

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, February 20, 2015 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)**

Initial attack activity: Light (993 new fires)  
 New large incidents: 23(\*)  
 Large fires contained: 20  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 4  
 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: 958  
 New large incidents: 23  
 Uncontained large fires: 4

\* **West End**, McFaddin NWR. Four miles east of High Island, TX. Grass. Interior burning.

\* **Lamar Castle**, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. One mile west of Lamar, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. Interior smoldering. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Sidewall**, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. Four miles northeast of Weleetka, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. Structures threatened.

\* **Cupid**, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. Three miles southwest of Hanna, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. Structures threatened. No further information received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* West End	TX-MCR	3,000	---	75	Ctn	UNK	6	---	0	2	0	0	30K	FWS
* Lamar Castle	OK-OMA	700	---	60	Ctn	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	7K	BIA
* Sidewall	OK-OMA	200	---	75	Ctn	2/23	20	---	1	0	0	0	40K	BIA
* Cupid	OK-OMA	150	---	90	Ctn	2/22	10	---	1	0	0	0	20K	BIA
* Blue Room	MS-MNF	1,830	---	100	Ctn	---	6	---	0	2	0	0	8K	FS
* North Tower	LA-KIF	1,315	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FS
Wolf Mountain	AR-OUF	1,044	84	100	Ctn	---	1	-10	0	0	0	0	10K	FS
* Wilburton Knob	OK-ECU	850	---	100	Ctn	---	8	---	0	4	0	1	12K	ST

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* Beaver MT	OK-CNA	839	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	Tribe
* Coal Creek	OK-SEU	650	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	1	0	0	4K	ST
* Lone Pine	MS-MNF	642	---	100	Ctn	---	11	---	0	4	0	0	3K	FS
* Tribal Fish	OK-CNA	573	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	Tribe
* North Okie	OK-OSA	434	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	BIA
* Hall's Creek	AL-ALS	420	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	8K	ST
* Cat Creek	OK-SEU	300	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	2	0	0	3K	ST
* Driftwood	AR-ARS	264	---	100	Ctn	---	26	---	0	10	0	0	1K	PRI
* OK-ECU-20060A	OK-ECU	225	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	ST
* Jamison Creek	AR-ARS	195	---	100	Ctn	---	3	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
* Sequatchie Point #1	GA-GAS	170	---	100	Ctn	---	3	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* BeaCreek Canyon	AR-ARS	133	---	100	Ctn	---	12	---	0	2	0	0	1K	PRI
* Wilson Spring Road	FL-FLS	130	---	100	Ctn	---	4	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Braswell Road	GA-GAS	130	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	0	PRI
* Condrey	AR-ARS	127	---	100	Ctn	---	15	---	0	2	0	0	1K	ST
* Bolen Snowball	AR-ARS	119	---	100	Ctn	---	2	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST

MNF – National Forests in Mississippi  
ECU – East Central Area, Oklahoma  
OSA – Osage Agency, BIA  
GAS – Georgia Forestry Commission

KIF – Kisatchie NF  
CNA – Cherokee Nation  
ALS – Alabama Forestry Commission  
FLS – Florida Forest Service

OUF – Ouachita NF  
SEU – Southeast Area, Oklahoma  
ARS – Arkansas Forestry Commission

### 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	0	0	0	0	0	0
GB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	28	11,668	2	42	1	199
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11,668</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>199</b>

\*This table is updated daily and includes the total count of active fires 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	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Southern California	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin	FIRES	1	3	0	0	7	1	12
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	36	0	37
Southwest	FIRES	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
	ACRES	38	0	0	0	0	0	38
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10	1	11
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	229	229
Southern Area	FIRES	18	0	0	0	907	33	958
	ACRES	2,362	0	0	0	15,838	3,484	21,684
TOTAL	FIRES	23	3	0	1	925	41	993
	ACRES	2,401	1	0	0	15,885	3,715	22,002

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (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	2	0	2
Northwest	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	1	0	64	22	87
	ACRES	0	0	345	0	94	71	510
Southern California	FIRES	2	5	1	0	130	17	155
	ACRES	3	1,866	1	0	6,563	1,810	10,243
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
Great Basin	FIRES	2	10	0	0	14	2	28
	ACRES	1	2	0	0	207	1	211
Southwest	FIRES	18	10	0	3	24	10	65
	ACRES	92	3	0	0	771	12	878
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	14	4	2	1	21	3	45
	ACRES	483	0	5	0	4,554	1	5,043
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	43	17	61
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	730	1,257	1,988
Southern Area	FIRES	131	0	2	0	4,360	100	4,593
	ACRES	11,164	0	66	0	47,112	8,055	66,397
TOTAL	FIRES	169	29	6	6	4,658	172	5,040
	ACRES	11,743	1,871	417	1	60,043	11,207	85,282

Ten Year Average Fires	4,216
Ten Year Average Acres	112,660

\*\*\* 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	3	0	0	0	4	7
	ACRES	0	9,690	0	0	0	59	9,749
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	42	0	0	413	455
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	59	59
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	19	19
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	ACRES	4	0	0	0	0	3,418	3,422
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	1	0	1	5	2	9
	ACRES	0	12	0	12	40	338	402
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	54	270	324
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	5	1	167	26	199
	ACRES	0	0	13,670	600	14,647	35,429	64,346
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	6	2	173	41	226
	ACRES	4	9,702	13,712	612	14,741	40,005	78,776

**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	7	0	0	0	8	15
	ACRES	0	11,112	0	0	0	528	11,640
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	1	5	0	46	52
	ACRES	0	13	42	64	0	3,262	3,381
Southern California	FIRES	0	1	1	0	0	22	24
	ACRES	0	3	10	0	0	997	1,010
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	5	1	0	0	3	11
	ACRES	700	233	5	0	0	46	984
Great Basin	FIRES	0	9	0	6	9	10	34
	ACRES	0	251	0	60	74	1,773	2,158
Southwest	FIRES	3	6	4	1	0	51	65
	ACRES	57	404	63	14	0	7,041	7,579
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	13	1	6	18	42	81
	ACRES	1	447	84	83	108	11,389	12,112
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	6	0	26	15	47
	ACRES	0	0	216	0	1,488	15,055	16,759
Southern Area	FIRES	26	0	67	3	2,571	301	2,968
	ACRES	5,963	0	71,328	1,050	156,615	523,071	758,027
TOTAL	FIRES	32	41	81	21	2,624	498	3,297
	ACRES	6,721	12,463	71,748	1,271	158,285	563,162	813,650

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

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A sharp contrast in weather will continue to split the U.S. from west to east this week. Bitterly cold temperatures will continue to be 10 to 30 degrees below seasonal normals east of the Rockies. This pattern will be reinforced with several Arctic surges plunging southward, breaking record temperatures. Precipitation will be widespread in the eastern half of the country with periods of snow from the Great Lakes to New England. A replay of rain and freezing precipitation is expected from the southern plains through the southeast U.S. through early next week. Further west, the ridge of high pressure will move offshore, allowing a downstream trough to carve out cooler temperatures and precipitation for the Great Basin. The system will spread into the Rocky Mountain region with upslope snowfall this weekend and into next week. Meanwhile a closed low pressure system will circulate limited precipitation over southern California 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.

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



# HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT

*Operational Engagement*

“Risk Management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – ***it is the way we do the mission.***”  
The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

- Step 1—Situational Awareness:
  - Obtain information.
  - Scout the fire.
  - Identify hazards—those likely to result in a negative impact.
  - Consider all aspects of current and future situations.
  - Consider known historical problem areas (Apply information from the Fire Danger Pocket Card.).
  - Recognize the need for action.
  - Demonstrate ongoing awareness of fire assignment status.
  - Note deviations.
  - Attempt to determine why discrepancies exist with information before proceeding.
- Step 2—Hazard Assessment:
  - Assess hazards to determine risks (e.g., fire behavior, snags, unburned fuels, work/rest).
  - Use the Look Up, Down, and Around; and the Tactical Watch Outs (both located in the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to identify high-risk tactical hazards.
  - Assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss, cost, and mission/operational degradation based on probability and severity (probability—how likely an event will occur; severity—consequences if the event occurs). Keep in mind that increased exposure time increases probability.
- Step 3—Hazard Control:
  - Determine the best approach to mitigate or control the risk from the hazards assessed.
  - Establish controls (e.g., anchor point, LCES, utilize downhill checklist, limit exposure time).
  - As control measures are developed, reevaluate each risk until it is reduced to a level where benefits outweigh potential costs.
- Step 4—Decision Point (decision to accept or not accept the risk(s) associated with an action):
  - Consider whether controls are in place for identified hazards, whether selected tactics are based on expected fire behavior and if instructions have been given and understood.
  - Make certain the decision is made at the appropriate level; if not, then elevate to a higher level.
  - Reject the action if the risk is unacceptable.
- Step 5—Evaluation:
  - Ensure controls are implemented and accomplished to standards.
  - Supervise/evaluate effectiveness of controls and decisions. Stay on top of the situation and adjust risk controls as necessary.
  - Anticipate consequences of decisions; if controls do not work, determine problem and derive a better solution.
  - Adjust actions as the situation changes; maintain situational awareness at all times.
  - Maintain feedback line.

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