

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2004 1000 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere, with 4,541 new fires reported for the week. Twenty-five new large fires were reported, twenty-one in the Southern Area, one in the Rocky Mountain Area and three in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Georgia.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

EAST FORK, National Forests in Florida. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) has been ordered. This fire is in timber and southern rough brush, 12 miles northeast of Crawfordville, FL. Spotting up to one quarter of a mile ahead of the front and rates of spread varying from 20 to 30 chains per hour were reported.

THOMPSON PARK, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in melaleuca and sawgrass, eight miles northwest of Hialeah, FL. No further information was received.

SWEET GUM, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in pine timber, 15 miles southwest of Clermont, FL. Minimal fire activity was reported.

EVENING SHADE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is in hardwood timber, six miles northeast of Vian, OK. Moderate fire activity with upslope runs was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EAST FORK	FL	FNF	7,000	20	4/20	53	1	2	5	0	NR
THOMPSON PARK	FL	FLS	2,675	75	4/8	14	0	3	0	0	NR
SWEET GUM	FL	FLS	2,300	80	UNK	29	0	3	2	15	NR
EVENING SHADE	OK	OXS	220	75	4/7	2	0	1	0	0	NR
KESTER MTN.	OK	OXS	1,605	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
BRYD ROAD	FL	FLS	700	100	---	8	0	1	0	0	NR
BOILING SPRINGS	OK	OXS	600	100	---	6	0	3	0	0	NR
JACKSON	AL	ALS	500	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
LAKEVIEW	OK	OXS	450	100	---	6	0	3	0	0	NR
CLEBURNE 2	AL	ALS	350	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
MT VIEW 151	AR	ARS	207	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	NR
OXLEY	AR	ARS	200	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	NR
MAVERICK	OK	OXS	200	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
SHANNON	OK	OXS	160	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
CEDAR NOB	OK	OXS	160	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
TURKEY	OK	OXS	160	100	---	5	0	3	0	0	NR
FAIRLESS	OK	OXS	160	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
RACE TRACK AT I-95	FL	FLS	147	100	---	15	0	1	1	0	NR
JACKSON MTN.	OK	OXS	125	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
PALMER CREEK	MS	MSS	120	100	---	14	0	3	0	0	NR
GROGG CREEK 2	MS	MNF	110	100	---	5	0	1	0	0	5K

ALS = Alabama Forestry Commission  
MSS = Mississippi Forestry Commission

ARS = Arkansas Forestry Commission  
MNF = National Forests in Mississippi

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PICNIC ROCK, Larimer County. This fire is in brush, grasses and some pockets of timber, one half mile north of Poudre Park, CO. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. Minimal fire activity was reported.

FISCHER, Standing Rock Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in timber, five miles southeast of Solen, ND. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PICNIC ROCK	CO	LRX	8,900	65	4/7	422	11	29	3	1	1.9M
FISCHER	ND	SRA	1,800	60	4/6	40	0	17	0	0	NR

### EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

107 COMPLEX, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This fire is in grass and timber, four miles southeast of Mora, MN. Active fire behavior with high rates of spread was reported.

AGRAM, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This fire is in grass, eight miles east of Little Falls, MN. Active fire behavior with high rates of spread was reported.

WILLIS SWAMP, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This fire is in grass, one mile south of Hillman, MN. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
107 COMPLEX	MN	MNS	1,000	0	UNK	62	1	19	1	1	NR
AGRAM	MN	MNS	300	30	UNK	14	0	6	0	0	NR
WILLIS SWAMP	MN	MNS	600	95	4/5	23	0	2	0	0	5K

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WEBBER	AZ	TNF	4,311	100	---	33	1	2	0	0	1.1M

TNF = Tonto National Forest

## OUTLOOK:

**Fire Weather Watch:** For portions of north central Florida for brief durations of low relative humidity values for Wednesday afternoon.

**Weather Discussion:** In Florida, the best chance for thunderstorm activity today and Thursday will be in the Panhandle region. Elsewhere, partly cloudy sky conditions will prevail for the next two days. On Friday, a disturbance will increase thunderstorm chances in southern Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Partly cloudy. Slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms over the higher Sierra.	58 to 70 coastal areas. 50 to 65 mountains. 68 to 75 valleys. 70 to 75 upper deserts. 80 to 85 lower deserts	20 to 35%.	North 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts southern California mountains.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### Wildland Urban Interface Hazards

Firefighters in the wildland urban interface may encounter hazards other than the fire itself, such as hazardous materials, utility lines and poor access.

#### ● Hazardous Materials

- Common chemicals used around the home may be a direct hazard to firefighters from flammability, explosion potential and/or vapors or off-gassing. Such chemicals include paint, varnish and other flammable liquids; fertilizer; pesticides; cleansers; aerosol cans, fireworks, batteries and ammunition. In addition, some common household products such as plastics may give off very toxic fumes when they burn. Stay OUT of the smoke from burning structures and any unknown sources such as trash piles.

#### ● Illicit Activities

- Marijuana plantations or drug production labs may be found in wildland urban interface areas. Extremely hazardous materials such as propane tanks and flammable/toxic chemicals may be encountered, as well as booby traps.

#### ● Propane tanks

- Both large (household size) and small (gas grill size) liquefied propane gas (LPG) tanks can present hazards to firefighters, including explosion. See the "LPG Tank Hazards" discussion for details.

#### ● Utility lines

- Utility lines may be located above and below ground and may be cut or damaged by tools or equipment. Don't spray water on utility lines or boxes.

