

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, May 2, 2012 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (91 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires: ** 7
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally there are no large fires 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: 36
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 1 IMT committed: 1

Livermore Ranch Complex (two fires), Texas Forest Service. IMT1 (Wilder). Eighteen miles west of Fort Davis, TX. Pine, juniper and grass. Moderate fire activity. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

County Line, National Forests in Florida. Twenty-five miles north of Lake City, FL. Southern rough. Smoldering.

* **Ford Property**, Florida Forest Service. Nine miles southwest of Oak Hill, FL. Timber and southern rough. Active fire behavior.

Sugar Maple Road, Texas Forest Service. Three miles west of Kountze, TX. Timber. 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
Livermore Ranch Complex	TX	TXS	23,963	3,637	30	UNK	259	46	4	11	2	0	1M	ST
County Line	FL	FNF	34,936	0	85	5/15	134	-1	1	18	3	0	6.9M	FS
* Ford Property	FL	FLS	245	---	60	UNK	13	---	0	0	1	0	NR	ST
Sugar Maple Road	TX	TXS	115	---	90	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Apache Pass, Safford Field Office, BLM. Eleven miles south of Bowie, AZ. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

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Apache Pass	AZ	SAD	1,646	1,146	35	5/2	169	14	7	5	1	0	500K	BLM

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 1)

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

* **Toquerville Assist 02**, Southwest Area, Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands. Toquerville, UT. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

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* Toquerville Assist 02	UT	SWS	500	---	0	UNK	41	---	0	6	1	0	NR	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: A weak trough will remain over the western U.S. while a ridge slowly builds in the East. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will move into the Northwest and the Great Basin but dry conditions will continue across much of the Southwest. Low pressure over the southern Plains will cause critical fire weather conditions associated with strong winds and low relative humidity over eastern New Mexico and parts of far western Texas. A front across the northern Plains and Great Lakes region will produce scattered thunderstorms from Iowa to the mid-Atlantic. In Alaska, snow will continue across most of the central and northern parts of the state while rain showers move across the southeast.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Hazard Tree Category.

HAZARD TREE FELLING – HANG-UPS

For decades, hazard trees have been associated with numerous deaths of workers assigned fire operations and project work. Incidents involving hazard trees are included in the top 5 life threats to wildland firefighters along with wildfire entrapment and motor vehicle accidents. In private industry, logging is recognized as the most dangerous occupation in the nation, and many associated fatalities involve felling hazard trees. Felling a hung-up hazard tree is a particularly hazardous and complex task.



- Sawyers are to be reminded on how vital it is to constantly apply and maintain situational awareness and assess risks, particularly when faced with problem of a **hang-up** hazard tree.
- In most cases, safely felling a hang-up requires extreme caution and expertise due to characteristic danger and complexity. The following are some topics experienced sawyers should review during 6 minutes for safety/tailgate safety discussions and cover in training modules specifically designed to address felling hang-up hazard trees:

- Cut/No Cut (walk-a-way) criteria
- Risk Assessment
- Situational Awareness Checklist
- Secure Felling Area
- No Work Zones (NWZ)
- Blasting option
- Equipment/cable option
- Role/responsibility of swamper/lookout
- Escape routes
- Pushing/driver tree opportunity
- Felling trees tied together
- Sidewinder potential
- Hazards of obscured view of top
- Need to keep looking up
- Weak/spiked tops, limb location/condition/density, and hidden defect/rot
- Prescribed step down (fence post/wafer) cutting techniques
- Rope Technique

References:

[Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Northern California	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					1		1
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				1	1	4
	ACRES	0				1	0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		0			1	2	3
	ACRES		1,146			5	0	1,151
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2				8	5	15
	ACRES	0				0	2	2
Eastern Area	FIRES	13				16		29
	ACRES	6				209		215
Southern Area	FIRES					35	1	36
	ACRES					343	3	346
TOTAL	FIRES	17	0	0	0	65	9	91
	ACRES	6	1,146	0	0	560	5	1,717

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1				20	1	22
	ACRES	0				12	0	12
Northwest	FIRES	23	3		1	52	2	81
	ACRES	1,222	5,923		3	708	0	7,856
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	2	366	52	422
	ACRES		0	0	1	649	50	700
Southern California	FIRES	7	30	1	5	520	104	667
	ACRES	9	8	0	1	807	90	915
Northern Rockies	FIRES	405	7	9	2	57	29	509
	ACRES	21,632	1,320	744	620	2,173	729	27,218
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	30		2	88	9	138
	ACRES	103	122		0	1,004	157	1,386
Western Great Basin	FIRES		62		4	35	5	106
	ACRES		1,894		0	2,319	432	4,645
Southwest	FIRES	213	49	8	3	162	113	548
	ACRES	3,340	3,976	14	2,228	8,278	3,406	21,242
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	336	39	19	4	418	67	883
	ACRES	17,315	271	1,238	818	33,099	9,892	62,633
Eastern Area	FIRES	602		11	11	4,943	237	5,804
	ACRES	1,528		135	397	38,559	5,811	46,430
Southern Area	FIRES	207		17	21	8,419	272	8,936
	ACRES	30,768		14,916	3,443	107,247	46,962	203,336
TOTAL	FIRES	1,803	221	66	55	15,080	891	18,116
	ACRES	75,917	13,514	17,047	7,511	194,855	67,529	376,373

Ten Year Average Fires	23,452
Ten Year Average Acres	877,934

*** 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						1	1
	ACRES						16	16
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						10	10
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			2			1	3
	ACRES			800			14	814
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1,955	1,955
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					19		19
Southern Area	FIRES					70	4	74
	ACRES					3,585	4,559	8,144
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	0	71	6	79
	ACRES	0	0	800	0	3,604	6,554	10,958

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					502		502
Northwest	FIRES	1	30	3			47	81
	ACRES	5	1,222	909			6,357	8,493
Northern California	FIRES	2	13	12	21		134	182
	ACRES	107	203	14,752	150		9,576	24,788
Southern California	FIRES		6	4		1	147	158
	ACRES		1,516	125		550	3,600	5,791
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	8	14	1	2	93	122
	ACRES	243	3,811	2,684	10	1	11,668	18,417
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	13	2	4	17	30	68
	ACRES	463	424	188	269	334	8,897	10,575
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	4		13	3	27
	ACRES		2,236	419		279	116	3,050
Southwest	FIRES	6	11	6	15		104	142
	ACRES	273	7,706	2,591	109		27,965	38,644
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	19	21	38	21	12	55	166
	ACRES	1,840	2,465	4,926	2,492	1,256	9,437	22,416
Eastern Area	FIRES	31		223	40	813	132	1,239
	ACRES	21,500		49,872	9,054	52,682	54,496	187,604
Southern Area	FIRES	22		116	50	6,471	794	7,453
	ACRES	4,743		47,141	34,384	400,731	767,176	1,254,175
TOTAL	FIRES	87	109	422	152	7,331	1,539	9,640
	ACRES	29,174	19,583	123,607	46,468	456,335	899,288	1,574,455

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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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