

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Monday, April 26, 2021 – 0730 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity (April 23, 2021 – April 25, 2021):**

Initial attack activity:	Light (254 fires)
New large incidents:	4
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires: ***	6
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
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 6) has been assigned in support of Oregon state COVID-19 response operations.

<b>Active Incident Resource Summary</b>							
<b>GACC</b>	<b>Incidents</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>Change in Personnel</b>
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NWCC	1	1,641	0	3	0	7	-16
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	1	1,192	0	6	0	21	-39
SWCC	5	7,441	14	20	3	453	100
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	-10
EACC	1	200	1	17	2	143	143
SACC	10	1,302	1	17	3	123	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11,776</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>204</b>

**Southwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 15  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Flag**, Colorado River District, BLM. IMT 1 (SW Team 1) mobilizing. Twelve miles southeast of Kingman, AZ. Chaparral and timber. Active fire behavior with uphill runs, wind-driven runs and spotting. Numerous residences and communication infrastructure threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Jack**, Coronado NF, USFS. Ten miles southwest of Portal, AZ. Grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Flag	AZ-CRD	400	---	0	Ctn	5/1	75	---	1	11	0	0	250K	BLM
Jack	AZ-CNF	1,856	-144	60	Ctn	4/28	110	-12	4	1	2	0	1.7M	FS
Bonito Rock	AZ-FTA	1,800	500	10	Ctn	5/21	194	64	6	5	2	0	868K	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	---	90	Comp	UNK	38	---	1	2	0	0	1.1M	NPS

BBP – Big Bend National Park, NPS

**Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 73  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Brittle**, Huron-Manistee NF, USFS. IMT 2 (EA Gold Team). Five miles northeast of Hale, MI. Timber. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Brittle	MI-HMF	200	---	35	Ctn	4/30	143	---	1	17	2	0	250K	FS

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 90  
 New large incidents: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **Long Branch**, Cherokee NF, USFS. Eighteen miles southeast of Madisonville, TN. Hardwood litter and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Trail closures in effect.

\* **Mill Creek**, Cherokee NF, USFS. Ten miles east of Newport, TN. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Long Branch	TN-CNF	700	---	70	Ctn	4/27	0	---	0	0	0	0	125K	FS
* Mill Creek	TN-CNF	263	---	25	Ctn	5/7	61	---	1	4	3	0	221K	FS
Meadow Creek	TN-CNF	360	0	100	Ctn	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	250K	FS
Wire Rd	GA-GAS	313	0	100	Ctn	---	2	-3	0	0	0	0	12K	ST

GAS – Georgia Forestry Commission

### **Great Basin (PL 1)**

New fires: 0  
New large incidents: 0  
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			
Lavaside	ID-4BN	1,192	692	100	Ctn	---	21	-39	0	6	0	1	85K	CNTY

4BN – Bingham County

### **Northwest Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 9  
New large incidents: 0  
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			
Ponina	OR-982S	1,641	0	100	Ctn	---	7	-16	0	3	0	0	300K	ST

982S – Lake Unit, Oregon DOF

**Fires and Acres (by Protection) (April 23, 2021 – April 25, 2021):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	7	1	9
	ACRES	0	21	0	0	48	0	69
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	25	1	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	34	0	36
	ACRES	0	3	0	0	104	0	107
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	4	5	0	0	2	4	15
	ACRES	1	500	0	0	42	9	553
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	19	0	1	0	50	3	73
	ACRES	35	0	5	0	162	5	207
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	86	4	90
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	470	77	547
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1,499</b>

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	4	0	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Northwest Area	FIRES	35	12	1	0	293	15	356
	ACRES	194	106	0	0	2,282	699	3,282
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	594	61	657
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	1,615	179	1,796
Southern California Area	FIRES	5	30	1	3	825	90	954
	ACRES	5	219	1	6	1,371	1,295	2,897
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	376	7	1	0	273	66	723
	ACRES	19,555	51	22	0	9,991	13,749	43,368
Great Basin Area	FIRES	10	80	1	4	137	15	247
	ACRES	2,301	7,101	0	4	5,191	100	14,698
Southwest Area	FIRES	157	45	4	5	150	111	472
	ACRES	8,164	772	0	1,346	6,029	3,795	20,107
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	46	10	2	3	104	17	182
	ACRES	2,121	35	1,244	305	68,374	2,723	74,803
Eastern Area	FIRES	230	0	12	8	3,515	227	3,992
	ACRES	6,451	0	13,200	532	18,265	8,842	47,290
Southern Area	FIRES	367	0	42	21	8,421	280	9,131
	ACRES	28,677	0	8,879	6,297	161,458	20,708	226,020
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1,228</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>14,316</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>16,721</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>67,470</b>	<b>8,285</b>	<b>23,346</b>	<b>8,490</b>	<b>274,580</b>	<b>52,092</b>	<b>434,266</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2011 – 2020 as of today)</b>	<b>15,345</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2011 – 2020 as of today)</b>	<b>855,193</b>

\*\*\*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:** A broad, deep upper-level trough will move over the West Coast today. Widespread critical fire weather conditions are expected from eastern Arizona to west Texas and northward through the Four Corners and onto the central High Plains ahead of this trough. Lingering precipitation will continue over portions of the West Coast with better coverage across the Intermountain West, especially in the mountains, with precipitation encroaching onto the western periphery of Red Flag Warnings later in the day and night. Dry and breezy conditions will result in elevated to locally critical conditions in portions of New England in a post-frontal environment. Rain and snow are also likely in the western Great Lakes and Upper Midwest. Upper-level ridging with above normal temperatures will continue for most of Alaska.

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



## Working with Helicopter Drops

*Aviation Category*

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

- Is the helicopter a Type 1? For larger helicopters, increase the distance ground personnel must standby from the drop zone.
- How might you use helicopter drops to knock down or secure a fire area that poses a direct threat to escaping control lines or climbing ladder fuels?
- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are there trees and/or snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- How will the winds affect the mission?
- What is the turnaround time for the helicopter from drop zone to fill site?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotor wash?
- Are you providing feedback to the pilot about drop accuracy? Be honest and constructive.
- How can high altitudes and/or high temperatures affect helicopter performance capabilities? Be aware they may be significantly reduced.

### Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide, PMS 461](https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/461), <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/461>

[NWCG Standards for Helicopter Operations, PMS 510](https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/510), <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/510>

[Interagency Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Operations \(Red Book\)](https://www.nifc.gov/policies/pol_ref_redbook.html), [https://www.nifc.gov/policies/pol\\_ref\\_redbook.html](https://www.nifc.gov/policies/pol_ref_redbook.html)

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