

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, April 17, 2015 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)**

Initial attack activity: Light (1,020 new fires)  
 New large incidents: 18 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 12  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 6  
 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.

**Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 496  
 New large incidents: 5  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Palsburg**, Minnesota DNR. IMT 2 (Pisarek). Twelve miles south of Warroad, MN. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

\* **Turnaround**, Minnesota DNR. Five miles east of Redby, MN. Timber. Active fire behavior with short range spotting. Residences threatened.

\* **Tansem**, Minnesota DNR. Started on private land 10 miles west of Barnesville, MN. Grass. Moderate fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Palsburg	MN-MNS	4,700	---	30	Ctn	4/20	113	---	4	4	3	0	225K	ST
* Turnaround	MN-MNS	400	---	60	Ctn	4/20	46	---	0	8	2	0	150K	ST
* Tansem	MN-MNS	350	---	90	Ctn	UNK	30	---	0	12	0	0	20K	PRI
* Thunder Road	MN-MNS	1,950	---	100	Ctn	---	11	---	0	1	0	2	90K	PRI
* Railroad	WI-WIS	389	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	20K	PRI

WIS – Wisconsin DNR

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 50  
 New large incidents: 4  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **Cold Brook**, Wind Cave NP. Seven miles north of Hot Springs, SD. Timber and grass. Interior smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

\* **Big Game**, Lower Brule Agency, BIA. Two miles northwest of Lower Brule, SD. Timber and grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Cold Brook	SD-WCP	5,420	---	90	Ctn	4/17	132	---	2	23	0	0	917K	NPS
* Big Game	SD-LBA	332	---	85	Ctn	4/17	8	---	0	4	0	0	10K	BIA
* Tallgrass East	KS-TGP	1,414	---	100	Ctn	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	1K	NPS
* Link	KS-RLX	600	---	100	Ctn	---	13	---	0	6	0	0	5K	CNTY

TGP – Tall Grass Prairie NP

RLX – Riley County

**Northern California Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 51  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Ward**, Plumas NF. Ten miles southeast of Taylorsville, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Ward	CA-PNF	157	---	95	Ctn	4/17	185	---	6	15	0	0	500K	FS

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 217  
 New large incidents: 5  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Blue Gravel	NC-NCF	521	---	100	Comp	---	54	---	1	1	1	0	264K	FS
* Boundry Line	NC-NCS	397	---	100	Ctn	---	2	---	0	2	0	0	1K	ST
* Rusty Truck	OK-NEU	250	---	100	Ctn	---	3	---	0	1	0	0	5K	ST
* Tree Root	OK-NEU	200	---	100	Ctn	---	4	---	0	2	0	0	5K	ST
* Oakwood	VA-VAS	100	---	100	Ctn	---	9	---	0	1	0	0	2K	ST

NCF – National Forests in North Carolina  
 VAS – Virginia DOF

NCS – North Carolina Forest Service

NEU – Northeast Area, Oklahoma DOF

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 6  
 New large incidents: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Ridge Road	ND-DPF	3,000	---	100	Ctn	---	NR	---	NR	NR	NR	0	34K	FS
* Cabin	MT-MCD	390	---	100	Ctn	---	12	---	0	4	0	0	30K	BLM

DPF – Dakota Prairie National Grasslands MCD – Miles City Field Office, BLM

**Great Basin Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 36  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Soldier Spring	UT-UWF	300	---	100	Ctn	---	21	---	0	6	0	0	5K	FS

UWF – Uinta/Wasatch-Cache NF

**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	1	157	6	15	0	185
SO	1	275	0	1	0	3
NR	1	390	0	4	0	12
GB	2	400	0	7	0	30
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	5	7,878	2	41	0	171
EA	10	7,528	4	51	9	302
SA	7	1,470	2	22	1	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>18,098</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>823</b>

\*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	6	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIRES	4	1	0	0	4	4	13
	ACRES	13	0	0	0	2	3	18
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	44	7	51
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10	7	17
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	1	0	109	4	114
	ACRES	0	0	1	0	508	3	512
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	1	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
Great Basin	FIRES	0	6	0	1	23	6	36
	ACRES	0	1	0	4	117	413	535
Southwest	FIRES	10	5	0	0	11	5	31
	ACRES	27	3	0	0	13	3	46
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	2	3	2	37	3	50
	ACRES	193	3	21	1,420	2,601	251	4,489
Eastern Area	FIRES	135	0	0	1	311	49	496
	ACRES	546	0	0	250	9,342	170	10,308
Southern Area	FIRES	1	0	0	2	212	2	217
	ACRES	3	0	0	70	2,082	379	2,534
TOTAL	FIRES	153	14	4	6	762	81	1,020
	ACRES	782	7	22	1,744	14,685	1,229	18,469

