

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, February 26, 2010 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)**

Initial attack activity: Light (528 new fires)  
 New large fires: 7(\*)  
 Large fires contained: 5  
 Uncontained large fires : \*\* 1  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 0 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment.

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents.

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

Thirteen incident management specialists are assisting the State of Victoria, Australia. They are stationed at Orbost, Traralgon, Woori Yallock, Otways, Bendigo, Ballarat and Alexandra to supplement Victoria's Incident Management Team capacity and assist local offices with aviation management, community risk assessment, fuels management, and community bushfire protection planning.

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 497  
 New large fires: 7  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Turkey Hunter**, Oklahoma DOF. Seven miles southwest of Keys, OK. Grass. No further information received.

**Going Away Party**, National Forests in Mississippi. Confine/contain management strategy. Six miles northeast of Brooklyn, MS. Grass and heavy downed fuels. Moderate 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
* Turkey Hunter	OK	OKS	1,300	---	80	2/26	5	---	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
* Going Away Party	MS	MNF	500	---	10	2/27	12	---	0	4	0	0	3.5K	FS
* Diagonal	OK	OKS	1,000	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Bluehead	FL	FLS	675	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Flying Flamingo	FL	FLS	300	---	100	---	25	---	0	1	1	0	NR	ST
* Westervelt	AL	ALS	270	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Little Rock City	AL	ALS	103	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

FLS - Florida DOF    ALS – Alabama Forestry Commission

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Very low humidity is expected for much of the Southeast today and mainly over Georgia and the Carolinas on Saturday. Rain west of the Mississippi River today will spread to Florida on Saturday. Much of the Southwest will be dry on Sunday. Rain and mountain snow is on tap for Southern California today and tonight with the storm reaching the Southwest on the weekend.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Aviation Category.

### HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SAFETY

The following points should be considered when operating around an unimproved landing site:

- Always wear your personal protective equipment (PPE) when working around an operating helicopter. (Eye, hearing, head)
- Always get the approval of a flight crewmember or the pilot before approaching an operating helicopter.
- Only approach and depart a helicopter as directed, in a slightly crouched position, and in full view of a crewmember. Keep in pilot's field of vision at all times.
- Never go near the tail of helicopters.
- When loading helicopters in uneven terrain, always approach and depart from the down slope (lower) side and do not hold equipment overhead..
- Remove or secure loose articles prior to working around an operating helicopter.
- Be aware of the dust abatement conditions of the landing area, as blowing dust, sand, or rocks caused by the helicopter's rotor wash can be hazardous.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#), pgs 52, 54,55

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide \(IHOG\)](#)

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### Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES					16	1	17
	ACRES					2	0	2
Southern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		3			4	1	8
	ACRES		1			53	0	54
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	8		1		479	9	497
	ACRES	395		2		7,221	752	8,370
TOTAL	FIRES	8	3	1	0	499	17	528
	ACRES	395	1	2	0	7,276	753	8,427

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			1	3	5
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES					79	3	82
	ACRES					1	1	2
Southern California	FIRES					65	18	83
	ACRES					37	112	149
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1					5	6
	ACRES	0					0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	2	5
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	6	10			8	11	35
	ACRES	1	449			6,774	1,289	8,513
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	2		2		1	9
	ACRES	0	5		0		0	5
Eastern Area	FIRES					39	2	41
	ACRES					256	2	258
Southern Area	FIRES	54		11	1	1,936	32	2,034
	ACRES	873		390	1	19,839	4,423	25,526
TOTAL	FIRES	65	17	11	3	2,129	77	2,302
	ACRES	874	454	390	1	26,907	5,827	34,453

<b>Seven Year Average Fires</b>	<b>5,634</b>
<b>Seven Year Average Acres</b>	<b>148,968</b>

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

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		3	1			2	6
	ACRES		335	20			4	359
Northern California	FIRES		2	1	3		7	13
	ACRES		303	5,268	4		82	5,657
Southern California	FIRES			2			0	2
	ACRES			116			58	174
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		20				50	70
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						399	399
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			2	0	3
	ACRES		200			15	1,469	1,684
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						55	55
Southern Area	FIRES			5	5	14	70	94
	ACRES			2,165	2,415	16,403	69,528	90,511
TOTAL	FIRES	0	6	9	8	16	84	123
	ACRES	0	858	7,569	2,419	16,418	71,645	98,909

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		19	3			30	52
	ACRES		1,485	110			935	2,530
Northern California	FIRES		9	2	8		100	119
	ACRES		324	5,270	16		1,735	7,345
Southern California	FIRES		2	3			75	80
	ACRES		537	17			822	1,376
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	2					14
	ACRES	133	67					200
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6	1		5	4	16
	ACRES		211	0		43	204	458
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		31				78	109
Southwest	FIRES		3		4		33	40
	ACRES		5,680		838		6,362	12,880
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	28	2	4	23	102	160
	ACRES	5	571	47	85	234	6,618	7,560
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		20	1	22
	ACRES			3		556	55	614
Southern Area	FIRES	8		54	27	182	368	639
	ACRES	924		22,485	21,816	82,674	357,792	485,691
TOTAL	FIRES	21	70	66	43	230	715	1,145
	ACRES	1,062	8,906	27,932	22,755	83,507	374,601	518,763

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

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