

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2004 1000 MST**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere, with 1,814 new fires reported for the week.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | %<br>CTN | EST<br>CTN | TOTL<br>PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC<br>LOST | \$\$\$<br>CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|
| CEDAR TREE    | OK | OKS  | 100  | 100      | ---        | 0            | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0            | NR            |
| QUININE FLATS | OK | OKS  | 300  | 100      | ---        | 4            | 0   | 2   | 0    | 0            | NR            |
| SANDERS FLAT  | OK | OKS  | 210  | 100      | ---        | 4            | 0   | 1   | 0    | 0            | NR            |

OKS= Oklahoma Division of Forestry

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | %<br>CTN | EST<br>CTN | TOTL<br>PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC<br>LOST | \$\$\$<br>CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|
| WELLMAN       | MO | MOS  | 597  | 100      | ---        | 0            | 0   | 0   | 0    | 0            | NR            |

MOS= Missouri Department of Conservation

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** For the Southern Area, strong gusty winds will affect portions of Texas Friday as a storm system moves through the central states. A cold front over the Mississippi River Valley on Friday moves east Saturday and then off the Carolina coast by Sunday. A generally dry northwest flow will prevail over the area Sunday through Thursday except for a frontal system moving across the Appalachians on Tuesday. For Southern California, high pressure will bring dry weather to the area through next Thursday.

| Geographic Area<br>Weather   | High<br>Temperatures  | Minimum Relative<br>Humidity | Wind                                |
|--|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Southern California</b><br>Patchy morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny. | 65 to 75 coastal areas.<br>50 to 65 mountains.<br>65 to 80 valleys.<br>60 to 70 upper deserts.<br>70 to 80 low deserts. | 20 to 40%.                   | Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph. |



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

### **FREQUENT SPOT FIRES ACROSS THE LINE**

There are few watchout situations that state more clearly how much potential your fire has for rapid, uncontrolled growth. Consider the following questions if you are getting spot fires across your line:

- Can you handle increased spotting? List some ways you can keep ahead of spot fires (gridding the green, lookouts, etc.)
- Do you have a plan for long-range spotting? In what fuel type and under what conditions will you likely have long-range spotting? What types of plans can you think of for handling long-range spotting?
- Is help available if necessary? What kinds of resources will you have in place or order to handle spot fires?
- If fire behavior increases, is your position still defensible? Discuss what type of action you might take if a spot fire takes off.
- Do you have more than one safety zone in case one gets cut off? Describe how you might have multiple safety zones.
- Do the primary lookouts have a good view of the situation? Discuss who might be acting as a lookout (e.g., crew member, air resources, etc.) and how you will get good information from that person. (Are you relying on an air attack who is busy with airtankers?)
- Is the primary burning period ending? Talk about how your tactics may vary from finding spot fires early in the day to later into the evening. Review Probability of Ignition (PIG) and what it can tell you about spotting potential.
- To reduce the risk, be ready to retreat. Keep your guard up even if spotting has not occurred for a few hours. Review fires where you have had frequent spot fires and what you learned about controlling them.

**FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT  | USFS  | TOTAL  |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------|--------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |     |     |     |     |        |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |        |       | 0      |
| Northwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |        |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |        |       | 0      |
| Northern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 9      |       | 9      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 40     |       | 40     |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     |     |     |        | 1     | 1      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |        | 0     | 0      |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     |     |     |     |        |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |        |       | 0      |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     | 1   |     |     |        |       | 1      |
|                     | ACRES |     | 0   |     |     |        |       | 0      |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |     |     |        |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |        |       | 0      |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |     |     |        |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     |        |       | 0      |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 3   |     |     |     | 1      | 3     | 7      |
|                     | ACRES | 33  |     |     |     | 37     | 3     | 73     |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     |     |     | 214    | 48    | 262    |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |     |     | 1,682  | 1,168 | 2,850  |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 8   |     | 11  | 8   | 1,478  | 29    | 1,534  |
|                     | ACRES | 85  |     | 453 | 25  | 13,926 | 342   | 14,831 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 11  | 1   | 11  | 8   | 1,702  | 81    | 1,814  |
|                     | ACRES | 118 | 0   | 453 | 25  | 15,685 | 1,513 | 17,794 |

**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 |        |     | 1     |     | 108    | 25    | 134    |
|                     | ACRES |        |     | 1     |     | 17     | 10    | 28     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |        |     |       |     | 1      |       | 1      |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       |     | 859    |       | 859    |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |        |     |       |     |        |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       |     |        |       | 0      |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |        |     |       |     |        |       | 0      |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       |     |        |       | 0      |
| Southwest           | FIRES |        | 1   |       | 2   | 3      | 8     | 14     |
|                     | ACRES |        | 1   |       | 1   | 2      | 8     | 12     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 3      |     |       | 1   | 4      | 5     | 13     |
|                     | ACRES | 33     |     |       | 0   | 4,221  | 66    | 4,320  |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |        |     |       |     | 340    | 77    | 417    |
|                     | ACRES |        |     |       |     | 5,026  | 1,465 | 6,491  |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 64     |     | 20    | 9   | 5,478  | 86    | 5,657  |
|                     | ACRES | 13,435 |     | 3,849 | 26  | 41,719 | 1,537 | 60,566 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 67     | 1   | 21    | 12  | 5,934  | 201   | 6,236  |
|                     | ACRES | 13,468 | 1   | 3,850 | 27  | 51,844 | 3,086 | 72,276 |

