

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, April 3, 2015 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity:	Light (909 new fires)
New large incidents:	38 (*)
Large fires contained:	25
Uncontained large fires: **	14
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

On March 30th, a helicopter crashed while assigned to a prescribed fire on the Desoto Ranger District of the National Forests in Mississippi. The pilot and a crew member were fatally injured. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	520
New large incidents:	17
Uncontained large fires:	8
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

* **Weed Lane**, North Carolina Forest Service. IMT 2 (Smith). One mile northwest of Ridgecrest, NC. Timber. Smoldering.

* **Short Hills Mountain**, Virginia Department of Forestry. Six miles north of Buchanan, VA. Hardwood litter. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

* **Poplar**, National Forests in North Carolina. Two miles north of Poplar, NC. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing. Residences threatened.

* **Webster**, Osage Agency, BIA. One mile west of Barnsdall, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. No fire behavior received.

* **Hampton**, Cherokee NF. Ten miles east of Tellico Plains, TN. Timber. No fire behavior received.

* **Rocky Mountain**, Northeast Area Oklahoma, DOF. Seven miles southeast of Tahlequah, OK. Timber and grass. No fire behavior received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Pine Springs**, Northeast Area Oklahoma, DOF. Four miles east of Peggs, OK. Hardwood litter. No fire behavior received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Branding Iron**, Texas A & M Forest Service. Three miles south of Nimrod, TX. Brush. No fire behavior received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Weed Lane	NC-NCS	739	---	84	Ctn	4/6	89	---	4	3	1	1	64K	ST
* Short Hills Mountain	VA-VAS	1,000	---	70	Ctn	UNK	62	---	2	3	1	0	14K	ST
* Poplar	NC-NCF	225	---	50	Ctn	4/7	88	---	4	5	1	0	92K	FS
* Webster	OK-OSA	259	---	50	Ctn	UNK	9	---	1	2	0	0	30K	BIA
* Hampton	TN-CNF	215	---	10	Ctn	4/6	31	---	0	2	1	0	55K	FS
* Rocky Mountain	OK-NEU	900	---	99	Ctn	NR	4	---	0	2	0	0	5K	ST
* Pine Springs	OK-NEU	450	---	99	Ctn	NR	4	---	0	2	0	0	10K	ST
* Branding Iron	TX-TXS	400	---	85	Ctn	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
West Prong	OK-OSA	4,019	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-4	0	0	0	1	8K	BIA
* Easterwood Ranch	OK-OKS	1,610	---	100	Ctn	---	158	---	0	50	0	0	75K	ST
* Rocky Point	OK-OMA	658	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	BIA
* Rosemary	OK-OSA	640	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	4K	BIA
* Boggy Creek East	OK-SEU	400	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	1	0	0	2K	ST
* Sellers	OK-NEU	400	---	100	Ctn	---	5	---	0	2	0	0	7K	ST
* Indian House	OK-NEU	275	---	100	Ctn	---	6	---	0	3	0	0	13K	ST
* Rodburn Hollow	KY-DBF	127	---	100	Ctn	---	30	---	1	0	0	0	69K	FS
* Highway 113	OK-ECU	113	---	100	Ctn	---	2	---	0	1	0	0	5K	ST
* Black MT Rd.	LA-KIF	111	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FS

OKS – Oklahoma DOF
DBF – Daniel Boone NF

OMA – Okmulgee Field Office, BIA
ECU – East Central Area Oklahoma DOF

SEU – Southeast Area Oklahoma DOF
KIF – Kisatchie NF

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires: 17
New large incidents: 8
Uncontained large fires: 4

* **Moonshine**, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Started on county land 15 miles east of Buffalo, SD. Timber and grass. Backing and creeping with isolated interior torching. Residences threatened.

* **Sheep Draw**, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Started on private land 13 miles south of Camp Crook, SD. Timber and grass. Structures threatened.

* **CA Road**, Billings Field Office, BLM. Fifteen miles north of Shepherd, MT. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **West Fork Road**, Custer Gallatin NF. Two miles southwest of Red Lodge, MT. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Moonshine	MT-MCD	2,500	---	5	Ctn	4/4	186	---	3	28	0	0	500K	CNTY
* Sheep Draw	MT-MCD	13,949	---	70	Ctn	4/7	123	---	2	18	2	2	450K	PRI
* CA Road	MT-BID	2,043	---	95	Ctn	UNK	7	---	0	2	0	0	40K	BLM
* West Fork Road	MT-CGF	398	---	80	Ctn	4/6	3	---	0	1	0	0	219K	FS
* Slough	MT-LG29	4,500	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	PRI
* Pinecrest	MT-SOS	2,914	---	100	Ctn	---	81	---	0	17	3	5	370K	PRI
* Sunset	MT-LG23	1,700	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	2	5K	CNTY
* Andresen	MT-LG03	500	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	CNTY

