

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2005 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 446 new fires reported for the week. One new large fire was contained in the Southern Area.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GRIFFIN SPRING BRANCH	MS	MNF	483	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	12K

MNF = National Forests in Mississippi

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Winds will be gusty over portions of the Southeast today with less wind but lowering humidity over the weekend. A storm system will spread rain over Texas and the Southern Plains on the weekend with some of the moisture spreading across the South Monday through Thursday. Thus, fire weather conditions should moderate after Sunday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Sunny.	48t to 63 mountains. 60 to 73 valleys. 58 to 63 upper deserts. 65 to 75 lower deserts.	10 to 20%.	Northeast 15 to 30 mph with higher gusts Southern California mountains and below passes. Otherwise northeast 5 to 15 mph.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

ENTRAPMENT AVOIDANCE

Avoiding situations where firefighters become entrapped is the first concern when devising strategy and tactics. The following discussion points are among the things that should be considered.

- Review how LCES relates to the 10 Standard Fire Orders.
- Discuss safety zone, entrapment, and deployment area:

- Safety zone – a preplanned area of sufficient size and suitable location that is expected to prevent injury to fire to firefighters from known hazards without using fire shelters.
- Entrapment – when a firefighter is trapped between the oncoming fire and a safety zone, causing burnover with or without a fire shelter deployment.
- Deployment area – a selected topographical site that must be used when retreat to a safety zone is cut off by fire, has little or no fuel to cause flame impingement on the fire shelter, which will disintegrate it.

- Discuss escape routes:

- Escape route – the travel route or path that provides the safety margin allowing the firefighter a retreat to the safety zone before the flame front overtakes the firefighter
- Have multiple escape routes in case of cut off
- Scout and personally observe hazards (e.g., cliffs, loose soils, rocks, vegetation, steep slopes, etc.).
- Precut escape lanes to safety zones.
- Use predicted fire behavior to assess impact on escape routes.
- Time your escape routes before needing to actually use them. Account for slowest firefighters and or equipment. Know your escape time.
- Clearly mark escape routes.
- Do not locate escape routes near chimneys, saddles, narrow canyons or box canyons.

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					7	1	8
	ACRES					4	0	4
Southern California	FIRES	2					1	3
	ACRES	0					0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	0						0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		7					7
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						26	26
Southern Area	FIRES	1		4	1	415	8	429
	ACRES	80		330	1	1,719	747	2,877
TOTAL	FIRES	1	4	5	1	422	13	446
	ACRES	80	0	337	1	1,723	773	2,914

FIRE AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Northern California	FIRES					15	1	16
	ACRES					23	0	23
Southern California	FIRES	2	1				3	6
	ACRES	0	0				0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	0						0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2		1	5		3	11
	ACRES	2		1	8		0	11
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1		3		4	2	10
	ACRES	40		7		303	0	350
Eastern Area	FIRES				20		5	25
	ACRES				1,325		60	1,385
Southern Area	FIRES	15		9	1	2,000	50	2,075
	ACRES	336		413	1	10,314	1,079	12,143
TOTAL	FIRES	16	6	13	2	2,044	65	2,146
	ACRES	376	2	420	2	11,973	1,140	13,913

Eight Year Average Fires	1,145
Eight Year Average Acres	29,407

*** 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		10				2	12
	ACRES		1,953				145	2,098
Northern California	FIREs			0	0		0	0
	ACRES			200	6		18	224
Southern California	FIREs						0	0
	ACRES						7	7
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		20					20
Western Great Basin	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						4	4
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	1	0	2	1	1	1	6
	ACRES	0	3	150	58	20	44	275
Eastern Area	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						30	30
Southern Area	FIREs	1		4		4	10	19
	ACRES	300		857		859	8,501	10,517
TOTAL	FIREs	2	12	6	1	5	16	42
	ACRES	300	1,977	1,207	64	879	8,749	13,176

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	15				6	22
	ACRES	522	2,898				323	3,743
Northern California	FIRES			0	0		5	5
	ACRES			200	6		122	328
Southern California	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						36	36
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		20					20
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES		3				16	19
	ACRES		46				675	721
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	2	2	3	5	30	43
	ACRES	0	31	150	133	1,028	759	2,101
Eastern Area	FIRES			2			2	4
	ACRES			226			105	331
Southern Area	FIRES	2		33		47	218	300
	ACRES	640		34,994		35,624	182,551	253,809
TOTAL	FIRES	4	22	37	3	52	282	400
	ACRES	1,162	2,996	35,570	139	36,652	184,571	261,090

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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
	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				1		2				12
Northern California										
Southern California				1						
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	12	0

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