

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, April 17, 2009 – 0800 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (190 new fires)  
 New large fires: 0 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 45  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 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.

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	14,359	25	NR	UNK	408	6	2	17	5	0	21.9M	PRI
Cement Mountain Complex	TX	TXS	27,876	0	100	---	2	-3	0	1	0	65	NR	PRI

**Southwest (PL 2)**

New fires: 1  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

**Flying V**, Gila NF. Twenty-five miles east of Alma, NM. Grass. No new information.

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Flying V	NM	GNF	520	---	90	UNK	42	---	2	0	0	0	NR	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A large upper level low pressure system will move into the southern Great Plains today. Precipitation will extend from the Rocky Mountains into eastern Texas. Dry and windy conditions will develop behind the cold front in west Texas and southeast New Mexico. Low relative humidity will encompass much of the East under surface high pressure.

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



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

### **Working with Helicopter Drops**

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- Are other aircraft in the area?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotorwash?
- Will terrain and obstructions allow the helicopter to attain the proper drop height?
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

### 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					25	1	26
	ACRES					10	0	10
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			0		3		3
	ACRES			53		237		290
Eastern Area	FIRES	19				90	5	114
	ACRES	10				124	3	137
Southern Area	FIRES					42	3	45
	ACRES					181	21	202
TOTAL	FIRES	19	0	0	0	160	11	190
	ACRES	10	0	53	0	552	26	641

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	9	3				4	16
	ACRES	62	12				1	75
Northern California	FIRES	7			1	106	20	134
	ACRES	14			0	262	11	287
Southern California	FIRES		4	1		265	29	299
	ACRES		364	0		1,145	1	1,510
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	2			11	12	28
	ACRES	0	1			14,668	33	14,702
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	7	1		19	5	33
	ACRES	20	13	171		103	8	315
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	12			5		19
	ACRES	0	202			24		226
Southwest	FIRES	94	45	2	6	278	67	492
	ACRES	844	19,056	1	23	70,923	21,537	112,384
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	54	4	3	1	137	7	206
	ACRES	756	16	529	42	58,946	119	60,408
Eastern Area	FIRES	81		9	9	4,609	261	4,969
	ACRES	120		185	62	47,190	5,339	52,896
Southern Area	FIRES	226		128	27	20,165	375	20,921
	ACRES	31,717		16,266	9,799	518,431	21,499	597,712
TOTAL	FIRES	477	77	144	44	25,595	780	27,117
	ACRES	33,533	19,664	17,152	9,926	711,692	48,548	840,515

<b>Seven Year Average Fires</b>	<b>20,136</b>
<b>Seven Year Average Acres</b>	<b>745,821</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						2	2
Northern California	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		1				10	11
Southern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						19	19
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	3						3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				2		0	2
	ACRES				25		3,300	3,325
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				10			10
Eastern Area	FIRES			3		2	1	6
	ACRES			72		75	2	149
Southern Area	FIRES			2		1	28	31
	ACRES			1,095		200	21,684	22,979
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	5	2	3	35	47
	ACRES	3	1	1,167	35	275	25,017	26,498

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	4	78	9			22	113
	ACRES	696	4,548	2,623			698	8,565
Northern California	FIRES	26	32	12	29	4	142	245
	ACRES	224	159	12,231	138	1,155	4,270	18,177
Southern California	FIRES		5	5			127	137
	ACRES		456	96			8,869	9,421
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	1				18	22
	ACRES	89	10				1,170	1,269
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		28	1	6	20	13	68
	ACRES		1,948	750	178	102	1,069	4,047
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1			5	10
	ACRES		94	0			219	313
Southwest	FIRES	2	12	2	4		133	153
	ACRES	40	15,320	251	254		28,972	44,837
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	30	9	59	7	17	83	205
	ACRES	2,883	186	7,469	7,096	476	20,007	38,117
Eastern Area	FIRES	15		93	21	656	85	870
	ACRES	47,330		10,884	8,211	44,955	38,181	149,561
Southern Area	FIRES	6		213	67	613	886	1,785
	ACRES	2,390		111,155	60,810	221,256	837,632	1,233,243
TOTAL	FIRES	86	169	395	134	1,310	1,514	3,608
	ACRES	53,652	22,721	145,459	76,687	267,944	941,087	1,507,550

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