LG29 – Rosebud County
LG03 – Yellowstone County

SOS – Southern Land Office, DNR

LG23 – Musselshell County

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 42
New large incidents: 9
Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Big Lake**, Standing Rock Agency, BIA. Two miles south of Cannon Ball, ND. Grass. Minimal fire behavior.
Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Big Lake	ND-SRA	1,700	---	95	Ctn	UNK	8	---	0	2	0	3	100K	BIA
* 190 th	KS-SFX	5,100	---	100	Ctn	---	64	---	0	20	0	0	30K	CNTY
* Hwy 212	SD-SDS	5,100	---	100	Ctn	---	5	---	0	2	0	7	50K	ST
* Fort	SD-PRA	1,745	---	100	Ctn	---	8	---	0	2	0	0	45K	BIA
* Range 7A	KS-DDQ	1,024	---	100	Ctn	---	13	---	0	6	0	0	2K	DOD
* 255 th St.	KS-GWX	640	---	100	Ctn	---	5	---	0	2	0	0	1K	CNTY
* T Road	KS-GWX	450	---	100	Ctn	---	17	---	0	7	0	0	1K	CNTY
* Reese	KS-GWX	300	---	100	Ctn	---	12	---	0	7	0	0	2K	CNTY
* X Road	KS-GWX	300	---	100	Ctn	---	10	---	0	4	0	0	1K	CNTY

SFX – Stafford County
DDQ – Fort Riley, DOD

SDS – South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression
GWX – Graham County

PRA – Pine Ridge Agency, BIA

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 208
New large incidents: 4
Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Bearclaw**, Mark Twain NF. Five miles northwest of Dillard, MO. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Bearclaw	MO-MTF	257	---	50	Ctn	---	20	---	0	4	0	0	10K	FS
* Grady	MN-MNS	327	---	100	Ctn	---	15	---	0	5	0	0	8K	ST
* Elliot Road	OH-OHS	171	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Disterdick Lane	OH-OHS	130	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

MNS – Minnesota, DNR

OHS – Ohio, DNR

Active Incident Resource Summary

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	5	21,804	5	67	5	400
GB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	9	16,359	0	52	0	142
EA	2	584	0	9	0	35
SA	27	7,430	13	84	3	588
Total	43	46,177	18	212	8	1,165

*This table is updated daily and includes the total count of active incidents and acres with resources assigned that have been reported in the SIT-209 program within the last seven days. This includes what has been reported in the Geographic Area summary tables above.

Fires and Acres Last Week (By Protection)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Northern California	FIREs	0	0	0	0	40	4	44
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	15	0	15
Southern California	FIREs	1	0	0	0	11	8	20
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	2	7	10
Northern Rockies	FIREs	0	3	0	0	11	3	17
	ACRES	0	2,511	0	0	14,250	0	16,761
Great Basin	FIREs	0	2	0	0	11	0	13
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	139	0	140
Southwest	FIREs	20	3	0	0	10	7	40
	ACRES	17	44	0	0	7	43	111
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	5	4	0	0	30	3	42
	ACRES	1	119	5	0	20,912	0	21,037
Eastern Area	FIREs	77	0	0	4	110	17	208
	ACRES	186	0	0	195	1,329	187	1,897
Southern Area	FIREs	9	0	0	0	492	19	520
	ACRES	5,386	0	0	0	8,805	342	14,533
TOTAL	FIREs	112	12	0	4	716	65	909
	ACRES	5,591	2,675	5	195	45,459	580	54,505

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (By Protection)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	0	1	0	0	10	0	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Northwest	FIREs	12	6	1	3	36	18	76
	ACRES	329	0	0	0	156	5	490
Northern California	FIREs	0	0	1	0	217	32	250
	ACRES	0	0	345	0	192	283	820
Southern California	FIREs	4	6	1	0	330	42	383
	ACRES	5	1,872	1	0	6,621	1,818	10,317
Northern Rockies	FIREs	65	12	0	0	115	16	208
	ACRES	222	3,754	0	0	30,899	583	35,458
Great Basin	FIREs	2	26	1	0	57	6	92
	ACRES	4	27	0	0	577	15	623
Southwest	FIREs	74	23	0	3	110	30	240
	ACRES	376	52	0	0	11,387	160	11,975
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	118	20	5	1	134	12	290
	ACRES	5,263	233	146	0	36,656	232	42,530
Eastern Area	FIREs	173	0	3	6	430	59	671
	ACRES	353	0	168	213	4,822	1,691	7,247
Southern Area	FIREs	258	0	2	1	7,226	159	7,646
	ACRES	31,980	0	66	2	76,758	9,834	118,640
TOTAL	FIREs	706	94	14	14	8,665	374	9,867
	ACRES	38,532	5,938	726	215	168,071	14,621	228,103

