

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, April 22, 2010 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Moderate (209 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires : \*\* 3  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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.

**Southern Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 148  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Stoney Fork**, National Forests in North Carolina. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Wilder) to local unit will occur 4/23. IMT is also managing the Bowling Green fire. Three miles southeast of Barnardsville, NC. Hardwood litter. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Bowling Green**, National Forests in North Carolina. Five miles southeast of Erwin, TN. Hemlock and hardwood litter. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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
Stoney Fork	NC	NCF	328	8	90	4/22	138	-70	4	4	1	0	529K	FS
Bowling Green	NC	NCF	200	0	90	4/22	88	-12	2	0	1	0	688K	FS

**Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 48  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Spring Mine Lake**, Minnesota State Forestry. Seven miles southeast of Eveleth, MN. Hardwood slash and brush. Active fire behavior with long-range spotting.

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* Spring Mine Lake	MN	MNS	240	---	60	UNK	45	---	1	3	1	0	70K	ST

MNS – Minnesota State Forestry

**Alaska Area (PL 1)**

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

\* **Stuart Creek 1**, Fort Wainwright FD, DOD. Confine/contain management strategy. Seventeen miles northeast of Eielson AFB. Grass. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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* Stuart Creek 1	AK	FWQ	1,126	---	60	UNK	45	---	1	3	1	0	70K	DOD

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Dry weather and low humidity will persist across the Great Lakes area today. Dry weather is also on tap for most of the Southeast with low humidity extending from Virginia southward to northern Florida.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
**Miscellaneous Category.**

### **ASH PIT HAZARDS**

Ash pits are an inherent and hidden risk to wildland firefighters that can cause severe burns and injuries. Ash pits are created when organic combustibles consume underground and empty space is created that is imperceptible from the surface.

- Environmental factors that increase the risk of ash pit formation after a wildfire:
  - Extensive root systems of trees and shrubs.
  - Deep duff or peat, the organic layer covering mineral soil.
  - Landscapes that have once been cultivated or manipulated by heavy equipment, old dozer piles, sawmills, timber sale yards or decking areas.
  - Small rodent holes that have become filled with decadent combustible debris, beaver holes near dams and stream beds, badger and coyote dens.
  - White ash is sometimes an indicator of ash pits as are swarms of hovering insects.
  - With the sun behind the suspected ash pit, look for small nearly translucent smokes that dissipate quickly above the ground
  - Ash pits often give off the smell of incomplete combustion or of creosote burning.
  
- Mitigation measures to consider:
  - Identification of high risk landscape.
  - Identify and flag all hazardous discovered ash pits.

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					15		15
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					5	1	6
	ACRES					32	1	33
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		200			0	0	200
Eastern Area	FIRES	15				30	3	48
	ACRES	9				236	5	250
Southern Area	FIRES	1				144	3	148
	ACRES	1				1,377	5	1,383
TOTAL	FIRES	16	1	0	0	184	8	209
	ACRES	10	200	0	0	1,660	11	1,881

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					30		30
Northwest	FIRES	5	1			6	7	19
	ACRES	185	0			2	0	187
Northern California	FIRES					144	9	153
	ACRES					10	6	16
Southern California	FIRES		3			137	38	178
	ACRES		221			257	116	594
Northern Rockies	FIRES	94	1			52	25	172
	ACRES	1,538	1			210	95	1,844
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	7			20	6	34
	ACRES	2	65			293	21	381
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	1		7		15
	ACRES		0	15		28		43
Southwest	FIRES	75	42	1	15	93	82	308
	ACRES	431	696	3	13	16,879	2,588	20,610
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	8	2	3	48	7	133
	ACRES	1,176	218	2,926	0	10,307	12	14,639
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		8	8	4,220	331	5,062
	ACRES	2,624		2,964	2	42,426	4,659	52,675
Southern Area	FIRES	482		38	19	11,877	358	12,774
	ACRES	31,863		711	108	160,625	15,390	208,697
TOTAL	FIRES	1,217	69	50	45	16,615	863	18,859
	ACRES	37,819	1,201	6,619	123	231,067	22,887	299,716

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>24,846</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>804,915</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		0
	ACRES					1,156		1,156
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES		1	0	2		4	7
	ACRES		5	882	2		100	989
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1			4	5
	ACRES			500			521	1,021
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					228	305	533
Eastern Area	FIRES	2				71	1	74
	ACRES	27				4,426	160	4,613
Southern Area	FIRES					6	2	8
	ACRES					3,324	1,749	5,073
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	1	2	78	13	97
	ACRES	27	5	1,382	2	9,134	2,835	13,385

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1,744		1,744
Northwest	FIRES	3	29	4	1		39	76
	ACRES	1,200	5,097	1,610	11		2,501	10,419
Northern California	FIRES		19	9	12		166	206
	ACRES		346	8,779	23		3,469	12,617
Southern California	FIRES		2	6			210	218
	ACRES		717	263			1,433	2,413
Northern Rockies	FIRES	44	12	18	1	7	82	164
	ACRES	536	1,149	5,731	55	147	9,490	17,108
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		12	7	0	8	14	41
	ACRES		1,202	3,190	42	711	3,786	8,931
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2			5	10
	ACRES		68	1,395			118	1,581
Southwest	FIRES	3	11	4	5		63	86
	ACRES	10	11,811	18	840		18,428	31,107
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	48	55	13	36	141	322
	ACRES	1,378	3,967	8,399	2,373	5,562	18,009	39,688
Eastern Area	FIRES	41		59	22	759	108	989
	ACRES	61,713		8,470	5,504	51,066	52,631	179,384
Southern Area	FIRES	15		171	59	8,677	1,009	9,931
	ACRES	2,705		70,357	48,182	208,095	1,020,414	1,349,753
TOTAL	FIRES	135	136	335	113	9,491	1,837	12,047
	ACRES	67,542	24,357	108,212	57,030	267,325	1,130,279	1,654,745

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

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***