

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, April 22, 2021 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (138 fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: ***	4
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Nationally, there is 1 fire being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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

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

[Link](#) to Understanding the IMSR.

This report will be posted Monday – Friday at 0730 Mountain time unless significant activity occurs.

IMT 2 (NW Team 7) has been assigned in support of Oregon state COVID-19 response operations.

IMT 2 (NW Team 6) has been assigned in support of Oregon state COVID-19 response operations.

Active Incident Resource Summary							
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel	Change in Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	1	1,641	0	8	0	27	-61
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCC	2	19,006	0	2	0	13	0
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	6	4,200	9	9	7	266	126
RMCC	1	319	0	3	0	10	0
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	3	684	0	12	1	50	-61
Total	13	25,850	9	34	8	366	-4

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 11
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 3

* **Jack**, Coronado NF, USFS. Ten miles southwest of Portal, AZ. Grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with running, flanking and backing.

* **Bonito Rock**, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. Fifteen miles southeast of Whiteriver, AZ. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with isolated torching, short-range spotting and backing. Road closures in effect.

G-22, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. Eighteen miles southwest of Heber, AZ. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Jack	AZ-CNF	600	---	0	Ctn	4/24	73	---	2	3	5	0	100K	FS
* Bonito Rock	AZ-FTA	200	---	0	Ctn	5/21	89	---	3	2	2	0	100K	BIA
G-22	AZ-FTA	2,026	0	80	Ctn	5/4	2	0	0	1	0	0	1.7M	BIA
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
South Rim 4	TX-BBP	1,341	0	90	Comp	4/23	38	-15	1	2	0	0	1.1M	NPS

BBP – Big Bend National Park, NPS

Northwest Area (PL 1)

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

Ponina, Lake Unit, Oregon DOF. Seven miles northeast of Beatty, OR. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Ponina	OR-982S	1,641	0	70	Ctn	4/25	27	-61	0	8	0	0	275K	ST

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 56
 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			
* CO RD 87 Lanett	AL-PRI	600	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	PRI

PRI – Alabama Private Lands

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	20	4	24
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	8	2	10
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	15	2	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	7	1	9
	ACRES	18	0	0	0	46	0	64
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	7	0	0	0	1	3	11
	ACRES	97	0	0	0	0	4	102
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	17	0	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	18	0	18
Southern Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	53	2	56
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	143	2	146
TOTAL FIRES:		10	2	0	0	113	13	138
TOTAL ACRES:		116	0	0	0	216	8	341

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	3	0	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	28	10	1	0	184	10	233
	ACRES	153	84	0	0	932	249	1,420
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	562	57	621
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	1,599	179	1,780
Southern California Area	FIRES	5	28	1	3	779	90	906
	ACRES	5	216	1	6	1,263	1,295	2,786
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	375	7	1	0	255	65	703
	ACRES	19,535	51	22	0	9,935	13,749	43,292
Great Basin Area	FIRES	9	72	1	3	129	11	225
	ACRES	1,801	6,870	0	4	5,143	93	13,912
Southwest Area	FIRES	152	39	4	5	139	106	445
	ACRES	7,962	271	0	1,346	5,974	2,731	18,285
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	43	9	1	3	104	17	177
	ACRES	2,111	35	1,246	305	67,868	2,723	74,289
Eastern Area	FIRES	203	0	11	8	3,406	223	3,851
	ACRES	6,414	0	13,195	532	18,031	8,837	47,009
Southern Area	FIRES	356	0	42	21	8,122	264	8,805
	ACRES	44,923	0	8,879	6,297	159,496	16,153	235,748
TOTAL FIRES:		1,173	167	62	43	13,683	843	15,971
TOTAL ACRES:		82,907	7,528	23,343	8,490	270,244	46,011	438,525

Ten Year Average Fires (2011 – 2020 as of today)	14,499
Ten Year Average Acres (2011 – 2020 as of today)	708,931

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

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

Predictive Services Discussion: Critical fire weather conditions will develop today from eastern Arizona through New Mexico into west Texas behind a dryline. Isolated thunderstorms are possible across the Four Corners region with snow likely at higher elevations. Scattered precipitation may follow elevated and critical fire weather conditions in portions of the Southwest tomorrow evening and night. Dry and windy conditions are also likely across portions of central and eastern Oregon into northwest Nevada and southwest Idaho under a strengthening upper-level jet. Winds will strengthen in North Dakota ahead of an approaching cold front this afternoon leading to elevated and possibly critical fire weather conditions. A very dry post-frontal airmass is present across much of the South, Mid-Atlantic, and Northeast with stronger winds overlapping low relative humidity from Maryland into southern New England. However, recent precipitation in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast may mitigate some of these conditions. A strong upper-level ridge will remain over Alaska leading to above normal temperatures for much of the state, but precipitation is expected across the Aleutians and possibly onto the Kenai Peninsula. <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Building Fireline Downhill With Fire Below

Operational Engagement Category

As a rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will the wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and downslope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you want to work?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you complete the burnout downhill as you work, providing an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied into a fireline down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What should they be monitoring?
- Have you established good communications? What are some of the dangers of poor communication with lookouts and crews working towards you? Describe the benefits of maintaining good communications.
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches it? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below? How many resources do you want to engage?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation (common denominators)?
- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards, and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing, where they would receive their information, and where and when it might occur.

Resources:

[10 Standard Firefighting Orders, PMS 110](#)

[18 Watch Out Situations, PMS 118](#)

[10 and 18 Poster, PMS 110-18](#)

[Incident Response Pocket Guide \(IRPG\), PMS 461](#)

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

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