

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, February 17, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)**

Initial attack activity: Light (568 new fires)  
 New large fires: 3 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 2  
 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 no large fire being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

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

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 511  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Grand Bay**, National Forests in Florida. Thirteen miles west of Tallahassee, FL. Southern rough. Smoldering.

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
* Grand Bay	FL	FNF	793	0	90	2/20	5	-5	0	1	0	0	28.5K	FS
* Agroek	FL	FLS	600	---	100	---	1	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

FLS – Florida Forest Service

**Southwest Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 18  
 New large fires: 1  
 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
* Hilton	AZ	SAD	460	---	100	---	30	---	0	5	0	6	148K	BLM

SAD - Safford Field Office, BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A developing storm along a stalled front across the Gulf Coast will produce showers and thunderstorms from Texas to Florida Friday, moving up the East coast by Monday as the system exits the country. Meanwhile, another Pacific storm will bring scattered rain and snow to the Northwest and the Great Basin over the weekend before weakening Monday. Scattered snow will linger across the northern Rockies and scattered rain and thunderstorms will develop along the Gulf states and Midwest through midweek.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Today's discussion is from the  
LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, Safety Zones)  
Category.

### Subjective vs. Objective Hazards

A popular mountaineering test divides the alpinists' hazards into two distinct types: subjective, which one has direct control over (e.g., condition of the equipment, the decision to turn back) and objective hazards which are inherent to the alpine environment (e.g., avalanches, rock fall).

Objective hazards are a natural part of the environment. They cannot be eliminated and either one must not go into the environment where they exist or adhere to a procedure where safety from the hazard is assured.

Similarly, the wildland firefighter's hazards are either subjective or objective. Examples of subjective hazards would be working below a dozer constructing fireline or the use of improper techniques while felling a tree. The fireline supervisor has direct control over these types of hazards.

The wildland fire environment has four basic objective hazards; lightning, fire-weakened timber (standing and lying), rolling rocks and entrapment by running fires. When these hazards exist the options are to not enter the environment or to adhere to a safe procedure. I feel the key to this safe procedure is LCES.

Although, the following discussion applies to all objective hazards, we will directly address fire entrapments.

● Identify subjective or objective hazards of working in the vicinity of:

- Dozer(s) or Tractor Plows
- Snags
- Helicopters
- Fixed Wing Aircraft
- Other Engines and Vehicles
- ATVs
- Oil and Gas Wells and Pipelines
- Power lines

### References:

["LCES and Other Thoughts" by Paul Gleason](#)

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					59		59
Southern California	FIRES					3	6	9
	ACRES					156	1	157
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	4	3				11	18
	ACRES	3	462				17	482
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					18		18
	ACRES					11		11
Southern Area	FIRES			2		500	9	511
	ACRES			37		3,226	1,134	4,397
TOTAL	FIRES	4	6	2	0	529	27	568
	ACRES	3	462	37	0	3,452	1,152	5,106

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Northern California	FIRES				1	156	26	183
	ACRES				0	192	25	217
Southern California	FIRES	6	2		3	179	41	231
	ACRES	8	0		1	546	24	579
Northern Rockies	FIRES	16			1	1	4	22
	ACRES	18,054			0	40	6	18,100
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6		1	5		12
	ACRES		4		0	14		18
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9		1	9	2	21
	ACRES		652		0	2,247	395	3,294
Southwest	FIRES	34	11	1	2	17	22	87
	ACRES	127	465	1	2,228	44	195	3,060
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	36		1		28	6	71
	ACRES	807		0		394	92	1,293
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		202	14	217
	ACRES			98		615	280	993
Southern Area	FIRES	37		5	1	2,718	66	2,827
	ACRES	1,464		13,038	41	22,141	6,212	42,896
TOTAL	FIRES	129	28	8	10	3,316	181	3,672
	ACRES	20,460	1,121	13,137	2,270	26,234	7,229	70,451

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>3,627</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>93,454</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		0				4	4
	ACRES		35				121	156
Northern California	FIRES		1	2	0		11	14
	ACRES		8	494	15		826	1,343
Southern California	FIRES		2	1			13	16
	ACRES		35	30			376	441
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				24		100	124
Western Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						55	55
Southwest	FIRES		0				9	9
	ACRES		5				1,250	1,255
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2		1	1	8	12
	ACRES		53		46	38	318	455
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	2		4	2	77	30	115
	ACRES	330		393	501	8,103	16,171	25,498
TOTAL	FIRES	2	5	7	3	78	75	170
	ACRES	330	136	917	586	8,141	19,217	29,327

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		22	1			25	48
	ACRES		635	10			1,348	1,993
Northern California	FIRES	2	6	5	11		93	117
	ACRES	107	57	546	53		6,070	6,833
Southern California	FIRES		4	3			60	67
	ACRES		1,390	95			1,675	3,160
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2				2	4
	ACRES		105				40	145
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2		2	11	4	19
	ACRES		50		58	208	429	745
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2		4	2	10
	ACRES		52	268		96	87	503
Southwest	FIRES	4	3	1	12		75	95
	ACRES	164	805	10	78		4,602	5,659
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	13	1	13	8	38	77
	ACRES	332	188	5	297	153	4,711	5,686
Eastern Area	FIRES			25		101	10	136
	ACRES			3,299		5,943	2,142	11,384
Southern Area	FIRES	13		19	23	354	209	618
	ACRES	2,633		6,882	24,082	62,787	153,623	250,007
TOTAL	FIRES	23	54	57	61	478	518	1,191
	ACRES	3,236	3,282	11,115	24,568	69,187	174,727	286,115

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

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

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