

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, April 26, 2013 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity: Light (440 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: ** 1
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

** 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: 146
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Hite Hollow**, George Washington & Jefferson NF. Two miles west of Augusta Springs, VA. Hardwood litter. Smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
* Hite Hollow	VA	VAF	105	---	90	UNK	52	---	2	4	0	0	32K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

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* Stockade	CO	CJX	925	---	100	---	123	---	0	41	0	0	NR	CNTY

CJX – Conejos County, CO

Other Fires

(As of April 26)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	0	0	0	0	0	0
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	1	3,498	0	0	0	2
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	1	199	0	0	0	2
Total	2	3,697	0	0	0	4

Predictive Services Discussion: A weak upper low will traverse the South over the weekend, bringing scattered showers and thunderstorms from Texas to the mid-Atlantic states through the beginning of the week. A frontal system will drop out of Canada by midweek, spreading showers and thunderstorms across most of the East and the Mississippi Valley by Thursday. High pressure will build over the West, bringing generally dry conditions to the region. Temperatures will warm over the weekend in much of the West and central U.S. but will cool across the Rockies and the Plains by midweek. The East will warm through the week.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



SAFETY ZONES (part 1)

*LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones)
Category*

A safety zone is a location where the threatened firefighter can find adequate refuge from an approaching fire.

- What is the difference between a safety zone and a deployment site?
 - The safety zone is the area where a firefighter can survive without using a fire shelter. The deployment site is used when fire conditions are such that escape routes and safety zones have been compromised.
- How do you identify a good safety zone?
 - Consider the distance from the escaped fire as well as topography, winds, fire behavior, and fuels in the area.
 - The best locations are usually “in the black;” those with a minimum of, or devoid of, ground/aerial vegetation; or large bodies of water.
 - Location is scouted and marked well for visibility at all times.
 - Location has been reassessed in relation to line work progress, fatigue, changes in fire behavior, and arrival of additional resources.
 - For radiant heat only, the distance separation between the firefighter and the flames must be at least four times the maximum flame height. This distance must be maintained on all sides, if the fire has ability to burn completely around the safety zone. Convective heat from wind and/or terrain influences will increase this distance requirement.
 - Take advantage of heat barriers such as lee side of ridges, large rocks, or solid structures.
- What should you avoid in selecting a safety zone?
 - Avoid locations that are downwind from the fire.
 - Avoid locations that are in chimneys, saddles, or narrow canyons.
 - Avoid locations that require a steep uphill escape route.

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

[“LCES and Other Thoughts” by Paul Gleason](#)

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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					76	8	84
	ACRES					70	5	75
Southern California	FIRES		1				10	11
	ACRES		1				1	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	4	6
	ACRES					1	14	15
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	5			7		13
	ACRES	0	1			3		4
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		1			0	0	1
Southwest	FIRES	9	7	2		16	11	45
	ACRES	21	312	0		129	16	478
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1			3		6
	ACRES	1	740			247		988
Eastern Area	FIRES				4	109	13	126
	ACRES				2	676	11	689
Southern Area	FIRES			1		134	11	146
	ACRES			22		2,468	101	2,591
TOTAL	FIRES	12	15	3	4	348	58	440
	ACRES	22	1,055	22	2	3,594	148	4,843

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5	1	6
	ACRES					110	0	110
Northwest	FIRES	9		1		1	3	14
	ACRES	102		5		40	29	176
Northern California	FIRES	1				318	22	341
	ACRES	1				482	10	493
Southern California	FIRES	1	26	5	0	331	86	449
	ACRES	1	69	4	1	2,355	84	2,514
Northern Rockies	FIRES	28	1			24	32	85
	ACRES	2,810	3			342	10,886	14,041
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	11	34		3	34	4	86
	ACRES	119	1,061		0	461	49	1,690
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	13		1	4	2	21
	ACRES	1	43		0	0	0	44
Southwest	FIRES	141	30	7	7	109	66	360
	ACRES	975	862	38	43	1,340	400	3,658
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	62	10	3	2	103	16	196
	ACRES	346	782	66	2	2,756	93	4,045
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		1	20	1,780	81	1,883
	ACRES	1		22	79	8,194	888	9,184
Southern Area	FIRES	100		33	11	7,251	838	8,233
	ACRES	10,672		3,613	1,268	79,324	10,712	105,589
TOTAL	FIRES	355	114	50	44	9,960	1,151	11,674
	ACRES	15,028	2,820	3,748	1,393	95,404	23,151	141,544

Ten Year Average Fires	21,901
Ten Year Average Acres	929,468

*** 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	1	9				4	14
	ACRES	32	748				1,359	2,139
Northern California	FIRES			0			7	7
	ACRES			189			1,830	2,019
Southern California	FIRES		0		0		3	3
	ACRES		5		23		307	335
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						36	36
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	1			0	5	7
	ACRES	80	11			1	445	537
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		12				22	34
Southwest	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			300			1	301
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0		1	4	2	7
	ACRES		100		54	66	6	226
Eastern Area	FIRES			1	5	9	8	23
	ACRES			14	200	557	986	1,757
Southern Area	FIRES			6		247	53	306
	ACRES			1,799		17,824	53,613	73,236
TOTAL	FIRES	2	11	8	6	260	86	373
	ACRES	112	876	2,302	277	18,448	58,605	80,620

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			5				5
Northwest	FIRES	2	28	5	1		32	68
	ACRES	411	6,295	289	7		5,279	12,281
Northern California	FIRES		12	9	19		110	150
	ACRES		736	10,076	250		5,592	16,654
Southern California	FIRES		2	4	2		129	137
	ACRES		134	53	123		4,507	4,817
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8	7			3	40	58
	ACRES	2,362	607			96	1,640	4,705
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	15	2	2	14	33	70
	ACRES	188	1,159	2	33	519	8,402	10,303
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		6	5	16
	ACRES		239	35		59	190	523
Southwest	FIRES	10	18	5	1		46	80
	ACRES	1,464	10,608	1,371	10		11,668	25,121
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	33	14	8	33	84	177
	ACRES	224	1,719	1,477	316	5,522	23,827	33,085
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		34	16	221	74	346
	ACRES	210		2,465	4,140	11,889	26,274	44,978
Southern Area	FIRES	40		69	15	8,611	588	9,323
	ACRES	12,371		40,811	17,033	485,261	632,483	1,187,959
TOTAL	FIRES	70	119	144	64	8,888	1,141	10,426
	ACRES	17,230	21,497	56,584	21,912	503,346	719,862	1,340,431

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

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