

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2006 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy nationally with 331 new fires reported. Three new large fires (*) were reported, two in the Southern Area and one in the Southwest Area. Nine large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, and Ohio.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

FLATSIDE, Ouachita National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Custer) is assigned. This fire is in Garland County, AR in mixed hardwood and pine. The fire is located within the Flatside Wilderness Area. Steep terrain and difficult access are hampering containment efforts. Heavy mortality of oak in patches up to five acres has added to the fuel loading. Backing and flanking fire with two foot flame lengths was reported. Burn out operations were successful.

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 within the 140 million acre fire management response area. The Team is also managing the Mobeetie North, Mobeetie South, and Canadian North fires. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

STEELFIELD COMMAND, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land northwest of Panama City, FL in timber. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping. No further information was received.

BEAVER'S BLUFF, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land one mile north of Chewey, OK in hardwood litter. No new information was reported.

UNDERWOOD, Wewoka Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is four miles west of Cromwell, OK 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
FLATSIDE	AR	OUF	5,094	95	4/16	179	6	0	1	0	468K	FS
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	4,614	NR	UNK	227	0	18	6	0	11M	N/A
STEELFIELD COMMAND	FL	FLS	814	70	UNK	40	0	2	2	0	7K	PRI
BEAVER'S BLUFF	OK	OKS	130	80	4/13	4	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
UNDERWOOD	OK	WEA	250	95	UNK	23	0	9	0	0	NR	BIA
CANADIAN NORTH	TX	TXS	18,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
MOBEETIE NORTH	TX	TXS	4,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
MOBEETIE SOUTH	TX	TXS	650	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

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FLAT ROCK CANYON	OK	OKS	460	100	---	11	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
90 DEGREE TURN	NC	NCS	180	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
WEST DRUMMOND	VA	GDR	535	100	---	22	0	4	2	0	40K	FWS
ISLAND WAY COMMAND	FL	FLS	145	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	1.8K	ST
*DUTCH MTN. #2	AR	OUF	122	100	---	21	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
*ATOKA LAKE	OK	TLA	178	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	10K	BIA

NCS – North Carolina State Forestry Commission
GDR – Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge

TLA – Talihina Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs
OUF – Ouachita National Forest

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

OJO FELIZ, New Mexico State Forestry, Las Vegas District. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lineback) has been ordered. This fire is 26 miles southeast of Taos, NM in grass and brush. Structures are threatened. Evacuations are in effect for some communities along highway 422.

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*OJO FELIZ	NM	N4S	3,000	NR	UNK	85	2	15	0	1	40K	ST

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

HOMESTEAD PARK #2, Shoshone National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This fire is eight miles southwest of Lander, WY in timber. Structure protection continues. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

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HOMESTEAD PARK #2	WY	SHF	200	70	4/14	225	6	15	1	4	310K	FS

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

TRAIL, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This fire started on private land one mile north of Trail, MN in grass, brush and aspen. No new information was reported.

WHITE OAK, Missouri Department of Conservation. The fire started on Department of Defense land ten miles east of Clinton, MO in hardwood litter. Remote location and difficult terrain are hampering containment efforts. Structures remain threatened. Extreme fire behavior was reported along White Oak Creek.

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TRAIL	MN	MNS	600	80	UNK	21	0	8	0	0	2K	PRI
WHITE OAK	MO	MOS	280	95	UNK	15	0	1	0	0	NR	DOD

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Across the central Florida panhandle and the “Big Bend” for marginal durations of minimum humidities near the 35% threshold. No threshold relative humidity criteria was reported by RAWs yesterday. Dew points continue to increase.

Fire Weather Watch: For eastern Colorado, and central Nebraska for increasing winds and low relative humidity.

Weather Discussion: A low pressure trough off the California coast will bring increasing winds to the Southwest, Southern Plains and east slopes of the Rockies. The Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states will be warm and dry while the Great Lakes and Northeast expect scattered showers.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern Area West-Central Arkansas: Partly cloudy Central FL: Partly cloudy with showers	Near 85. Near 85.	Upper 40%. Mid-upper 30%.	Southwest to 10 mph. Northeast to 15 mph.
Southwest Area Partly cloudy, warm and dry with afternoon breezes. A few dry thunderstorms across central and southern New Mexico. Isolated wet thunderstorms across west Texas.	75 to 95 lower elevations and 55 to 75 higher elevations.	5 to 20%.	Southwest 15 to 25 mph across portions of northeast New Mexico and northwest Texas. South to southwest 10 to 20 mph across the remainder of the Southwest Area.
Rocky Mountain Area Partly sunny, dry and breezy.	Mid 70s to mid 80s in lower elevations of Colorado, Kansas Nebraska and southeast Wyoming. 50s in the mountains. 50s and 60s lower elevations of Wyoming.	10 to 20% eastern and extreme southwest Colorado and western Kansas. 25 to 35% elsewhere.	West to southwest winds 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts.
Eastern Area Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and storms over the Northeast. Increasing clouds over the Great Lakes with isolated showers or thunderstorms. Fair weather elsewhere.	52 to 62 across the northern parts of the Great Lakes and Northeast. 80 to 90 over Missouri, southern Iowa, and western Illinois. 65 to 75 elsewhere.	30 to 40% across Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana. 40 to 50% northern Great Lakes and Northeast. 35 to 45% elsewhere.	South 14 to 24 mph becoming southwest to west across the eastern Northeast states. Southwest to west 10 to 20 mph over the western Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states. Southwest winds increasing to 12 to 22 mph over Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin during the afternoon. South to southeast at 10 to 20 mph over Minnesota.
Southern California A few showers North Central California and along the immediate Central Coast. Partly cloudy elsewhere.	55 to 70 mountains. 70 to 85 valleys. 70 to 80 upper deserts. 88 to 95 lower deserts.	20 to 35%.	Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.



