

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, March 26, 2009 – 0800 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (143 new fires)  
 New large fires: 4 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 7  
 Uncontained large fires: 9  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

The U.S. has mobilized one Burned Area Emergency Response team and one fire manager to Australia.

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 85  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 7  
 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.

**Peach Orchard**, Osage Agency, BIA. Four miles north of New Prue, OK. Hardwood litter and grass. Minimal fire activity.

**Brickyard**, National Forests in Florida. One mile south of Sumatra, FL. Southern rough. No new information.

**Woody**, Florida DOF. Nine miles north of Deltona, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity.

**Indian Lake**, Florida DOF. Three miles west of Daytona Beach, FL. Southern rough. Active fire activity.

**Old Fifty**, Florida DOF. One mile southwest of Richloam, FL. Brush. Smoldering and creeping.

**Matanzas**, Florida DOF. Three miles southwest of St. Augustine, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity.

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	10,721	0	NR	UNK	303	-1	0	16	4	0	14.8M	PRI
Peach Orchard	OK	OSA	10,900	484	90	UNK	4	0	0	2	0	0	NR	BIA
Brickyard	FL	FNF	1,200	---	70	3/28	54	---	1	9	0	0	15K	FS
Woody	FL	FLS	1,065	0	65	3/31	5	-7	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

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Indian Lake	FL	FLS	834	0	60	UNK	24	2	0	0	1	0	NR	ST
Old Fifty	FL	FLS	650	0	85	3/31	15	8	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
Matanzas	FL	FLS	440	0	80	UNK	5	2	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Pretty Penny	OK	OSA	6,000	98	100	---	0	-3	0	0	0	2	NR	BIA
* Westbourne RD	TN	TNS	700	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Brewster CMD	FL	FLS	640	0	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	1	NR	ST
Stone Mountain	TN	CNF	152	0	100	---	22	-28	1	0	0	0	92.5K	FS
* Big Salt Lick	KY	KYS	151	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Taylor Branch	KY	DBF	115	-10	100	---	0	-7	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

TNS – Tennessee DOF    CNF - Cherokee NF    KYS – Kentucky DOF    DBF – Daniel Boone NF

### **Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 3  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Geronimo**, Tucson District, Arizona State Forestry. Eight miles east of Sunizona, AZ. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened. Evacuations in progress.

**Montana**, Coronado NF. Ten miles southeast of Arivaca, AZ. Grass. Active fire behavior.

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
* Geronimo	AZ	A3S	1,000	---	0	UNK	30	---	1	10	0	4	NR	ST
* Montana	AZ	CNF	350	---	0	3/30	105	---	4	5	0	0	NR	FS

### **Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 52  
 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
Railroad	WV	MOF	125	0	100	---	81	0	2	2	1	0	NR	FS

MOF – Monongahela NF

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Strong winds and low relative humidity will continue across New Mexico and west Texas, and expand across southern Arizona and the Lower Colorado River Valley. The East will see improving conditions as precipitation spreads across the eastern states. The exception to this will be Florida as they will miss out on much of the precipitation; however relative humidity values will improve.

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



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

### **Common Denominators of Fire Behavior on Tragedy Fires**

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mopup stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups

### 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					5	2	7
	ACRES					0	4	4
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						3	3
	ACRES						380	380
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					176		176
Eastern Area	FIRES					51	1	52
	ACRES					573	40	613
Southern Area	FIRES			2		80	3	85
	ACRES			1		2,736	41	2,778
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	0	132	9	143
	ACRES	0	0	1	0	3,443	465	3,909

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	2				4	9
	ACRES	1	12				1	14
Northern California	FIRES					75	5	80
	ACRES					250	6	256
Southern California	FIRES					144	12	156
	ACRES					1,069	0	1,069
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	1			2		6
	ACRES	0	0			14,490		14,490
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			12	2	18
	ACRES		13			71	0	84
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3			3		6
	ACRES		0			9		9
Southwest	FIRES	59	9	1	2	124	43	238
	ACRES	442	8,876	0	23	32,483	17,788	59,612
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	34	3	0	1	111	5	154
	ACRES	644	4	27	0	38,818	159	39,652
Eastern Area	FIRES			6		2,574	177	2,757
	ACRES			29		26,085	4,221	30,335
Southern Area	FIRES	190		94	15	17,286	329	17,914
	ACRES	11,549		9,380	2,325	342,478	19,043	384,775
TOTAL	FIRES	289	22	101	18	20,331	577	21,338
	ACRES	12,636	8,905	9,436	2,348	455,753	41,218	530,296

<b>Seven Year Average Fires</b>	<b>13,604</b>
<b>Seven Year Average Acres</b>	<b>452,844</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						0	0
	ACRES						40	40
Northern California	FIRES	2	2	2	4		6	16
	ACRES	17	2	2,587	4		84	2,694
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						2	2
	ACRES						228	228
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						732	732
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES			689		3		692
Southern Area	FIRES			2	2	15	2	21
	ACRES			566	85	740	1,154	2,545
TOTAL	FIRES	2	2	5	6	16	11	42
	ACRES	17	2	3,842	89	743	2,238	6,931

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		73	3			9	85
	ACRES		2,879	170			349	3,398
Northern California	FIRES	24	26	12	20	4	109	195
	ACRES	207	154	4,018	127	1,155	3,383	9,044
Southern California	FIRES		8	5			112	125
	ACRES		416	96			7,923	8,435
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1				6	9
	ACRES	86	10				825	921
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		24	1	4	14	12	55
	ACRES		1,492	750	100	76	913	3,331
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	1			5	9
	ACRES		72	0			219	291
Southwest	FIRES	2	8	2	2		110	124
	ACRES	40	9,510	251	229		10,778	20,808
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	9	31	3	10	67	148
	ACRES	2,796	89	3,956	41	222	12,248	19,352
Eastern Area	FIRES			26	17	270	44	357
	ACRES			4,865	7,671	26,829	22,909	62,274
Southern Area	FIRES	5		178	56	546	703	1,488
	ACRES	495		77,918	57,360	188,220	652,559	976,552
TOTAL	FIRES	61	152	259	102	844	1,177	2,595
	ACRES	3,624	14,622	92,024	65,528	216,502	712,106	1,104,406

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