

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, March 13, 2009 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (277 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	9
Uncontained large fires:	9
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1
Fire Use Teams committed:	0

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

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

The U.S. has mobilized three Burned Area Emergency Response teams, one 20-person suppression crew and 15 fire specialists and managers to Australia.

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	229
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	9
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

2009 Winter Initial Attack, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Bennett). IMT is supporting multiple fires in west Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total.

Juniper Springs, National Forests in Florida. Nine miles east of Silver Springs, FL. Southern rough and downed heavy fuels. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Campground closures in effect.

Powder Horn II, Texas Forest Service. Three miles northwest of Port O'Connor, TX. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

Bent Gate, Florida DOF. Five miles northwest of Titusville, FL. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

Polar, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twenty-eight miles southeast of Post, TX. Juniper and grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Natum Nibii, Osage Agency, BIA. Five miles southwest of Hominy, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Graphite, National Forests in North Carolina. Five miles northwest of Old Fort, NC. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity.

Sandyhill, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land thirty-seven miles northwest of Houston, TX. Timber, brush and grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Sweetwater Creek, National Forests in Mississippi. Five miles south of New Augusta, MS. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
2009 Winter Initial Attack	TX	TXS	7,546	0	NR	UNK	503	-29	0	28	7	0	11.2M	PRI
Juniper Springs	FL	FNF	3,500	1,000	15	3/20	64	21	1	6	3	0	200K	FS
Powder Horn II	TX	TXS	3,000	1,000	90	3/13	1	0	0	0	1	0	NR	ST
Bent Gate	FL	FLS	2,200	600	90	3/14	7	0	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
Polar	TX	TXS	400	0	90	UNK	8	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Natum Nibii	OK	OSA	290	0	80	UNK	8	0	0	4	0	0	NR	BIA
Graphite	NC	NCF	246	90	80	3/15	116	94	5	7	1	0	200K	FS
Sandyhill	TX	TXS	175	0	80	UNK	7	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Sweetwater Creek	MS	MNF	102	0	90	UNK	9	0	0	3	0	0	NR	FS
Log Cabin	OK	OXS	2,950	0	100	---	5	0	0	2	0	3	17.5K	ST
* Clearview	OK	OXS	1,400	---	100	---	56	---	1	18	0	0	NR	ST
Charger	FL	FLS	1,050	550	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Loma del Norte	TX	TXS	800	0	100	---	0	-35	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Los Olmos	TX	TXS	675	175	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Coal Creek	TX	TXS	657	157	100	---	0	-8	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Wizard	TX	TXS	400	-75	100	---	0	-6	0	0	0	2	NR	PRI
Bird Extension	FL	FLS	250	0	100	---	0	-13	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 30
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

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
Jim Tom Hollow	MO	MTF	144	4	100	---	11	0	0	0	0	0	3.8K	FS

MTF - Mark Twain NF

Predictive Services Discussion: Cool temperatures will continue for the eastern half of the country under a large high pressure system. A low pressure system will bring a chance of thunderstorms to the Southwest and a frontal boundary will spread precipitation across the southern Great Plains.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Falling Snags

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
 - Strong winds
 - Night operations
 - Steep slopes
 - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
 - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
 - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
 - Numerous downed trees
 - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead
 - Accumulation of downed limbs
 - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
 - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
 - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
 - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
 - Establish lookouts.

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					1		1
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	12					3	15
	ACRES	9					0	9
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	5						5
Eastern Area	FIRES					30		30
	ACRES					107		107
Southern Area	FIRES			1		226	2	229
	ACRES			1		1,992	2,401	4,394
TOTAL	FIRES	13	0	1	0	258	5	277
	ACRES	14	0	1	0	2,100	2,401	4,516

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1					3	4
	ACRES	0					1	1
Northern California	FIRES					68	2	70
	ACRES					246	1	247
Southern California	FIRES					144	8	152
	ACRES					1,069	0	1,069
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3				2		5
	ACRES	0				14,490		14,490
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			3	1	6
	ACRES		13			42	0	55
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3			3		6
	ACRES		0			9		9
Southwest	FIRES	46	8	1	2	102	30	189
	ACRES	429	569	0	23	16,123	17,380	34,524
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30		0	1	66	5	102
	ACRES	543		27	0	36,153	159	36,882
Eastern Area	FIRES			2		1,627	106	1,735
	ACRES			3		16,747	2,701	19,451
Southern Area	FIRES	208		81	18	14,277	230	14,814
	ACRES	10,676		12,240	2,326	282,188	8,285	315,715
TOTAL	FIRES	288	13	84	21	16,292	385	17,083
	ACRES	11,648	582	12,270	2,349	367,067	28,527	422,443

Seven Year Average Fires	9,649
Seven Year Average Acres	299,458

*** 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	0
	ACRES						8	8
Northern California	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				4		16	20
Southern California	FIRES			2			2	4
	ACRES			40			153	193
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		40					40
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1,926	1,926
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					270		270
Southern Area	FIRES			1		9	5	15
	ACRES			20		1,337	4,190	5,547
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	3	0	10	10	24
	ACRES	0	40	60	4	1,607	6,293	8,004

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		71	3			9	83
	ACRES		2,611	170			303	3,084
Northern California	FIRES	22	22	3	17	4	100	168
	ACRES	193	150	852	87	1,155	3,183	5,620
Southern California	FIRES		6	5			108	119
	ACRES		165	96			7,509	7,770
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1				2	5
	ACRES	86	10				104	200
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		18		2	13	10	43
	ACRES		750		55	69	543	1,417
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1			5	9
	ACRES		72	0			219	291
Southwest	FIRES	2	5	2	1		101	111
	ACRES	40	8,840	251	179		9,687	18,997
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	18	7	27	3	7	58	120
	ACRES	1,169	54	3,417	41	124	7,659	12,464
Eastern Area	FIRES			5	1	135	18	159
	ACRES			103	15	16,861	4,617	21,596
Southern Area	FIRES	4		133	46	479	553	1,215
	ACRES	475		79,079	44,375	133,078	489,631	746,638
TOTAL	FIRES	48	133	179	70	638	964	2,032
	ACRES	1,963	12,652	83,968	44,752	151,287	523,455	818,077

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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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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