

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENT MANAGEMENT REPORT

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PREPAREDNESS LEVELS

Southern Area 3
National **2**

COMPACT STATUS

South Central Open
Southeastern Closed
Mid-Atlantic Closed

Southern Area Activity/Impacts

04/19/2018

Current Situation:			
Initial Attack (I.A.) Activity:	Light	Ongoing Uncontained Large/Significant Fires & Active Acreage:	11 fires
Total I.A. fires and acreage:	85 fires for 1,345 acres		396,331 acres
New Fires on Federal Protected Lands in:	3 fires for 2,378 acres	New Fires on State Protected Lands in:	57 fires for 707 acres
	FL & SC		AL, AR, FL, MS, NC & SC
Other I.A. reported through non-FAMWEB Channels:	27 fires for 119 acres in GA, OK, TX & VA		
Prescribed Fire Activity:	State and/or Federal Lands – 105 prescribed fires for 22,941 acres in AL, AR, FL, LA, NC, SC & TX		

Significant Activity

04/19/2018

New Large ICS-209 Incidents/Critical Updates: None.**

Large/Significant Activity:

(Blue = newly reported fires & changes)

Incident Name	Incident Number	Start Date	Size	Acres + or -	% Ctn. /MMA	IMT Assigned	Structure Loss
Rhea	OK-OKS-000818	4/12/18	289,078	+5,983	25%	IMT1 (FLST Gold)	32 Residences
34 Complex	OK-OKS-180037	4/12/18	62,089	-5,689	60%	IMT2 (Parrish)	35 Residences 20 Outbuildings
Buzzard (p)	FL-BCP-018027	4/10/18	6,016	+516	5%	Type 3 Team	1 Outbuilding
Context Fire (c)	FL-EVP-018042	3/28/18	1,047		70%	Type 4 IC	
Mashunkashey	OK-OSA-000874	4/16/18	1,644		80%	Type 3 Team	
Bar 2	OK-OSA-018067	4/18/18	476		80%	Type 4 IC	
McClellan	TX-TXS-180418	4/17/18	32,100		80%	Type 3 IC	1 Residence 2 Outbuildings
Matagorda Island #	TX-MAR-000004	4/15/18	500		90%	Type 4 IC	
Vanderburg *	TX-TXS-180420	4/17/18	498		95%	Type 5 IC	
Gate Mountain	VA-VAF-180116	4/13/18	1,040		97%	Type 4 IC	
Spoonbill #	FL-BCP-180019	3/31/18	1,843		99%	Type 5 IC	
Wolfe Creek	FL-FLS-010336	4/18/18	200		100%	Type 5 IC	
Clark Road #3	NC-NCS-180030	4/19/18	115		100%	Type 4 IC	
Gum Swamp Lake Rd	NC-NCS-180031	4/19/18	173		100%	Type 4 IC	
Harbor Bay	TX-TXS-180396	4/13/18	1,109		100%	Type 5 IC	2 Residences 6 Commercial
2473	TX-TXS-180413	4/16/18	805		100%	Type 5 IC	
287	TX-TXS-180423	4/18/18	477	-1023	100%	Type 5 IC	

= No updated information was submitted; * = No change in status

Definitions:

Full Suppression/Perimeter Control: Implies a strategy to "put the fire out" as efficiently and effectively as possible, while providing for firefighter and public safety.

(p) Point or Zone Protection/Limited Perimeter Control: Involves protecting specific points from the fire while not actively trying to line the entire fire edge.

(c) Monitor/Confine/Contain: Management actions conforming to a monitoring strategy that periodically checks the fire to ensure it continues to meet objectives, and where no further action is taken.

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

** For the purposes of this report "Large ICS-209 Incidents" are defined as fires which are 100+ acres in any fuel type or incidents with a Type 1 or 2 IMT assigned. Incidents with structures damaged or destroyed are also included, regardless of size.

RESOURCES

The number of resource currently committed is obtained from the Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS). There may be slight Discrepancies in the total number of resources reported. The Overhead column only reflects overhead positions, not the total number of personnel assigned.

