fires: 2  
 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
* Dunning	NE	NES	637	---	100	---	88	---	0	30	0	0	5K	ST
* Murray	SD	RBA	458	---	100	---	12	---	0	6	0	0	175K	BIA

NES – Nebraska Department of Forestry    RBA – Rosebud Agency, BIA

**Southwest Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 15  
 New large fires: 2  
 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
* Hooker	AZ	SCA	1,980	---	100	---	8	---	0	1	0	0	2K	BIA
* Shamrock	AZ	CNF	450	---	100	---	8	---	0	2	0	0	16.4K	FS

SCA – San Carlos Agency, BIA    CNF – Coronado NF

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A slow moving upper low over Texas will drift toward the Ohio Valley over the weekend before moving offshore early next week. Showers and thunderstorms, producing locally heavy rain and possible flooding, will develop from the Mississippi Valley to the East coast. Meanwhile, a deepening trough in the Pacific will push a cold front across the West, bringing rain and snow to the coast Friday and Saturday before crossing the Great Basin early in the week. Another front will approach the West coast Tuesday. Areas of strong, gusty winds are possible across the High Plains from Texas to the Dakotas heading into the weekend.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Aviation Category.



[Scenario](#)

Scenarios are situations that can arise on a Wildland Fire or Aviation incident and are meant to add a realistic setting for the application of Today's Safety Discussion.

### WORKING WITH HELICOPTER DROPS

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

If the helicopter is a Type 1 increase the distance of standby place from the drop zone.

Use helicopter drops to knock down or secure a fire area that poses a direct imminent threat to escaping control lines or climbing up ladder fuels.

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- What is the turnaround time for the helicopter?
  
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Give feedback to the pilot about drop accuracy. Be honest and constructive.
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

#### References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) (pg 61)

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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		1					1
	ACRES		87					87
Northern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES					14	6	20
	ACRES					424	1	425
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					2		2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					5	1	6
	ACRES					98	15	113
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	3	1			9	2	15
	ACRES	150	40			12	453	655
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	56	1	1	1	10	3	72
	ACRES	497	1	0	0	247	23	768
Eastern Area	FIRES	158				272	25	455
	ACRES	777				4,116	57	4,950
Southern Area	FIRES				1	667	15	683
	ACRES				0	8,077	343	8,420
TOTAL	FIRES	217	4	1	2	979	52	1,255
	ACRES	1,424	128	0	0	12,976	892	15,420

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		87			1		88
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	2	270	33	307
	ACRES		0	0	1	475	39	515
Southern California	FIRES	7	14		5	352	76	454
	ACRES	9	4		1	728	44	786
Northern Rockies	FIRES	70	4		2	21	10	107
	ACRES	18,832	10		620	1,127	139	20,728
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	12		1	27	4	46
	ACRES	48	19		0	400	33	500
Western Great Basin	FIRES		14		3	15	2	34
	ACRES		668		0	2,276	395	3,339
Southwest	FIRES	90	13	1	3	45	42	194
	ACRES	2,640	479	1	2,228	2,083	1,995	9,426
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	236	2	8	1	102	16	365
	ACRES	8,420	5	184	0	7,592	249	16,450
Eastern Area	FIRES	161		6	6	1,179	114	1,466
	ACRES	780		661	393	7,788	3,110	12,732
Southern Area	FIRES	97		9	16	6,201	160	6,483
	ACRES	3,361		13,055	3,438	72,178	8,976	101,008
TOTAL	FIRES	663	61	25	39	8,213	457	9,458
	ACRES	34,090	1,272	13,901	6,681	94,648	14,980	165,572

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>12,676</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>463,023</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			0	0
	ACRES			281			128	409
Northern California	FIRES		1		0		5	6
	ACRES		25		10		51	86
Southern California	FIRES		1				13	14
	ACRES		26				127	153
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	0	1		0		2
	ACRES	25	3	10		3		41
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1			0	5
	ACRES		984	1			5	990
Southwest	FIRES		2				3	5
	ACRES		145				170	315
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			4	3	8
	ACRES		60			113	2,559	2,732
Eastern Area	FIRES	2		14	5	62	11	94
	ACRES	20,567		4,647	146	1,656	5,969	32,985
Southern Area	FIRES			5	7	746	69	827
	ACRES			1,801	2,704	46,648	75,669	126,822
TOTAL	FIRES	3	9	21	12	812	104	961
	ACRES	20,592	1,243	6,740	2,860	48,420	84,678	164,533

### 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	891			3,567	5,680
Northern California	FIRES	2	11	11	16		115	155
	ACRES	107	146	3,157	97		8,459	11,966
Southern California	FIRES		4	4			108	116
	ACRES		1,416	125			2,940	4,481
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	3		1		8	14
	ACRES	189	105		10		117	421
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	10	1	3	11	9	35
	ACRES	25	178	10	113	216	444	986
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	4		10	2	23
	ACRES		2,236	419		219	98	2,972
Southwest	FIRES	5	6	3	15		83	112
	ACRES	220	1,435	516	109		6,472	8,752
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	13	3	15	13	45	97
	ACRES	752	217	106	431	306	7,777	9,589
Eastern Area	FIRES	6		69	14	376	58	523
	ACRES	15,937		17,019	2,953	28,021	22,464	86,394
Southern Area	FIRES	21		75	45	4,733	513	5,387
	ACRES	4,327		28,709	33,388	309,525	451,241	827,190
TOTAL	FIRES	45	84	172	109	5,143	970	6,523
	ACRES	21,557	6,955	50,952	37,101	338,287	503,579	958,431

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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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