Ten Year Average Fires	14,245
Ten Year Average Acres	467,333

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

Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week (By Ownership)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	25	0	0	0	0	25
Northern California	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	651	651
Southern California	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Northern Rockies	FIREs	0	5	0	0	0	1	6
	ACRES	0	847	0	0	0	5	852
Great Basin	FIREs	0	1	0	0	8	3	12
	ACRES	0	384	0	0	397	2,221	3,002
Southwest	FIREs	0	1	0	1	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	2,000	0	35	0	1,005	3,040
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	0	4	1	0	3	7	15
	ACRES	0	4,484	1,290	0	412	4,120	10,306
Eastern Area	FIREs	2	0	3	2	18	14	39
	ACRES	20,271	0	414	4,069	1,894	12,199	38,847
Southern Area	FIREs	6	0	1	1	552	27	587
	ACRES	1,145	0	10	519	38,246	35,238	75,158
TOTAL	FIREs	8	11	5	4	581	61	670
	ACRES	21,416	7,740	1,714	4,623	40,949	55,442	131,884

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date (By Ownership)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIREs	0	23	2	0	0	55	80
	ACRES	0	17,560	50	0	0	6,490	24,100
Northern California	FIREs	0	0	5	7	0	91	103
	ACRES	0	143	1,630	177	0	6,055	8,005
Southern California	FIREs	0	2	1	0	0	92	95
	ACRES	0	58	460	0	0	1,730	2,248
Northern Rockies	FIREs	8	25	6	0	0	19	58
	ACRES	3,150	3,022	8	0	0	1,503	7,683
Great Basin	FIREs	1	18	1	8	30	26	84
	ACRES	8	1,167	560	78	895	5,867	8,575
Southwest	FIREs	6	21	11	4	0	69	111
	ACRES	218	15,741	2,235	4,539	0	10,448	33,181
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	2	29	9	9	29	66	144
	ACRES	101	5,629	3,031	148	1,764	18,067	28,740
Eastern Area	FIREs	14	0	48	4	181	57	304
	ACRES	38,550	0	9,330	6,323	13,908	33,151	101,262
Southern Area	FIREs	76	0	110	10	5,186	471	5,853
	ACRES	14,323	0	88,221	13,974	331,602	435,791	883,911
TOTAL	FIREs	107	118	193	42	5,426	946	6,832
	ACRES	56,350	43,320	105,525	25,239	348,169	519,102	1,097,705

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

Predictive Services Discussion: The southwest U.S. and Four Corners Region will remain dry and breezy through the next week. Aside from light rainfall this weekend through the central Plains, the region will return to dry and warm early next week as a ridge of high pressure builds from the southwest. It will also be relatively dry along the Gulf Coast through the period. Beginning this weekend, a strong low pressure system will bring an active weather pattern to the Northwest quarter of the Nation, including northern California and the northern Rockies with widespread showers and high-elevation snow, especially in the Cascade and Sierra mountain ranges. This system will continue to affect a broad area of the Intermountain West as it slowly moves into the Great Basin and Rocky Mountains through the middle of next week. A Canadian cold front is expected to bring another round of wintery weather from the Great Lakes states through New England. Further south, another swath of heavy precipitation is expected to stretch from the southern Plains to the Ohio Valley by the middle of next week.

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

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 change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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COMMUNICATIONS (LCES)

Fire Communications Category

Effective communication is a critical backbone of safe and successful operations.

- Discuss the factors that can affect radio communication at the incident.
 - Knowledge of the radio issued to the individuals
 - Net control, frequencies
 - Line-of-sight restrictions
 - Antenna polarization effect (direction of the antenna)
 - Minimizing noise interference
 - Wide band narrow band
- How can you mitigate potential problems?
 - Implement effective communication procedures--be brief, use clear text, and to-the-point.
 - Give a good comprehensive briefing. (Refer to the Briefing Checklist inside the back cover of the Incident Response Pocket Guide.)
 - Confirm that relayed information is received, and understood.
 - Keep a continuous information flow (e.g., updates on weather, fire behavior, work progress; changes in strategy/tactics; arrival of additional resources; solicit feedback).
 - Establish emergency check-in procedures.
 - Provide a minimum of 4 radios per 20-person firefighter crew.
- The Five Communication Responsibilities for All Firefighters:
 - Brief others
 - Debrief your actions
 - Communicate hazards to others
 - Acknowledge messages
 - Ask if you don't know

References:

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

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