

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2006 – 0800 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 199 new fires reported. Five new large fires were reported, three in the Southern Area and one each in Southwest and Northern Rockies Areas. Three large fires were contained one each in the Southern, Rocky Mountain, and Northern Rockies Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Illinois, and Indiana.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hanneman) is assigned in Midland, TX. The Team is assisting local jurisdictions with managing initial and extended attack fires and a fire prevention program within the 140 million acre fire management response area. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

LONG WAY IN, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is three miles north of Fort Mead, FL in grass and palmetto. There is potential for the smoke to drift on to highway 98. Spotting fire behavior was observed.

LEWIS MOUNTAIN, Shenandoah National Park. This fire is four miles east of Grottoes, VA in leaf litter. Some trails have been closed. Backing fire behavior was reported.

LONE STAR, Talihina Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is six miles northeast of Coalgate, OK in timber and grass. No new information was reported.

HAPPY HOLLOW, Arkansas Forestry Commission. This fire is four miles southeast of Timbo, AR in timber. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	3,895	NR	UNK	229	0	16	3	0	9.5M	N/A
LONG WAY IN	FL	FLS	400	95	4/6	12	0	2	0	0	1.5K	PRI
LEWIS MOUNTAIN	VA	SHP	175	15	UNK	79	3	0	2	0	40K	NPS
LONESTAR	OK	TLA	160	95	UNK	8	0	2	0	0	10K	BIA
HAPPY HOLLOW	AR	ARS	232	NR	UNK	4	6	0	0	0	NR	ST
WALTON ROAD	NC	NCS	305	100	UNK	26	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

NCS – North Carolina State Division of Forestry

### SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

RED LAKE, Mescalero Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 13 miles southwest of Tinnie, NM in grass. Rangeland improvements and utility lines are threatened. Running fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
RED LAKE	NM	MEA	400	0	4/6	107	2	17	0	0	36K	BIA

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
YELLOW	ND	SRA	122	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	BIA

SRA – Standing Rock Agency

### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
RIVERDALE WOOD	ND	NDS	1,725	100	---	6	0	2	0	0	NR	ST

NDS – State of South Dakota

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** Central and northeast New Mexico and northwest Texas for strong winds and low humidity.

**Fire Weather Watch:** For southern Texas and northeast Florida. Southern New Mexico and southwest Texas for strong winds and low humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure system moving through the West will produce dry, windy weather in eastern New Mexico, southeast Colorado, west Texas, Kansas and western Oklahoma. In the East, high pressure will continue to bring dry weather to a large area stretching from West Virginia southward to Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p><b>Southern Area</b> Northeast NC: Partly Cloudy Friday. (thunderstorms return Saturday).  Northern VA: Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance for thunderstorm.</p>	<p>Lower 80s.  Lower 70s.</p>	<p>30 to 40%.  45 to 55%.</p>	<p>Southwest 10 to 15 mph  Southwest 8 to 14 mph.</p>
<p><b>Southwest Area</b> Very windy and dry eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Partly cloudy with a few rain and higher elevation snow showers northern New Mexico into northeast Arizona. Fair and dry with winds slowly diminishing across the remainder of New Mexico and Arizona.</p>	<p>60 to near 80 lower elevations and 40 to 60 across the higher elevations of the Southwest Area.</p>	<p>8% to 20% across the lower elevations and 20 to 40% across the higher elevations of the Southwest Area.</p>	<p>West 20 to 40 mph and gusty New Mexico and west Texas. Westerly 10 to 20 mph across Arizona.</p>
<p><b>Eastern Area</b> Partly to mostly sunny over the central and eastern Mid to Atlantic states. Mostly cloudy with a good chance of showers and thunderstorms across the Big Rivers and southwestern Great Lakes. Some of the storms may be severe over the Big Rivers, especially across western Iowa and Missouri.</p>	<p>50 to 60 over the southern Great Lakes, 60 to 70 across the northern Big Rivers, 70 to 80 across the southern Big Rivers. 63 to 73 across the southwestern Mid to Atlantic states.</p>	<p>35 to 45% across northern Minnesota. 27 to 37% over the Mid to Atlantic states. 28 to 38% over southern Illinois and Indiana as well as the Mid to Atlantic states.</p>	<p>East to southeast wind at 15 to 25 mph across southern Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and northern Illinois. South to southwest winds at 15 to 25 mph over Missouri, and southern Illinois.</p>
<p><b>Southern California Area</b> Partly cloudy.</p>	<p>45 to 60 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 60 to 70 upper deserts. 70 to 80 lower deserts.</p>	<p>35 to 50%.</p>	<p>Variable 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p><b>Northern Rockies Area</b> No information Reported.</p>			
<p><b>Rocky Mountain Area</b> No information Reported.</p>			



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### **INITIAL ATTACK FIRE SIZEUP/SAFETY**

Having a good sizeup is important in order to give both the Incident Commander (IC) and fire management a good idea of what problems exist and what resources may be needed for effective firefighting.

Use the following reporting factors for sizeup. Discuss others that may be used.

- Fire name and location
- Terrain (slope, aspect, elevation) and position of fire on the slope
- Size of fire
- Fuel type, anticipated control problems, and spread potential
- Values threatened
- Weather conditions (wind speed and direction)
- Fire behavior
- Resources on the fire and those needed
- Estimated containment and control times
- Cause (known, suspected, under investigation)

After your initial sizeup of the fire and/or transition from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in conditions on the fire.

- Have you sized up the fire and relayed the information to dispatch?
- Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
- Can you control the fire with the resources available (on the incident or soon to be on the incident) and under the expected conditions?
- Have you developed a plan to attack the fire (direct or indirect, anchor points, escape routes, head or flank attack, priority areas); and have you communicated this information to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
- Are lookouts in place or can you see all of the fire area?
- Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
- Are escape routes and safety zones established? If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
- Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed?
- Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?
- Will you control the fire before the next operational period; and if you won't, or the size of the organization exceeds the IC's capability to manage, have you informed the agency Fire Management Officer?

**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
	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	1				1		2
	ACRES	0				0		0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	13				32	2	47
	ACRES	18				93	1	112
Southern Area	FIRES					129	21	150
	ACRES					1,678	368	2,046
TOTAL	FIRES	14	0	0	0	162	23	199
	ACRES	18	0	0	0	1,771	369	2,158

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	10		2		3	2	17
	ACRES	6		3		2	0	11
Northern California	FIRES					72	8	80
	ACRES					1,555	1,244	2,799
Southern California	FIRES		4				25	29
	ACRES		10				11,095	11,105
Northern Rockies	FIRES	22	1		1	5	4	33
	ACRES	116	100		223	1,761	14	2,214
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	2			1		3
	ACRES	51	10			28		89
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9		1			10
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRES	182	28	1	30	414	140	795
	ACRES	810	1,441	431	3,494	202,455	12,401	221,032
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	11	6	8	2	112	21	160
	ACRES	974	0	446	0	94,645	7,324	103,389
Eastern Area	FIRES	15		5	10	3,546	170	3,746
	ACRES	20		257	63	34,589	3,742	38,671
Southern Area	FIRES	311		106	14	17,053	466	17,950
	ACRES	22,665		12,030	1,723	1,436,758	26,180	1,499,356
TOTAL	FIRES	551	50	122	58	21,206	836	22,823
	ACRES	24,642	1,570	13,167	5,504	1,771,793	62,000	1,878,676

<b>Five Year Average Fires</b>	<b>17,558</b>
<b>Five Year Average Acres</b>	<b>299,313</b>

\*\*\* 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
	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						1	1
	ACRES						787	787
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1	1	0		1	4
	ACRES	220	5	125	20		250	620
Eastern Area	FIRES	9		1	1		4	15
	ACRES	180		45	1,294		1,455	2,974
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						6,994	6,994
TOTAL	FIRES	10	1	2	1	0	10	24
	ACRES	400	5	170	1,314	0	9,486	11,375

**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			18	113
	ACRES		1,978	530			124	2,632
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	2		48	68
	ACRES	101	222	2,404	6		712	3,445
Southern California	FIRES		4	2			48	54
	ACRES		284	24			1,415	1,723
Northern Rockies	FIRES		5	1				6
	ACRES		618	284				902
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	6			1	2	10
	ACRES	4	1,124			2	350	1,480
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	14	4	2			64	84
	ACRES	676	1,142	320			9,839	11,977
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	15	5	31	8	18	64	141
	ACRES	1,587	115	7,318	297	838	13,812	23,967
Eastern Area	FIRES	16		57	24	201	83	381
	ACRES	340		4,714	4,449	18,626	22,710	50,839
Southern Area	FIRES			105	26	189	629	949
	ACRES			47,066	6,865	97,850	501,668	653,449
TOTAL	FIRES	58	109	216	60	409	956	1,808
	ACRES	2,708	5,493	62,670	11,617	117,316	550,630	750,434

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**WFU FIRES AND 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

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

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			2							
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	2		10	10			3		17	2
Rocky Mountain			5				1		4	
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area	10	6	34	55	7	5	3		206	120
Total	12	6	51	65	7	5	7	0	230	122

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