

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT

This report will only be posted on fridays during the off fire season!!

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15, 1996 - 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL I

CURRENT SITUATION: Increased fire activity was experienced in the Southern and Eastern Areas. Miscellaneous overhead, engines and radios were mobilized to the Southern Area through NICC. The Fort Smith airtanker contract has been activated early and should be in place later today. Good progress was made on all fires yesterday. Flood recovery and damage assessment efforts are continuing in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Southern Area Fire Information:

Tom #2, Oklahoma State. A Ouachita/Ozark Incident Management Team is committed. The fire burned several residences, including a public elementary school. The fire is 100% contained at 306 acres.

River Birch, Texas State. The fire was caused by debris burning. It is 90% contained at 260 acres with control expected today.

Beckville Hunting Club, Texas State. This fire was the result of an escaped prescribed burn. It was controlled yesterday at 250 acres.

Hendrix Lake Fire, Texas State. This fire was caused by burning trash. Containment was expected last night at 200 acres.

Clower, Texas State. The fire was contained at 800 acres.

Curtis Ranch, Texas State. The fire was contained at 125 acres.

Double Springs, Texas State. The fire was contained at 310 acres.

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina are also experiencing increased initial attack fire activity.

The Southern Area has reported 923 fires for 26,885 acres since last Thursday.

Eastern Area Fire Information:

Mark Twain NF: The forest picked up 5 fires for a total of 860 acres. Two of the fires burned together totaling 800 acres. The forest experienced steady winds of 20-25 MPH gusting to 40 MPH on Sunday. All fires are controlled. Ozark National Scenic Riverway had one fire for 80 acres, it is also controlled.

The Eastern Area has reported 13 fires for 1,033 acres since last Thursday.

OUTLOOK: Low pressure extends from New Orleans to Cape Hatteras and will bring light rain to this area this afternoon. This system will bring a chance of showers to northern Florida, however southern Florida will remain dry. The

central plains states and Texas will remain dry with north winds increasing over Kansas and Oklahoma during the afternoon. These winds will spread into north and west Texas, Missouri and Arkansas by Thursday night. Temperatures will range from the 20's in extreme northern Missouri to the 60's and 70's along the gulf coast. Moderate fire activity is expected to continue in the central and south-central U.S., particularly influenced by wind events.

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources

| RESOURCE | CREWS | | ENGINES | | HELICPTR | | AIRTANKER | | OVERHEAD | |
|----------|-------|-----|---------|-----|----------|-----|-----------|-----|----------|-----|
| | FED | NON | FED | NON | FED | NON | FED | NON | FED | NON |
| EASTERN | | | 2 | | | | | | 33 | |
| SOUTHERN | 2 | 2 | | 30 | 1 | 3 | | | 15 | 182 |
| USA | 2 | 2 | 2 | 30 | 1 | 3 | | | 48 | 182 |

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

Weekly and Year to date fire numbers and acres by agency and geographic area will be reported on tomorrows (2/16/96) report.

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