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| <b>Eight Year Average Fires</b> | 8,597   |
| <b>Eight Year Average Acres</b> | 153,019 |

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the second reporting period in March\*\*\*

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\*\*\* 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 |     |     |        |        |       | 1      | 1       |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |        |        |       | 24     | 24      |
| Northern California | FIRES |     | 0   |        | 2      |       | 4      | 6       |
|                     | ACRES |     | 5   |        | 1      |       | 15     | 21      |
| Southern California | FIRES |     |     | 1      |        |       | 2      | 3       |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 137    |        |       | 37     | 174     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |     | 1   |        |        |       |        | 1       |
|                     | ACRES |     | 5   |        |        |       |        | 5       |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |        |        |       |        | 0       |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |        |        |       |        | 0       |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |     |     |        |        |       |        | 0       |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |        |        |       |        | 0       |
| Southwest           | FIRES |     |     |        |        |       | 4      | 4       |
|                     | ACRES |     |     |        |        |       | 4      | 4       |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES |     |     | 2      |        | 0     | 0      | 2       |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 42     |        | 2     | 1,664  | 1,708   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |     |     | 3      | 1      |       | 12     | 16      |
|                     | ACRES |     |     | 680    | 1,125  |       | 4,963  | 6,768   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 2   |     | 33     | 11     | 5     | 111    | 162     |
|                     | ACRES | 270 |     | 10,995 | 10,568 | 3,258 | 76,289 | 101,380 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 2   | 1   | 39     | 14     | 5     | 134    | 195     |
|                     | ACRES | 270 | 10  | 11,854 | 11,694 | 3,260 | 82,996 | 110,084 |

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

| AREA                |       | BIA   | BLM   | FWS    | NPS    | ST/OT  | USFS    | TOTAL   |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Alaska              | FIRES |       |       |        |        |        |         | 0       |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |        |        |        |         | 0       |
| Northwest           | FIRES |       | 21    | 1      |        |        | 26      | 48      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 1,796 | 10     |        |        | 504     | 2,310   |
| Northern California | FIRES |       | 0     | 3      | 6      |        | 37      | 46      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 6     | 2,489  | 13     |        | 883     | 3,391   |
| Southern California | FIRES |       | 2     | 1      | 1      |        | 36      | 40      |
|                     | ACRES |       | 23    | 0      | 10     |        | 3,048   | 3,081   |
| Northern Rockies    | FIRES |       |       |        |        |        | 2       | 2       |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |        |        |        | 1,200   | 1,200   |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES |       |       |        |        |        |         | 0       |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |        |        |        |         | 0       |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES |       |       |        |        |        | 1       | 1       |
|                     | ACRES |       |       |        |        |        | 30      | 30      |
| Southwest           | FIRES | 8     | 4     |        | 1      |        | 67      | 80      |
|                     | ACRES | 3,145 | 1,190 |        | 12     |        | 1,520   | 5,867   |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIRES | 3     | 3     | 4      | 3      | 2      | 15      | 30      |
|                     | ACRES | 159   | 83    | 77     | 107    | 49     | 3,031   | 3,506   |
| Eastern Area        | FIRES |       |       | 3      | 3      | 2      | 29      | 37      |
|                     | ACRES |       |       | 680    | 1,159  | 1,000  | 6,718   | 9,557   |
| Southern Area       | FIRES | 24    |       | 86     | 32     | 68     | 486     | 696     |
|                     | ACRES | 5,019 |       | 36,693 | 27,590 | 61,187 | 428,304 | 558,793 |
| TOTAL               | FIRES | 35    | 30    | 98     | 46     | 72     | 699     | 980     |
|                     | ACRES | 8,323 | 3,098 | 39,949 | 28,891 | 62,236 | 445,238 | 587,735 |

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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 |     |     |     |     |       |      | 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     | 1    | 1     |

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### RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

| AREA                | CREWS<br>FED | CREWS<br>ST/OT | ENGs<br>FED | ENGs<br>ST/OT | HELI<br>FED | HELI<br>ST/OT | AIRT<br>FED | AIRT<br>ST/OT | OVRHD<br>FED | OVRHD<br>ST/OT |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Alaska              |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Northwest           |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Northern California |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Southern California |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Northern Rockies    |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Eastern Great Basin |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Western Great Basin |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Southwest           |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Rocky Mountain      |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Eastern Area        |              |                |             |               |             |               |             |               |              |                |
| Southern Area       |              |                |             |               | 1           |               |             |               |              |                |
| Total               | 0            | 0              | 0           | 0             | 1           | 0             | 0           | 0             | 0            | 0              |

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