

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006 – 0800 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 110 new fires reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Florida, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

The National Interagency Fire Center has requested assistance from the Department of Defense for MAFFS air tanker support. Mission Commander Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Perryman, two MAFFS C-130 air tankers and support personnel from the 145th Tactical Airlift Wing based in Charlotte, North Carolina are providing support. The MAFFS are based in Albuquerque, New Mexico in support of the Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Southern Areas.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hanneman) is in place in Granbury, TX. The Incident Command Post (ICP) is being relocated to Midland, TX. The Team is assisting local jurisdictions with managing existing fires and initial attack within the 220,000 square mile West Zone fire management response area. In addition, Type 2 Incident management Team (Hinds) is working in support of West Texas IA, located in Midland, TX and will be supporting extended attack fires in the zone. No new fires were reported. Rain has mitigated fire potential in some areas of the zone. Acres, structure losses and costs have been adjusted to represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE, Oklahoma State. An Oklahoma State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Couch) is assigned in Shawnee, OK. A fast moving storm left 1-3" of snow across central and northern Oklahoma. The team is demobilizing today. Acres, structure losses and costs have been adjusted to represent cumulative ABC Miscellaneous fire activity statewide since January 1.

NO MAN'S LAND, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is seven miles west of Black Springs, AR in hardwood litter and brush. The fire is being monitored.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	3,484	NR	UNK	352	0	16	9	0	6.5M	N/A
OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE	OK	OXS	117,686	NR	UNK	62	0	0	3	0	9.0M	ST
NO MAN'S LAND	AR	OUF	8,294	90	UNK	29	1	1	0	0	NR	FS

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Gusty winds and low humidity are on tap for Florida today in the wake of a cold front which moved through the state on Thursday. Warmer temperatures are expected in the Southwest as high pressure builds over the area.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southwest Area Mostly sunny, warmer and drier across Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas.	65 to 85 lower elevations of Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas. 45 to 65 in the mountains.	10 to 25% lower elevations of Arizona, New Mexico and southwest Texas. 20 to 35%+ mountains, northeast New Mexico and northwest Texas.	South to southwest 10 to 20 mph across Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas
Southern California Area Partly cloudy	50 to 65 mountains. 70 to 85 valleys. 65 to 75 upper deserts. 78 to 88 lower deserts.	10 to 20%.	Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph.
Rocky Mountain Area No information was reported.			
Southern Area No information was reported.			
Eastern Area No information was reported.			



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

DOWNHILL FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION CHECKLIST

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with job until completed.

Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).

LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.

- Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
- Communication is established between all crews.
- Ensure rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).

Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.

Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.

Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.

Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.

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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						10,592	10,592
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					6		6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					11	1	12
	ACRES					70	1	71
Southern Area	FIRES			1		85	2	88
	ACRES			25		818	1	844
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	1	0	98	10	110
	ACRES	1	0	25	0	894	10,594	11,514

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	10		2		2		14
	ACRES	6		3		1		10
Northern California	FIRES					64	8	72
	ACRES					1,530	1,244	2,774
Southern California	FIRES		4				23	27
	ACRES		10				11,095	11,105
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1		1	4	4	10
	ACRES		100		223	28	14	365
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	2			1		3
	ACRES	51	10			28		89
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		1			8
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRES	145	27	1	24	174	131	502
	ACRES	790	1,431	431	3,490	202,285	11,937	220,364
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7	6	7	2	96	20	138
	ACRES	307	0	407	0	82,838	7,319	90,871
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		1	6	2,468	126	2,602
	ACRES	1		5	57	32,782	2,617	35,462
Southern Area	FIRES	297		94	12	14,343	359	15,105
	ACRES	21,639		11,266	1,405	1,386,109	24,351	1,444,770
TOTAL	FIRES	460	47	105	46	17,152	671	18,481
	ACRES	22,794	1,560	12,112	5,176	1,705,601	58,577	1,805,820

Five Year Average Fires	11,284
Five Year Average Acres	250,780

*** 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			2			1	3
	ACRES			92			2	94
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						3	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	1	4
	ACRES		104			2	125	231
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					5	20	25
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					160		160
Southern Area	FIRES			2			16	18
	ACRES			372			13,381	13,753
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	4	0	3	18	27
	ACRES	0	104	464	0	167	13,531	14,266

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		81	14			15	110
	ACRES		1,978	530			113	2,621
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	2		47	67
	ACRES	101	219	1,751	6		704	2,781
Southern California	FIRES		4	2			47	53
	ACRES		284	24			1,403	1,711
Northern Rockies	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		598					598
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	6			1	2	10
	ACRES	4	858			2	303	1,167
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	12	2	2			55	71
	ACRES	534	35	320			6,848	7,737
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	4	23	5	13	59	107
	ACRES	629	110	6,082	74	370	5,932	13,197
Eastern Area	FIRES			17	6	175	59	257
	ACRES			1,214	1,697	18,397	17,375	38,683
Southern Area	FIRES			94	9	187	520	810
	ACRES			42,186	6,125	97,690	407,912	553,913
TOTAL	FIRES	28	104	156	22	376	804	1,490
	ACRES	1,268	4,092	52,117	7,902	116,459	440,590	622,428

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

***** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. *****

RESOURCES STATUS:

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			3						3	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									1	
Southern Area	2		34	36	4	11	3		266	211
Total	2	0	37	36	4	11	3	0	270	211

COMMITTED RESOURCES:

***** NATIONAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER *****