

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

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity: Light (580 new fires)
 New large incidents: 13 (*)
 Large fires contained: 9
 Uncontained large fires: ** 3
 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: 446
 New large incidents: 6
 Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Goodeagle**, Miami Agency, BIA. Three miles northeast of Peoria, OK. Hardwood litter. No fire behavior received. Structures threatened.

* **Christie**, Northeast Area Oklahoma, DOF. Two miles south of Christie, OK. Hardwood litter. No fire behavior received. Precipitation occurred over the fire area. 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			
* Goodeagle	OK-MIA	256	---	30	Ctn	UNK	8	---	1	1	0	0	3K	BIA
* Christie	OK-NEU	250	---	99	Ctn	NR	4	---	0	2	0	0	5K	ST
* Boiling Springs	OK-OKS	23,488	---	100	Ctn	---	64	---	0	20	2	24	250K	PRI
* Tim	OK-OSA	900	---	100	Ctn	---	6	---	0	2	0	0	5K	BIA
* Adams	OK-OSA	382	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	7K	BIA
* South Overlook Road	OK-NEU	240	---	100	Ctn	---	25	---	0	10	0	0	6K	ST

OKS – Oklahoma DOF OSA – Osage Agency, BIA

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 149
 New large incidents: 4
 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			
* Waldron	KS-HPX	3,000	---	100	Ctn	---	50	---	0	13	0	2	16K	CNTY
* Angel Grass	KS-RSX	1,600	---	100	Ctn	---	84	---	0	30	0	0	23K	CNTY
* Tower	SD-SRA	734	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	1	65K	BIA
* Pickering	KS-RLX	429	---	100	Ctn	---	24	---	0	9	0	0	8K	CNTY

HPX – Harper County RSX – Russell County SRA – Standing Rock Agency, BIA RLX – Riley County

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 17
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **North Cut**, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. Forty miles east of Santa Rosa, NM. Grass. Running. 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			
* North Cut	NM-N4S	5,000	---	80	Ctn	UNK	31	---	0	9	0	0	15K	ST

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 56
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Roslin**, Mark Twain NF. One mile south of Rueter, MO. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area. 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			
* Roslin	MO-MTF	450	---	0	Comp	UNK	1	---	0	0	0	0	20K	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires: 70
 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			
* Hercules	MT-LG14	3,364	---	100	Ctn	---	16	---	0	6	0	0	60K	PRI

LG14 – Custer County

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	1	3,364	0	6	0	16
GB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	1	5,000	0	9	0	31
RM	3	5,029	0	52	0	158
EA	3	456	0	3	0	7
SA	10	26,146	1	40	4	136
Total	18	39,995	1	110	4	348

*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	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	20	0	20
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	39	0	39
Southern California	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	3	0	0	1	0	7
	ACRES	1	16	0	0	1	0	18
Great Basin	FIRES	0	2	0	0	4	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	26	0	26
Southwest	FIRES	5	3	0	0	9	0	17
	ACRES	201	1	0	0	10,216	0	10,418
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	1	0	0	17	2	24
	ACRES	10	3	0	0	7,940	32	7,985
Eastern Area	FIRES	15	0	1	1	34	5	56
	ACRES	72	0	25	17	185	51	350
Southern Area	FIRES	13	0	0	1	411	21	446
	ACRES	1,684	0	0	2	2,177	582	4,445
TOTAL	FIRES	40	10	1	2	496	31	580
	ACRES	1,968	26	25	19	20,584	666	23,288