SACC MORNING REPORT - RESOURCES CURRENTLY ASSIGNED IN AREA

Resource Provider Agency	Aircraft	Crew	Equipment	Overhead	Summary
Arkansas Agriculture Department				1	1
Aviation Mgmt., National Business Center	7				7
Bureau of Indian Affairs			5	22	27
Bureau of Land Management	2		4	35	41
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management				1	1
Cherokee Nation			1	6	7
Colorado Department of Public Safety	1				1
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes				2	2
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde				8	8
Department of the Interior				1	1
Florida Forest Service		1	6	35	42
Georgia Forestry Commission			9	29	38
Kentucky Division of Forestry			6	4	10
LA Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry			8	9	17
Mississippi Forestry Commission			7	5	12
MT Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation				2	2
National Park Service			9	40	49
North Carolina Forest Service				5	5
Oklahoma Forestry Services			23		23
Other	10	1	6	42	59
Roanoke County (VA)			1		1
South Carolina Forestry Commission				4	4
Texas Forest Service		1	52	114	167
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service			14	18	32
U.S. Forest Service	28	6	66	427	527
Virginia Department of Forestry				13	13
WA Department of Natural Resources				2	2
WI Department of Natural Resources			11	12	23
Summary	48	9	228	837	1,122

SACC MORNING REPORT - RESOURCES CURRENTLY ASSIGNED OUT OF AREA

Resource Provider Agency	Crew	Equipment	Overhead	Summary
Bureau of Land Management			1	1
Georgia Forestry Commission			1	1
National Park Service		2	4	6
North Carolina Forest Service			1	1
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service			8	8
U.S. Forest Service	1		7	8
Summary	1	2	22	25

NATIONAL TEAM RESOURCES AVAILABLE	
Area Command Team:	Muir (through 4/23 @ 1000 MST)
Incident Management Teams - National Rotation:	Southern (through 4/23 @ 1000 MST)
Interagency Buying Team - National Rotation:	Unavailable (through 4/23 @ 1000 MST)

SOUTHERN AREA – IMT	
For Rotations Dates, please click HERE <i>Bold indicates IMT on SA Current Rotation</i>	
Dueitt (T1) Red	Unavailable
Wilkins (T1) Blue	Available
Parrish (T2) Gold	Committed – 34 Complex – OK
Mousel (T1) FLST Gold	Committed – Rhea – OK
TYPE 1 CREWS	
Asheville Hotshots (Asheville, NC)	Committed – FY 18 FNF Rx – FL
Augusta Hotshots (Augusta Springs, VA)	Committed – Gate Mountain – VA
Cherokee Hotshots (Unicoi, TN)	Committed (Module B) – Gate Mountain – VA
Jackson Hotshots (Jackson, MS)	Unavailable – End of Season
TYPE 2 IA CREWS	
FL ST #1	Committed – 34 Complex – OK
Lone Star State #1	Committed – Wildfire Support FY18 – TX
Patrick 13A	Mob en route – 34 Complex – OK
PatRick 20A	Committed – WV-MOF-Fire Support 2018 - WV
PR MA #3	Committed – Buzzard – FL
SOUTHERN AREA WILDLAND FIRE MODULES	
Balcones Wildland Fire Module	Unavailable – TX
Buffalo River Wildland Fire Module	Unavailable – AR
Cumberland GAP NHP	Unavailable – KY
Great Smoky Mtn. Wildland Fire Module	Committed – Buzzard – FL
SUPPRESSION MODULES	
BIA Suppression Module #1	Committed – Colony – OK
Flatwoods JCC Suppression Module	Committed – FY18 GW & Jeff Support - VA
Lonesome Pine	Committed – FY18 GW & Jeff Support - VA
Module Black Hills	Committed – 2018 NFGT Rx Fire Support – TX
Module JC 8F	Committed – FY2018 Regional Support - MS
Module JC 8G	Committed – SC Crooked Bridge - AL
Module JC 8H	Committed – 2018 Zone Prescribed Fire - AL
Module JC 8I	Committed – FY18 Chattoconee Rx Burns – GA
Patrick 20B #1	Committed – KICC Support 2018 – KY
Patrick 20B #2	Committed – FY18 GW & Jeff Support - VA
Salmon Challis	Committed – FY18 GW & Jeff Support – VA
AVIATION RESOURCES	
N364WA (Type 1 Air Attack Platform)	Committed – 2018 OKS Fire Support
N95AR (Type 1 Air Attack Platform)	Committed – 2018 OKS Fire Support
N848CE (Type 1 Air Attack Platform)	Committed – 34 Complex – Oklahoma

N500FT (Type 1 Air Attack Platform)	Committed – 34 Complex – Oklahoma
N529NR (Type 1 Air Attack Platform)	Committed – Rhea – OK
N197GB (Type 1 Air Attack Platform)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
N4579N (Type 1 Air Attack Platform)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
N586DV (Type 1 Air Attack Platform)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
N7901Q (Type 1 Air Attack Platform)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
N420Q (Type 1 Air Attack Platform)	Committed – Buzzard Fire – FL
N5AE – Bravo 89 (ASM)	Travel / Available - TX
N21CG – Bravo 5 (ASM)	Available - TX
T-161 (Type 1 Airtanker) Day off Tuesday	Available – Prepositioned to ALM due to WX
T-162 (Type 1 Airtanker) Day off Sunday	Available - Prepositioned to ALM due to WX
T-163 (Type 1 Airtanker) Day off Sunday	Available - Prepositioned to ALM due to WX
T-164 (Type 1 Airtanker) Day off Monday	Available - Prepositioned to ALM due to WX
S-262 (Type 3 ME Airtanker – Scooper)	Committed – 2018 OKS Fire Support
S-263 (Type 3 ME Airtanker – Scooper)	Committed – 2018 OKS Fire Support
S-260 (Type 3 ME Airtanker – Scooper)	Committed – 2018 OKS Fire Support
T-801 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – Buzzard Fire – FL
T-842 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – Buzzard Fire – FL
T-809 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
T-823 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
T-832 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
T-833 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
T-850 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
T-866 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
T-871 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
T-872 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
T-824 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
T-894 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – 2018 OKS Fire Support
T-895 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – 2018 OKS Fire Support
T-847 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – 2018 OKS Fire Support
T-828 (Type 3 SE Airtanker)	Committed – 2018 OKS Fire Support
N13FH (Type 1 Helicopter)	Committed – Buzzard - FL
N137BH (Type 1 Helicopter)	Committed – Buzzard - FL
N135BH (Type 1 Helicopter)	Available – OK
N612CK (Type 1 Helicopter)	Available – OK
N611CK (Type 1 Helicopter)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
N715HT (Type 1 Helicopter)	Committed – FY2018 Initial Attack – TX
N173BH (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – AR
N12HX (Type 3 Helicopter)	Committed – FY18 FNF Support – FL
N743PH (Type 3 Helicopter)	Committed – Buzzard - FL
N196TA (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – FL
N351FW (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – FL
N669AC (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – FL
N41HX (Type 3 Helicopter)	Committed – FY 18 Chattoconee Rx – GA
N14HX (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – GA - CWN
N5013G (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only --Carolina Sandhills NWR
N132BH (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – LA
N26HX (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – MS
N32HX (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – MS
N35HX (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – MS
N20HX (Type 3 Helicopter)	Committed – Croatan RX FY2018 – NC
N911FS (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – KY

C-GWGK (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – SC
N31BH (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – SC
N234BH (Type 3 Helicopter)	Committed – CY18 Cherokee NF RX Support
N684H (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – TX
N818MC (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available – Local Only – TX
N407DP (Type 3 Helicopter)	Committed – FY18 GW & Jeff Support – VA
N922FS (Type 3 Helicopter)	Committed – FY18 GW & Jeff Support – VA
N407TN (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available GACC -- VA
N203HA (Type 3 Helicopter)	Available GACC -- VA

Remarks by Reporting Office:	
GA-GIC	GA-CHF reports no wildfires for today and 2 RX Burns: 1 on the Conasauga RD for 1225 acres and 1 on the Oconee RD for 2152 acres. No additional reports received.
LA-LIC	Fire danger low to moderate. Expecting rain Saturday night into Sunday morning. Kisatchie National Forest reports no new Wildfires and 2 Rx Burns for 3,007 acres. USFWS reports no new Wildfires and 1 Rx Burn for 411 acres. State of Louisiana reports no new Wildfires and no new Rx Burns.
TX-TIC	TICC - 7 Day Staffing 0700 – 1800.