#### ● Septic tanks and fields

- Below-ground structures may not be readily apparent and may not support the weight of engines or other apparatus.

#### ● New construction materials

- Many new construction materials have comparatively low melting points and may "off-gas" extremely hazardous vapors. Plastic decking materials that resemble wood are becoming more common and may begin softening and losing structural strength at 180° F, though they normally do not sustain combustion once direct flame is removed. However, if they continue to burn they exhibit the characteristics of flammable liquids.

#### ● Pets and livestock

- Pets and livestock may be left when residents evacuate and will likely be highly stressed, making them more inclined to bite and kick. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk to rescue pets or livestock.

#### ● Evacuation occurring

- Firefighters may be taking structural protection actions while evacuations of residents are occurring. Be very cautious of people driving erratically. Distraught residents may refuse to leave their property, and firefighters may need to disengage from fighting fire to contact law enforcement officers for assistance. In most jurisdictions firefighters do not have the authority to force evacuations. Firefighters should not put themselves at risk trying to protect someone who will not evacuate!

#### ● Limited access

- Narrow one-lane roads with no turn-around room, inadequate or poorly maintained bridges and culverts are frequently found in wildland urban interface areas. Access should be sized-up and an evacuation plan for all emergency personnel should be developed.

**FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	12		1		3	3	19
	ACRES	60		2		2	3	67
Northern California	FIRES						11	11
	ACRES						6	6
Southern California	FIRES			1		33	4	38
	ACRES			195		10	109	314
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2			9	3	14
	ACRES		50			40	3	93
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		5			8		13
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		3			0	65	68
Southwest	FIRES		1			11	4	16
	ACRES		1			5,712	3,841	9,554
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					5	0	5
Eastern Area	FIRES	55				174	11	240
	ACRES	440				3,083	29	3,552
Southern Area	FIRES			4	1	4,144	44	4,193
	ACRES			31	1	16,846	1,126	18,004
TOTAL	FIRES	67	6	6	1	4,379	82	4,541
	ACRES	500	59	228	1	25,706	5,182	31,676

# FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	12	4	3		3	6	28
	ACRES	59	0	7		2	3	71
Northern California	FIRES					46	18	64
	ACRES					90	13	103
Southern California	FIRES		1	1		207	42	251
	ACRES		0	1		47	132	180
Northern Rockies	FIRES		3	1		18	12	34
	ACRES		54	90		911	46	1,101
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			14		18
	ACRES		7			66		73
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	2		1	2	2	8
	ACRES	0	4		0	1	65	70
Southwest	FIRES	30	9	1	4	84	47	175
	ACRES	161	9	0	3	6,048	4,056	10,277
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	10	11	7	2	79	18	127
	ACRES	2,114	8	293	0	11,309	2,797	16,521
Eastern Area	FIRES	55		3	4	1,012	170	1,244
	ACRES	440		24	74	10,800	2,853	14,191
Southern Area	FIRES	95		31	13	18,096	350	18,585
	ACRES	14,953		4,285	381	149,424	8,629	177,672
TOTAL	FIRES	203	34	47	24	19,561	665	20,534
	ACRES	17,727	82	4,700	458	178,698	18,594	220,259

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	15,926
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	297,955

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the first reporting period in April\*\*\*

and

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

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	2	3	14			23	42
	ACRES	782	55	1,456			4,506	6,799
Northern California	FIRES			0			8	8
	ACRES			1,075			515	1,590
Southern California	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		5				13	18
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			1	12	14
	ACRES		50			30	6,715	6,795
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						97	97
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						23	23
Southwest	FIRES	1	2				6	9
	ACRES	105	450				70	625
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	10	2	5	2	1	5	25
	ACRES	983	953	987	77	815	3,499	7,314
Eastern Area	FIRES	7		5	2	35	7	56
	ACRES	10,722		729	441	938	2,909	15,739
Southern Area	FIRES	1		2	1	7	43	54
	ACRES	40		1,725	1,768	6,664	64,096	74,293
TOTAL	FIRES	21	8	26	5	44	105	209
	ACRES	12,632	1,513	5,972	2,286	8,447	82,443	113,293

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	36	23			69	131
	ACRES	924	2,252	1,754			7,455	12,385
Northern California	FIRES	12	0	6	8		102	128
	ACRES	179	18	12,765	623		10,141	23,726
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	1		63	69
	ACRES		28	332	10		4,743	5,113
Northern Rockies	FIRES		13			6	63	82
	ACRES		475			186	9,381	10,042
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	6	1	1	3	12	24
	ACRES	149	1,017	80	10	82	3,895	5,233
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3				4	7
	ACRES		78				71	149
Southwest	FIRES	13	10	5	2		195	225
	ACRES	4,928	4,919	469	23		14,718	25,057
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	27	12	21	12	6	57	135
	ACRES	3,935	2,798	5,318	423	1,114	17,892	31,480
Eastern Area	FIRES	7		19	8	195	62	291
	ACRES	10,722		4,608	3,161	17,199	21,087	56,777
Southern Area	FIRES	50		120	48	159	870	1,247
	ACRES	8,473		53,348	50,397	96,032	763,938	972,188
TOTAL	FIRES	113	82	198	80	369	1,497	2,339
	ACRES	29,310	11,585	78,674	54,647	114,613	853,321	1,142,150

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**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	0
	ACRES						1	1
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		1					1
	ACRES		30					30
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	30	0	0	0	1	31

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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										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1		2						3	
Rocky Mountain	10	1		9		3			75	43
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	2		1	11	5	4			44	28
Total	13	1	3	20	5	7	0	0	122	71

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