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	1	0	0	20	0	21
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
Northwest	FIRES	17	8	1	3	85	22	136
	ACRES	351	0	0	0	326	8	685
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	1	0	286	41	328
	ACRES	0	0	345	0	215	447	1,007
Southern California	FIRES	4	6	2	1	479	50	542
	ACRES	5	1,872	2	4	6,690	1,823	10,396
Northern Rockies	FIRES	117	13	0	0	131	20	281
	ACRES	1,064	4,228	0	0	34,274	587	40,153
Great Basin	FIRES	3	37	2	2	86	16	146
	ACRES	6	28	0	4	701	428	1,167
Southwest	FIRES	116	32	0	3	143	55	349
	ACRES	475	84	0	0	11,530	322	12,411
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	159	22	9	5	195	17	407
	ACRES	10,134	229	169	6,840	44,816	488	62,676
Eastern Area	FIRES	360	0	11	9	1,382	144	1,906
	ACRES	1,484	0	1,293	546	19,273	2,152	24,748
Southern Area	FIRES	267	0	2	4	8,450	181	8,904
	ACRES	33,632	0	66	68	91,728	10,603	136,097
TOTAL	FIRES	1,043	119	28	27	11,257	546	13,020
	ACRES	47,151	6,441	1,875	7,462	209,558	16,858	289,345

Ten Year Average Fires	18,995
Ten Year Average Acres	713,603

\*\*\* 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	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	17	0	0	0	0	284	301
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	3	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	2	0	27	29
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	1	1	0	1	4	7
	ACRES	0	150	986	0	16	1,319	2,471
Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	1	0	1	5	7
	ACRES	0	2	500	0	25	2,979	3,506
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	7	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	3	0	2,637	2,640
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	0	4	1	2	3	11
	ACRES	60	150	1,940	5	16	1,337	3,508
Eastern Area	FIRES	4	0	1	1	35	5	46
	ACRES	267	0	900	125	1,816	722	3,830
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	3	0	173	2	178
	ACRES	0	0	5,222	0	8,223	3,754	17,199
TOTAL	FIRES	6	1	10	4	212	34	267
	ACRES	344	302	9,548	135	10,096	13,066	33,491

**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	2	23	2	0	0	58	85
	ACRES	552	17,560	50	0	0	6,779	24,941
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	5	8	0	102	115
	ACRES	0	143	1,630	187	0	6,974	8,934
Southern California	FIRES	0	2	1	0	0	99	102
	ACRES	0	58	460	0	0	1,790	2,308
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	27	7	0	1	24	68
	ACRES	3,550	9,844	994	0	16	4,351	18,755
Great Basin	FIRES	1	19	1	8	31	35	95
	ACRES	8	1,177	1,060	78	920	9,248	12,491
Southwest	FIRES	7	21	11	5	0	78	122
	ACRES	498	15,741	2,420	4,542	0	15,097	38,298
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	33	15	10	34	72	168
	ACRES	301	5,948	5,107	153	1,802	20,480	33,791
Eastern Area	FIRES	24	0	51	6	418	78	577
	ACRES	39,086	0	9,406	6,477	27,545	36,387	118,901
Southern Area	FIRES	78	0	116	10	5,622	537	6,363
	ACRES	14,498	0	94,189	13,974	361,772	481,580	966,013
TOTAL	FIRES	125	125	209	47	6,106	1,083	7,695
	ACRES	58,493	50,471	115,316	25,411	392,055	582,686	1,224,432

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

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A ridge of high pressure over the Pacific Northwest will shift eastward into the Great Basin this weekend, bringing warm and dry conditions. This ridge will be undercut by an upper level low pressure system that will deepen off the California coast with moist, onshore winds. This will bring a cooling trend and the possibility of showers and thunderstorms to portions of the west coast, expanding across the intermountain West through late next week. Meanwhile, a very strong low pressure system over the central Rocky Mountains will slowly move east the next several days before consolidating with another upper level disturbance over the northeast U.S. by the middle of next week. This system will bring an active weather pattern with widespread precipitation to areas east of the divide through the period. Behind this feature, there will be intrusions of dry air over the Midwest, along with dry and breezy conditions extending from the northern Plains eastward through New England late 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.

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





## HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SELECTION

*Aviation Category*

Consider the following points when selecting a landing area for a helicopter:

- Locate a flat area that is of sufficient size for the helicopter you are expecting to land.
  - Type I -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 30 feet by 30 feet; safety circle measuring 110 feet in diameter.
  - Type II -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 20 feet by 20 feet; safety circle measuring 90 feet in diameter.
  - Type III -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 15 feet by 15 feet; safety circle measuring 75 feet in diameter.
- Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, and obstructions such as trees, poles, and especially overhead wires.
- The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or anything over 18 inches high.
- Consider the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind.
- Choose an approach free of obstructions. Any obstruction should be relayed to the helicopter crew during initial radio contact.
- Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing area such as trash, blankets, hats, or equipment.
- Wet down the landing area if dusty conditions are present.

**References:**

Incident Response Pocket Guide page 49

Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide (IHOG)

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