

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, April 16, 2012 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (165 new fires)
 New large fires: 4 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: ** 10
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally there are no large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

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

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

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 100
 New large fires: 4
 Uncontained large fires: 9
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Easter Complex (five fires), George Washington & Jefferson NF. IMT1 (Quesinberry). One mile northeast of Buena Vista, VA. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity. Numerous residences threatened.

County Line, National Forests in Florida. IMT 2 (Dueitt). Twenty-five miles north of Lake City, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity within interior. Structures threatened.

* **Cowpen Trail**, National Forests in Mississippi. Seven miles southwest of New Augusta, MS. Creeping and smoldering.

* **Godfrey Creek**, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. Three miles northwest of Hampstead, NC. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

* **Hickory Knob**, Daniel Boone NF. Seven miles southwest Whitley City, KY. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire activity. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Easter Complex	VA	VAF	29,929	8,428	65	UNK	597	79	15	24	4	0	1.9M	FS
County Line	FL	FNF	34,936	0	65	UNK	350	-20	1	32	3	0	3.2M	FS
* Cowpen Trail	MS	MNF	782	---	80	4/19	11	---	0	5	1	---	7K	FS

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* Godfrey	NC	NCS	450	---	90	UNK	33	---	0	8	1	0	5K	ST
* Hickory Knob	KY	DBF	110	---	40	UNK	26	---	1	1	0	0	4K	FS
* Argyle	FL	FLS	440	---	100	---	36	---	0	9	1	0	NR	ST

FLS – Florida Forest Service

Southwest (PL 1)

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

Jordan, Gila NF. Twenty-five miles north of Silver City, NM. Pinion pine, juniper and grass. Precipitation occurred over the fire area. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. No further information received.

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Jordan	NM	GNF	407	-2	30	4/20	0	-100	0	0	0	0	30K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: A trough over the western U.S. will move across the Plains, pushing a cold front across the Mississippi Valley. Showers and thunderstorms will stretch from Texas to the Great Lakes. Gusty winds and low relative humidity will move across the East coast states from Maine to Virginia. Lingering rain and snow showers will cross the Rockies, while another front approaching the West coast brings rain with snow at higher elevations to the Northwest and the northern Rockies.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Today's discussion is from the Aviation Category.

AVIATION COMMUNICATIONS

Discuss the following information in terms of effective communication with aircraft. Involve the pilot in this discussion.

- Establish an air-to-ground frequency on the fire, and make sure everyone knows what it is.
Avoid switching frequencies in the middle of an operational period.
- Consider using national air-to-ground frequencies.
- Discuss Guard frequencies:
 - How they work.
 - When to use them.
 - What frequencies are established for aircraft in your area?

- Aviation communications should be clear, concise, short, and to the point.
- Use standard terminology that can be understood by all people you are talking to. Do not use local slang.
- Know what you want to say before you key the microphone. Don't think and talk at same time.
- Before you key your microphone to talk, be sure to listen to ensure you don't cut into another transmission.

- Identify who you want to talk to by the call sign and identify yourself in every transmission.
- If the frequency gets congested, request another frequency. Upon receipt, ensure that all people who need to be on the new frequency transfer to that frequency.
- When giving ground descriptions, describe the location as if you are viewing the location from the direction an aircraft would be traveling. Use a common frame of reference for the sender and receiver.
- Use easily understandable directions, such as north, south, east, west, 2 o'clock, 9 o'clock, left 20 degrees, right 45 degrees, etc.
- When giving directions, always give them in relation to the pilot's perspective.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Fireline Handbook](#)

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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
	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			1				1
	ACRES			8				8
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					62	2	64
	ACRES					78	3	81
Southern Area	FIRES					98	2	100
	ACRES					559	4,500	5,059
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	160	4	165
	ACRES	0	0	8	0	637	4,503	5,148

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	15	2			28		45
	ACRES	1,047	202			441		1,690
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	2	307	36	347
	ACRES		0	0	1	561	41	603
Southern California	FIRES	7	22	1	5	471	92	598
	ACRES	9	4	0	1	792	89	895
Northern Rockies	FIRES	340	7	3	2	43	22	417
	ACRES	21,165	1,320	412	620	2,040	597	26,154
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	22		2	51	6	90
	ACRES	123	38		0	576	155	892
Western Great Basin	FIRES		20		3	20	3	46
	ACRES		1,099		0	2,316	429	3,844
Southwest	FIRES	158	28	5	3	89	81	364
	ACRES	3,261	1,359	13	2,228	2,734	2,542	12,137
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	309	25	16	2	347	44	743
	ACRES	9,620	275	1,108	808	31,594	874	44,279
Eastern Area	FIRES	436		3	9	2,995	201	3,644
	ACRES	1,376		2	397	29,937	4,253	35,965
Southern Area	FIRES	203		14	19	7,469	229	7,934
	ACRES	28,927		14,863	3,443	98,027	40,790	186,050
TOTAL	FIRES	1,477	127	43	47	11,820	714	14,228
	ACRES	65,528	4,297	16,398	7,498	169,018	49,770	312,509

Ten Year Average Fires	19,417
Ten Year Average Acres	614,821

*** 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							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					6	3	9
	ACRES					184	2,886	3,070
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	3	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	184	2,886	3,070

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	30	2			31	64
	ACRES	5	1,222	891			3,920	6,038
Northern California	FIRES	2	12	12	18		117	161
	ACRES	107	153	4,798	138		8,697	13,893
Southern California	FIRES		6	4			138	148
	ACRES		1,516	125			3,495	5,136
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	9	4	1	1	51	70
	ACRES	243	2,056	662	10	0	5,156	8,127
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12	1	3	13	17	47
	ACRES	25	246	10	113	326	4,955	5,675
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	4		13	3	27
	ACRES		2,236	419		279	116	3,050
Southwest	FIRES	6	9	5	15		93	128
	ACRES	273	7,630	2,571	109		14,368	24,951
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	17	19	32	16	16	59	159
	ACRES	1,781	1,861	2,681	1,831	1,346	9,572	19,072
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		121	35	695	111	982
	ACRES	20,908		21,490	9,048	47,139	51,602	150,187
Southern Area	FIRES	22		111	50	6,043	724	6,950
	ACRES	4,743		45,778	34,384	382,615	688,888	1,156,408
TOTAL	FIRES	73	104	296	138	6,781	1,344	8,736
	ACRES	28,085	16,920	79,425	45,633	431,705	790,769	1,392,537

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

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