

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, April 20, 2007 - 1000 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: 186 (Light)  
 New large fires: 1 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Area Command Teams:  
 Type 1 IMTs committed:  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2  
 Fire Use Teams:

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

**Southern Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 36  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Sweat Farm Road**, Georgia Forestry Commission. IMT 2 (Floyd). Started on private land 10 miles southeast of Waycross, GA. Southern rough and timber. Active fire spread with ten foot flame lengths. Numerous residences evacuated. Highways 84 and 122 remain closed.

**North Fargo**, Georgia Forestry Commission. IMT 2 (Wilder). Two miles north of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Active fire behavior with spotting and fifteen foot flame lengths.

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

**Burns Lake**, Big Cypress National Preserve. Eight miles east of Ochopee, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior with five foot flame lengths.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Sweat Farm Road	GA	GAS	25,000	30	4/27	143	0	24	1	22	1.2M	PRI
* North Fargo	GA	GAS	2,300	NR	UNK	50	0	7	0	0	100K	ST
Knee Knocker Swamp	GA	GAS	2,000	90	4/22	17	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Burns Lake	FL	BCP	538	30	4/29	27	0	5	2	0	NR	NPS
Potato Hill - WFU	AR	OUF	1,079	N/A	N/A	15	0	1	0	0	NR	FS

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

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

**Virgin**, Cedar City Field Office, BLM. One mile northeast of Virgin, UT. Grass and brush. Torching. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. No further information.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Virgin	UT	CCD	180	50	4/20	41	0	9	0	0	NR	BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** High pressure will continue to build over Florida and Georgia through the weekend for continued low humidity and warming temperatures. Winds will be a little stronger today over southeast Georgia and northeast Florida. A Pacific storm system will bring gusty winds and low humidity to Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas today. Cooler weather and scattered showers will move into the region Saturday except for the dry, gusty winds continuing over southern New Mexico and west Texas.



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

### **REFUSING RISK (“TURNDOWN” PROTOCOL)**

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A “turndown” is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A “turndown” must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a “turndown” if:
  - There is a violation of safe work practices.
  - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
  - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
  - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
  - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
  - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
  - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
  - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					4		4
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Northern California	FIRES						14	14
	ACRES						10	10
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						4	4
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1			1		2	4
	ACRES	2			4		11	17
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					4	0	4
Eastern Area	FIRES	50				71		121
	ACRES	45				2,132		2,177
Southern Area	FIRES	6				30		36
	ACRES	8				19,589		19,597
TOTAL	FIRES	58	0	0	1	108	19	186
	ACRES	56	0	0	4	21,729	25	21,814

**Fires and Acres Year to Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					4		4
Northwest	FIRES	23	7			4	19	53
	ACRES	209	15			4	45	273
Northern California	FIRES		1		5	8	39	53
	ACRES		149		1	2,404	159	2,713
Southern California	FIRES		3	2	1	19	73	98
	ACRES		901	1	2	240	194	1,338
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	103	31	4	20	250	84	492
	ACRES	190	416	302	567	21,778	2,426	25,679
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	98	2	5		67	10	182
	ACRES	569	1	257		6,636	31	7,494
Eastern Area	FIRES	106		6	10	1,942	146	2,210
	ACRES	5,621		731	416	24,853	3,852	35,473
Southern Area	FIRES	239		68	14	17,924	466	18,711
	ACRES	13,035		12,885	3,163	271,599	25,921	326,603
TOTAL	FIRES	620	86	88	50	20,287	856	21,987
	ACRES	19,804	4,561	14,240	4,149	328,344	32,905	404,003

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>23,644</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>724,649</b>

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

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	10	38	8	3		66	125
	ACRES	2,665	5,102	4,025	98		5,168	17,058
Northern California	FIRES		3	3	6		148	160
	ACRES		171	15,530	12		5,669	21,382
Southern California	FIRES		4		2		81	87
	ACRES		179		29		8,266	8,474
Northern Rockies	FIRES		9	2	4	2	31	48
	ACRES		800	73	89	55	2,232	3,249
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	16	5	2	10	30	66
	ACRES	162	1,573	777	27	1,007	6,687	10,233
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2			1	6
	ACRES		159	1,407			16	1,582
Southwest	FIRES	24	46	10	10		124	214
	ACRES	1,747	9,077	2,824	152		26,978	40,778
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	31	23	9	19	92	196
	ACRES	2,439	5,736	6,835	3,539	2,989	28,543	50,081
Eastern Area	FIRES	22		76	24	476	84	682
	ACRES	13,797		19,842	3,805	32,442	30,239	100,125
Southern Area	FIRES	20		151	46	202	776	1,195
	ACRES	18,108		52,737	33,305	92,992	753,070	950,212
TOTAL	FIRES	101	150	280	106	709	1,433	2,779
	ACRES	38,918	22,797	104,050	41,056	129,485	866,868	1,203,174

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3					3	6
	ACRES	239					80	319
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						799	799
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						244	244
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					0	1	1
	ACRES					3	160	163
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	0					2	2
	ACRES	80					1,270	1,350
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0		1				1
	ACRES	1		130				131
Eastern Area	FIRES	10		2		38		50
	ACRES	615		589		2,087		3,291
Southern Area	FIRES				1		20	21
	ACRES				70		22,162	22,232
TOTAL	FIRES	13	0	3	1	38	32	87
	ACRES	935	0	719	70	2,090	24,715	28,529

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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						1	1
	ACRES						4	4
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				1			1
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	1	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	1,083	1,084

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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									3	
Eastern Great Basin			10	3					13	1
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1									
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			1	5					2	
Southern Area	3	3	11	44	2	1	3		51	36
Total	4	3	22	54	2	1	6	0	69	37

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