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MANAGING VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN SMOKE

Smoke has the potential to cause safety hazards to vehicle traffic in the vicinity of active fires (both wildfires and prescribed), especially at night. The following traffic-related items should be considered and addressed in local unit planning documents prior to an incident/project.

Identification, location, and phone numbers of local units that have law enforcement and traffic control responsibilities in the smoke-impacted areas. Review any local agreements with these agencies presently in place.

Identification of important, public roads that may be impacted by smoke

Identification of adequate equipment and trained personnel to control traffic. This may include warning signs, communications equipment (preferably not using the active fire frequency) and vehicles equipped with warning or flashing lights.

Identification and phone numbers of radio and television stations that can issue traffic advisories for the smoke-impacted area

Identification of alternative traffic routes as part of the incident/project traffic plan

Identification of traffic routes subject to temperature inversions as well as contributory factors such as fog and ice

When potential smoke-related problems are identified:

- Advise the Incident Commander, Burn Boss, or Agency Administrator that severe smoke exists.
- Notify local law enforcement units and highway departments of a potential problem.
- Implement preplanned actions such as posting smoke warning signs.
- Ensure that proper equipment is ready and appropriate personnel are briefed on contingency plans and are available to control traffic.

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						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	1						1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1				1	2	4
	ACRES	200				3,000	0	3,200
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			5		1		6
	ACRES			198		50		248
Eastern Area	FIRES	22			1	59	9	91
	ACRES	250			9	118	132	509
Southern Area	FIRES	3		2		205	17	227
	ACRES	3,401		111		2,716	530	6,758
TOTAL	FIRES	28	0	7	1	266	29	331
	ACRES	3,852	0	309	9	5,884	662	10,716

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	9	81
	ACRES					1,555	1,244	2,799
Southern California	FIRES		4				25	29
	ACRES		10				11,095	11,105
Northern Rockies	FIRES	90	1	0	1	7	4	103
	ACRES	335	100	10	223	3,568	14	4,250
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	2			1		3
	ACRES	51	10			28		89
Western Great Basin	FIRES		11		1			12
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRES	191	30	1	30	433	155	840
	ACRES	1,436	1,518	431	3,494	205,732	12,419	225,030
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	7	14	2	125	27	187
	ACRES	975	0	792	0	102,566	7,524	111,857
Eastern Area	FIRES	189		7	14	4,503	237	4,950
	ACRES	4,334		534	105	43,180	4,751	52,904
Southern Area	FIRES	318		119	15	21,843	549	22,844
	ACRES	29,468		12,961	2,873	1,614,072	27,914	1,687,288
TOTAL	FIRES	810	55	143	63	26,987	1,008	29,066
	ACRES	36,605	1,647	14,731	6,696	1,970,703	64,961	2,095,343

Five Year Average Fires	19,553
Five Year Average Acres	358,663

*** 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				0
	ACRES			3,480				3,480
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		2					2
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						4,000	4,000
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0	0		1	1	2
	ACRES		100	150		20	15	285
Eastern Area	FIRES			18		9	1	28
	ACRES			4,174		348	51	4,573
Southern Area	FIRES	1			1		12	14
	ACRES	120			16		6,514	6,650
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	18	1	10	15	45
	ACRES	120	102	7,804	16	368	10,580	18,990

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		82	14			19	115
	ACRES		1,998	530			169	2,697
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	3		48	69
	ACRES	101	222	5,884	7		712	6,926
Southern California	FIRES		5	2			48	55
	ACRES		285	24			1,416	1,725
Northern Rockies	FIRES		6	7				13
	ACRES		621	1,470				2,091
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	8	3		1	5	18
	ACRES	20	1,158	34		2	546	1,760
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	14	5	2	1		67	89
	ACRES	761	1,202	320	87		15,630	18,000
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	17	6	32	8	21	68	152
	ACRES	1,937	290	7,808	347	1,088	14,627	26,097
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		122	27	251	100	527
	ACRES	21,973		20,278	4,276	21,162	24,257	91,946
Southern Area	FIRES	1		145	30	192	667	1,035
	ACRES	120		66,492	7,162	99,854	534,224	707,852
TOTAL	FIRES	72	116	331	69	465	1,022	2,075
	ACRES	24,912	5,786	102,850	11,879	122,106	591,581	859,114

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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			1							
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	3		5	15	1		3		6	
Rocky Mountain	4	2	6	29		1	1		37	17
Eastern Area		2		5	1	1				12
Southern Area	10		22	25	10	5	3	1	201	95
Total	17	4	34	74	12	7	7	1	244	124

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