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Northwest	FIRES	9	5	1	3	33	10	61
	ACRES	264	0	0	0	156	3	423
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	1	0	153	28	182
	ACRES	0	0	345	0	172	283	800
Southern California	FIRES	3	6	1	0	212	29	251
	ACRES	4	1,872	1	0	6,582	1,811	10,270
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	7	0	0	44	7	70
	ACRES	15	102	0	0	3,714	18	3,849
Great Basin	FIRES	2	17	0	0	28	5	52
	ACRES	4	23	0	0	281	15	323
Southwest	FIRES	32	17	0	3	66	17	135
	ACRES	294	8	0	0	11,167	87	11,556
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	58	7	4	1	71	8	149
	ACRES	2,318	40	17	0	13,275	225	15,875
Eastern Area	FIRES	25	0	1	2	183	23	234
	ACRES	98	0	25	18	1,217	1,332	2,690
Southern Area	FIRES	162	0	2	1	6,300	142	6,607
	ACRES	13,054	0	66	2	64,148	9,197	86,467
TOTAL	FIRES	303	60	10	10	7,091	269	7,743
	ACRES	16,051	2,045	454	20	100,714	12,971	132,255

Ten Year Average Fires	10,841
Ten Year Average Acres	384,477

*** 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	2	0	0	0	3	5
	ACRES	0	122	0	0	0	265	387
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	1,169	34	0	102	1,305
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	161	161
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	25	115	0	0	0	0	140
Great Basin	FIRES	1	1	0	0	1	2	5
	ACRES	3	272	0	0	1	104	380
Southwest	FIRES	1	3	1	0	0	1	6
	ACRES	5	2,220	5	0	0	5	2,235
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	80	0	0	0	172	252
Eastern Area	FIRES	6	0	3	0	10	9	28
	ACRES	17,351	0	284	0	520	542	18,697
Southern Area	FIRES	5	0	15	0	424	53	497
	ACRES	1,150	0	6,709	0	32,547	40,922	81,328
TOTAL	FIRES	13	10	19	2	435	80	559
	ACRES	18,534	2,809	8,167	34	33,068	42,273	104,885

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	21	0	0	0	54	75
	ACRES	0	17,417	0	0	0	6,425	23,842
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	5	7	0	81	93
	ACRES	0	143	1,630	160	0	5,233	7,166
Southern California	FIRES	0	2	1	0	0	80	83
	ACRES	0	58	460	0	0	1,724	2,242
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8	16	6	0	0	12	42
	ACRES	3,075	1,465	8	0	0	1,245	5,793
Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	1	8	20	21	67
	ACRES	3	683	560	78	404	2,697	4,425
Southwest	FIRES	4	16	8	2	0	60	90
	ACRES	64	7,984	423	21	0	8,403	16,895
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	23	5	9	24	58	121
	ACRES	51	741	1,037	148	223	13,945	16,145
Eastern Area	FIRES	11	0	20	0	75	28	134
	ACRES	17,398	0	1,327	0	6,058	15,687	40,470
Southern Area	FIRES	64	0	101	8	4,280	413	4,866
	ACRES	12,305	0	86,481	13,350	275,075	360,308	747,519
TOTAL	FIRES	90	94	147	34	4,399	807	5,571
	ACRES	32,896	28,491	91,926	13,757	281,760	415,667	864,497

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

Predictive Services Discussion: A split flow pattern across the U.S. will separate the weather this week from north to south. Winter-like conditions are anticipated for the northeast quarter of the country as cold air from eastern Canada continues to circulate deep into the region. In addition, another late season snow storm is expected this weekend from the Ohio Valley to New England. Meanwhile, a series of Pacific storm systems will ride through the northwest U.S. and northern California, resulting in several rounds of precipitation. East of the Continental Divide, dry and breezy conditions will be intermittent this week on the western High Plains. In the southern U.S. showers and thunderstorms will prevail this weekend from New Mexico through the Carolinas as upper level low pressure troughs tap into moisture from the Gulf of Mexico. Much of the Desert Southwest and southern California will be warming and drying by early next week with breezy conditions developing. For Alaska, it will remain warm, but unsettled with rain.

<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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ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

Operational Engagement Category

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

- If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:
- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.
- Are you relying on aircraft for support operation? Any operation, especially frontal assault, should not need air resources to be safe.

In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

References:
Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

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