

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, April 19 2007 - 1000 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: 111 (Light)  
 New large fires: 4 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 4  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Area Command Teams:  
 Type 1 IMTs committed:  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1  
 Fire Use Teams:

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. \*\*

**Southern Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 55  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Sweat Farm Road**, Georgia Forestry Commission. IMT 2 (Floyd). Started on private land 10 miles southeast of Waycross, GA. Southern rough and timber. Moderate fire behavior. Highways 84 and 122 closed.

**Knee Knocker Swamp**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Two miles northwest of Nahunta, GA. Southern rough. Moderate fire behavior.

**Burns Lake**, Big Cypress National Preserve. Eight mile east of Ochopee, FL. Southern rough. Short runs, torching and spotting.

**Potato Hill**, Ouachita NF. Fourteen miles west of Danville, AR. Previously reported WFU incident. Pine and hardwood litter. Minimal fire activity. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Sweat Farm Road	GA	GAS	22,000	35	4/27	77	0	15	1	22	NR	PRI
Knee Knocker Swamp	GA	GAS	2,000	70	4/19	17	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Burns Lake	FL	BCP	300	10	4/28	26	0	5	1	0	NR	NPS
Potato Hill - WFU	AR	OUF	1,079	N/A	N/A	13	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
Fort Mudge Road	GA	GAS	925	100	---	17	0	3	0	0	43K	PRI
Table Rock Road	NC	NCS	214	100	---	40	2	2	0	0	NR	ST
* Burntfield Branch	NC	NCS	120	100	---	72	4	12	0	0	NR	ST

NCS - North Carolina DOF

**Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 3  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Virgin**, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. One mile northeast of Virgin, UT. Grass and brush. Rapid fire spread. No further information.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* Virgin	UT	CCD	320	60	UNK	41	0	9	0	0	NR	BLM

**Eastern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 24  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* River Road	MN	MNS	1,000	100	---	24	0	10	0	0	3.5K	ST

MNS - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Low humidity and dry weather will continue over most of Florida and Georgia today. Northwest Minnesota will see low humidity and gusty winds in advance of an approaching storm system. Gusty winds and low humidity are also expected over portions of New Mexico and far western Texas today.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE WATCHOUTS

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

● Consider the “Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts” in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

● Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or “chimneys” on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
- Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.

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- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						24	24
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	290						290
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2		3
	ACRES		320			1		321
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	23	1				2	26
	ACRES	17	25				0	42
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			2		22		24
	ACRES			21		85		106
Southern Area	FIRES				3	51	1	55
	ACRES				335	442	1	778
TOTAL	FIRES	24	2	2	3	75	5	111
	ACRES	307	345	21	335	528	25	1,561

**Fires and Acres Year to Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	22	7			4	19	52
	ACRES	209	15			4	45	273
Northern California	FIRES		1		5	8	25	39
	ACRES		149		1	2,404	149	2,703
Southern California	FIRES		3	2	1	19	71	96
	ACRES		901	1	2	240	190	1,334
Northern Rockies	FIRES	49	1	2		16	10	78
	ACRES	171	0	26		159	2	358
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	16			28	1	47
	ACRES	9	529			95	0	633
Western Great Basin	FIRES		25	1		23	8	57
	ACRES		2,550	38		572	275	3,435
Southwest	FIRES	102	31	4	19	250	82	488
	ACRES	188	416	302	563	21,778	2,415	25,662
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	98	2	5		66	9	180
	ACRES	569	1	257		6,632	31	7,490
Eastern Area	FIRES	56		6	10	1,846	146	2,064
	ACRES	5,576		731	416	22,651	3,852	33,226
Southern Area	FIRES	233		68	14	17,996	466	18,777
	ACRES	13,027		12,885	2,925	249,729	25,921	304,487
TOTAL	FIRES	562	86	88	49	20,256	837	21,878
	ACRES	19,749	4,561	14,240	3,907	304,264	32,880	379,601

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>26,260</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>818,034</b>

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### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES		0	0	2		3	5
	ACRES		2	6,861	2		51	6,916
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						107	107
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			3			0	3
	ACRES			720			3	723
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		13		43	1	58
	ACRES	82		1,256		2,736	32	4,106
Southern Area	FIRES				1	4	4	9
	ACRES				30	1,444	960	2,434
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	16	3	47	9	76
	ACRES	82	2	8,837	32	4,180	1,153	14,286

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	7	37	8	3		64	119
	ACRES	2,426	5,267	4,025	98		9,157	20,973
Northern California	FIRES		3	3	6		144	156
	ACRES		171	15,530	12		4,870	20,583
Southern California	FIRES		4		2		79	85
	ACRES		179		29		8,022	8,230
Northern Rockies	FIRES		9	1		2	31	43
	ACRES		800	5		55	2,232	3,092
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	16	5	2	10	28	64
	ACRES	162	1,573	777	27	1,004	6,319	9,862
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2			1	6
	ACRES		159	1,407			16	1,582
Southwest	FIRES	23	46	10	10		122	211
	ACRES	1,572	9,077	2,824	151		25,708	39,332
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	31	22	9	19	92	195
	ACRES	2,438	5,736	6,705	3,539	2,989	28,543	49,950
Eastern Area	FIRES	12		74	24	438	84	632
	ACRES	13,182		19,253	3,805	30,355	30,239	96,834
Southern Area	FIRES	20		151	46	202	756	1,175
	ACRES	18,108		52,737	33,235	92,992	730,908	927,980
TOTAL	FIRES	87	149	276	102	671	1,401	2,686
	ACRES	37,888	22,962	103,263	40,896	127,395	846,014	1,178,418

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### WFU Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1,079	1,079
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1,079	1,079

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**Resources Status: Committed Resources**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest				2						
Northern California										
Southern California							3			
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			10	3					13	1
Western Great Basin										
Southwest							1			
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area				10					2	
Southern Area	3	5	9	43	1	1	2		22	21
Total	3	5	19	58	1	1	6	0	37	22

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