

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, April 14, 2012 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (180 new fires)
 New large fires: 5 (*)
 Large fires contained: 5
 Uncontained large fires: ** 9
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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 2)

New fires: 78
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 7
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Easter Complex (four fires), George Washington & Jefferson NF. IMT1 (Quesinberry). One mile northeast of Buena Vista, VA. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity. Numerous residences threatened.

County Line, National Forests in Florida. IMT 2 (Dueitt). Twenty-five miles north of Lake City, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity.

Shipwreck, Virginia DOF. Previously reported under Easter Complex. One mile west of Shenandoah, VA. Hardwood litter. No further information received.

Bowens Creek, Daniel Boone NF. Five miles north of Roark, KY. Hardwood litter. No new information.

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
Easter Complex	VA	VAF	18,307	596	45	UNK	407	-96	11	15	4	0	954K	FS
County Line	FL	FNF	34,936	4,682	60	UNK	367	-43	2	40	5	0	2M	FS
Shipwreck	VA	VAS	3,400	---	95	4/14	128	---	4	13	1	0	190K	ST
Bowens Creek	KY	DBF	171	---	90	---	13	---	1	0	0	0	10K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

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

Middle Creek, Routt County. Six miles northwest of Oak Creek, CO. Brush and grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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
Middle Creek	CO	RTX	480	---	80	UNK	1	---	0	0	0	0	56K	CNTY

Southwest (PL 1)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Jordan, Gila NF. Twenty-five miles north of Silver City, NM. Pinion pine, juniper and grass. Creeping and 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
* Jordan	NM	GNF	300	---	0	4/20	75	---	4	0	1	0	12K	FS

Eastern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 96
 New large fires: 2
 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
* Clow Border	MN	MNS	1,000	---	100	---	25	---	0	6	1	0	5K	ST
Hopewell	PA	PAS	741	122	100	---	28	0	0	18	1	0	604K	ST
* Peatland	MN	MNS	720	---	100	---	27	---	0	7	1	0	5K	ST

MNS – Minnesota DNR PAS – Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires: 1
New large fires: 2
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
* Dalton	MT	SWS	440	---	100	---	36	---	1	3	0	0	47K	ST
* Treetop	ND	DPF	400	---	100	---	54	---	0	19	0	0	10K	ST

SWS – Montana DNR DPF – Dakota Prairie National Grasslands

Predictive Services Discussion: The western U.S. trough will continue moving through the Rockies, pushing a cold front across the Plains. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will stretch from Texas to Minnesota with rain and some snow across the Dakotas to eastern Colorado. Warm but breezy conditions will develop over the eastern states. In the West, scattered snow showers will linger across the northern and central Rockies while cool but generally dry conditions move into the West Coast, Great Basin and the Southwest. Generally dry conditions will settle over most of Alaska while a storm in the Gulf of Alaska brings windy and wet conditions to the southern coastal areas.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Aviation Category.

HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SELECTION

Consider the following points when selecting a landing area for a helicopter:

- Locate a flat area that is of sufficient size for the helicopter you are expecting to land.
 - Type I -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 30 feet by 30 feet; safety circle measuring 110 feet in diameter.
 - Type II -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 20 feet by 20 feet; safety circle measuring 90 feet in diameter.
 - Type III -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 15 feet by 15 feet; safety circle measuring 75 feet in diameter.
- Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, and obstructions such as trees, poles, and especially overhead wires.
- The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or anything over 18 inches high.
- Consider the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind.
- Choose an approach free of obstructions. Any obstruction should be relayed to the helicopter crew during initial radio contact.
- Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing area such as trash, blankets, hats, or equipment.
- Wet down the landing area if dusty conditions are present.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Fireline Handbook](#)

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

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	19						19
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	20				5	0	25
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	21				67	8	96
	ACRES	64				2,036	108	2,208
Southern Area	FIRES					74	4	78
	ACRES					295	1,747	2,042
TOTAL	FIRES	25	0	0	0	142	13	180
	ACRES	103	0	0	0	2,336	1,855	4,294

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	15	2			28		45
	ACRES	1,047	202			441		1,690
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	2	306	34	344
	ACRES		0	0	1	561	39	601
Southern California	FIRES	7	22	1	5	471	92	598
	ACRES	9	4	0	1	792	89	895
Northern Rockies	FIRES	340	7	3	2	43	22	417
	ACRES	21,165	1,320	412	620	2,040	597	26,154
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	22		2	51	6	90
	ACRES	123	38		0	576	155	892
Western Great Basin	FIRES		20		3	20	3	46
	ACRES		1,099		0	2,316	429	3,844
Southwest	FIRES	151	25	3	3	89	80	351
	ACRES	3,240	1,307	1	2,228	2,734	2,542	12,052
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	309	25	16	2	346	44	742
	ACRES	9,620	275	1,108	808	31,594	874	44,279
Eastern Area	FIRES	436		3	9	2,864	200	3,512
	ACRES	1,376		2	397	29,676	4,250	35,701
Southern Area	FIRES	203		14	19	7,377	220	7,833
	ACRES	28,927		14,863	3,443	96,272	37,782	181,287
TOTAL	FIRES	1,470	124	41	47	11,595	701	13,978
	ACRES	65,507	4,245	16,386	7,498	167,002	46,757	307,395

Ten Year Average Fires	19,191
Ten Year Average Acres	606,639

*** 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
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			1,636				1,636
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1			0		3	4
	ACRES	45			1		103	149
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			3	1	3	2	9
	ACRES			1,381	3	152	86	1,622
Southern Area	FIRES			1		34	8	43
	ACRES			240		1,105	10,891	12,236
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	4	1	37	13	56
	ACRES	45	0	3,257	4	1,257	11,080	15,643

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	30	2			31	64
	ACRES	5	1,222	891			3,920	6,038
Northern California	FIRES	2	12	12	18		117	161
	ACRES	107	153	4,798	138		8,697	13,893
Southern California	FIRES		6	4			138	148
	ACRES		1,516	125			3,495	5,136
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	9	4	1	1	51	70
	ACRES	243	2,056	662	10	0	5,156	8,127
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12	1	3	13	17	47
	ACRES	25	246	10	113	326	4,955	5,675
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	4		13	3	27
	ACRES		2,236	419		279	116	3,050
Southwest	FIRES	5	7	4	15		92	123
	ACRES	220	6,230	566	109		14,270	21,395
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	17	19	32	16	16	59	159
	ACRES	1,781	1,861	2,681	1,831	1,346	9,572	19,072
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		121	35	695	111	982
	ACRES	20,908		21,490	9,048	47,139	51,602	150,187
Southern Area	FIRES	22		111	50	5,993	719	6,895
	ACRES	4,743		45,778	34,384	381,465	684,723	1,151,093
TOTAL	FIRES	72	102	295	138	6,731	1,338	8,676
	ACRES	28,032	15,520	77,420	45,633	430,555	786,506	1,383,666

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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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