

Southern Area Coordination Center Morning Report

Monday, 16, 2009

10:00 p.m.

Southern Area
Preparedness Level: 1

Southern Area Current Situation

National Preparedness Level: 1

Compact Status: All state compacts are closed.

Note: We now have monthly fire activity maps posted on our website under YTD and historical data on the intelligence page.

For fire potential and hurricane data please refer to the following links:

[7 day outlook](#)

[National Hurricane Center](#)

Initial Attack Activity*

The Southern Area reported 12 fires for 179 acres in FL, MS AND SC.

* For specific information on fire activity (numbers of new wildland or prescribed fires and year-to-date totals by state/unit), please refer to the Southern Area [Summary](#) or [Detailed](#) Situation Reports.

Incident Information (as reported via ICS-209s)

Large/significant incident¹ activity includes: (Newly reported fires are highlighted in blue; NR means not reported.)

Incident Name	Incident Number	Start Date	Size	% Ctn or MMA	IMT Assigned	Structures Destroyed to Date
Blue Hole Fire	MS-MSR-090001	02/07/2009	304	100	T3IC	0
Whitehorn	OK-OSA-009048	02/02/2009	437	90	T4IC	
2009 Winter Initial Attack	TX-TXS-990019	01/31/2009	3,117		T2IC	1

Prescribed Fire Activity

The Southern Area reported 6 prescribed fires 4643 acres in AR and MS.

Remarks by reporting office

AR-AOC	No fire activity on the OSF; On the ONF, 2 prescribed burns for 2,534 acres were completed on 02/14. 1 prescribed burn for 300 acres completed on 2/15; 1 prescribed burn for 531 acres not completed at report time today- acreage will be reported on 2/16.
FL-FLS	New Fires: 7 new acres: 103.8 active fires: 56 active acres: 3,081.4
VA-VIC	Wolf Creek fire controlled at the end of shift today. Acres reported are to correct previous totals.

Resources

Heavy Air Tankers		Single Engine Air Tankers		Helicopters			Fixed Wing		
Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Lead	Air Attack	ASM

¹ Large incidents are defined as fires which are 100+ acres in timber or 300+ acres in grass/brush, or incidents with a Type 1 or 2 IMT assigned. Incidents with structures damaged or destroyed are also included, regardless of size.

0	1	4	2	4	0	4	0	8	0
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CREWS ASSIGNED BY TYPE			
TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 2IA	Not in Catalog
1	1	0	4

ENGINES ASSIGNED BY TYPE						
TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	TYPE 5	TYPE 6	TYPE 7
0	0	0	7	0	17	3

OVERHEAD ASSIGNED BY AGENCY	
PROVIDING AGENCY	AGENCY TOTALS
Bureau of Indian Affairs	3
Bureau of Land Management	16
Department of Defense	2
Department of Labor	1
Fish and Wildlife Service	6
States	129
National Park Service	27
National Weather Service	3
US Forest Service	193
OVERALL TOTAL	380

TEAM & HOTSHOT CREW INFORMATION	
Area Command Team <i>Through 1709 MDT on 02/25/09</i>	Loach
Incident Management Teams - National Rotation <i>Through 1630 MDT on 02/18/09</i>	Northwest
Interagency Buying Team - National Rotation <i>Through 1540 MDT on 02/20/09</i>	Rocky Basin
Southern Area Incident Management Teams:	
Quesinberry (Type 1 - Blue)	Unavailable
Ruggiero (Type 1 - Red)	Available
Wilder (Type 2)	Available (On Rotation)
Custer NIMO	Available (Currently #1 till 2/20/2009)
Asheville Hotshots (Asheville, NC)	COMMITTED FL-FNF-009001, C-1
Augusta Hotshots (Augusta Springs, VA)	Unavailable
Cherokee Hotshots (Unicoi, TN)	Available beginning 2/17/09 at noon

 **Click for today's
Southern Area Summary
Situation Report**



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KBDI Links: [Florida KBDI Index](#)

Links to Burn Ban Information:

[Arkansas Burn Ban Map](#) [Oklahoma Burn Ban Map](#)

[Alabama Drought Info](#) [Mississippi Burn Bans](#)

[Florida Burn Ban Map](#)

[Texas Burn Ban Map](#)

[Kentucky Burn Ban Map](#)

Southern Area Predictive Services
Daily Fire/All Hazards Weather Summary and Outlook

Monday, February 16, 2009

A few rain and snow showers are possible this morning in North Carolina and Virginia from a departing upper level disturbance.

Moisture returning from the Gulf of Mexico will lead to a few showers in Texas and Louisiana today and tonight.

As the system in the West begins to head east and a surface low begins to develop in the Rockies and High Plains tomorrow, winds will begin to crank up in the Plains and shower and thunderstorm chances will go up in the Lower Mississippi Valley tomorrow and tomorrow night, and spread east through the Southeast on Wednesday.

A few thunderstorms are possible over the Florida Peninsula and some rain and snow showers are possible in the Southern Appalachians on Thursday, with windy conditions expected all across the Southeast.

Highs today will range from around 40 in the Virginia Mountains to the upper 70s in South Florida

FIRE WEATHER FORECAST

High pressure will build into the southern/eastern U.S. behind an upper trough and deepening low pressure system off the atlantic coast. Dry northerly winds will create critical fire conditions for FL this afternoon.

To the west...a large upper low/trough will bring significant precipitation to CA...spreading into the great basin overnight. Southwesterly flow aloft across the central and southern plains will help to create lee troughing during the afternoon...with a tight pressure gradient resulting in strong southwesterly winds from NM into KS.

CRITICAL FIRE AREAS-

Much of FL...extreme southern GA...

Primary conditions: low RH combined with northerly winds and drought

Dry air will filter southward as high pressure builds. Northerly winds near 15 mph with higher gusts will combine with min RH levels ranging from 20 percent northern FL to 35 percent south central FL as well as ongoing drought conditions to create favorable fire conditions this afternoon. Although some precipitation fell across the western FL panhandle recently...amounts over the rest of FL were quite light and thus fuels will remain dry.

Eastern NM...OK/TX panhandles...southwestern KS/southeastern CO...

Southwest winds will quickly increase to 20-30 mph across the region in response to lowering surface pressure over eastern CO/NM and high pressure to the east. Relatively cool temperatures in the 50s and low 60s should only result in moderately low minimum RH values from 20-30 percent from eastern NM into southwestern KS and southeastern CO. Higher values of 30-40 percent are likely over western OK and much of northwestern TX. This may yield a marginal fire weather setup during the peak heating hours this afternoon...quickly diminishing during the evening.