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

Red Flag Warnings: Warnings are in effect for a broader area of the Texas Trans Pecos today due to amplified windy conditions across this area (becoming southerly ranging from 15-40 mph) occurring with RH minimums of 5-35% and max temperatures reaching into the 70s to near 90 F.

Fire Weather Watches: None.

Fire Weather Summary/Outlook: Storms/Rain for OK/TX thru Saturday; higher fire danger continues in our East/Southeast states into Saturday for upper for sub 35% min RHs and elevated wind speeds (Friday only). The slower moving system coming out of OK/TX Saturday moves into the Mississippi Valley region and otherwise the central states of the Southern Area Sunday. This weather system, along with additional impulses coming into the Southern and eastern US will be producing a prolonged period of elevated to high humidity and storminess that will last into most of next week. Most of our GACC area will see significantly reduced ignition and fire potential. Rain accumulations remain pretty good for Oklahoma and north/northwest Texas with this Friday/Saturday event with forecast totals still of 0.25 to 0.75 with much higher 1 to 2 plus inch rain fall, however, expected for Oklahoma. Additional rain activity is expected here Wednesday and then again around next weekend and represents a major change to the month's long drier pattern that has been in place. Rain accumulations for the rest of the Southern area in this developing day's long pattern should be falling into the 0.5 to 1.5 plus inch range with the Florida peninsula seeing the same 0.5 to 1 plus inch accumulations through Friday of next week. All in all, a wetter pattern developing for the Southern Area.

Puerto Rico: A higher period of tropical showers and thunderstorms will remain the pattern for the island area into early next week. Fire danger to remain low.

Tropical Atlantic Summary and Outlook: The Atlantic tropical hurricane season begins in 42 days; June 1st. Colorado State University (Dr Klotzbach) has released their Atlantic tropical season outlook. It is available at <http://tropical.colostate.edu/>.

Weather and Climate Outlook for the next Four Months: April, May, June, July.
Discussion and weather/fire potential outlook maps are posted on the SACC web site.

Weather Patterns/Trends/Discussion: La Nina remains the leading factor that is influencing Southern Area weather. This generally produces a wetter pattern for the Southeast US in late winter and early spring. Given the wet pattern and the

continuation of green-up, we expect overall fire risks to remain at seasonal to below average levels for most of the Geographic Area. Western Oklahoma and western Texas southward to include the Trans Pecos remain the area where the highest threat of significant fire activity is expected. Florida also has a higher threat than its neighbors to the north, however periodic rains there do help to limit the temporal and areal extent of the fire danger across the Sunshine State.

Drought and Fuel Conditions (by exception): The worst short term drought conditions are occurring from the Oklahoma Panhandle southward into the Texas Trans Pecos. These drought conditions are carried over from a fairly dry winter and these areas will continue to trend drier as we head into the spring and summer. Otherwise, drought conditions in the Southern Area are declining in both coverage and intensity as periodic rains sweep across the Southeast US and maintain moist conditions for most areas east of I-35.

Fire Activity and Area Discussion (By exception):

April

A still wetter weather pattern, along with continuing green-up should be favorable for producing below average fire risk from eastern Kentucky to the Appalachian Mountains. While higher fire potential coverage and risks should begin to recede out in our Oklahoma/Texas areas due to green-up and some rain activity. A still drier trend for Florida and southeast Georgia will keep fire risks elevated. Some areas of South Carolina will need to be monitored although fire activity thus far has been rather anemic in the Palmetto State.

May

Green-up will be nearly complete in May and will be the main factor that serves to mitigate fire activity. Fire activity is expected to be near seasonal averages, even though conditions may trend toward drier than average.

June

June marks the beginning of the Atlantic hurricane season and with it we should see increasing easterlies bringing moisture and increasing RH minimums for our southeast and central Gulf States. Downed or damaged timber from last year's hurricane landfalls will need to be monitored should a longer term drier trend evolve. A drying trend is expected to re-emerge in western Texas and that will need monitored for potential higher fire risks for late June and July.

July

Fire risks could increase in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and eastern Texas as temperatures move into an above average category and rainfall trends toward drier conditions. This area will have to be monitored closely to see how fire risks develop, but the potential is certainly present for increased initial attack activity, especially if early curing of grasses occurs under hot summer temperatures.

[National Incident Management Situation Report](#)