

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY JANUARY 28, 2005 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 741 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
BAKERS ACRES	OK	OKS	160	100	---	6	0	3	0	1	NR

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: In the South, a couple of storm systems will move across the region today through Monday with drier weather expected Tuesday through Thursday. In Southern California, rain and mountain snow today will give way to warmer, drier weather along with gusty winds at times Monday through Thursday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Cloudy with periods of valley rain and mountain snow. The snow level will be around 4,000 feet over Central California and 5,000 feet over Southern California.	30 to 45 mountains. 50 to 60 valleys. 40 to 50 upper deserts. 50 to 60 lower deserts.	70 to 90%.	Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.



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

DRIVING SAFETY

Driving is one of the most hazardous tasks that we perform when assigned to fires. Because of the fact that we perform the task literally hundreds of times in the course of our daily lives we tend to take it for granted. Based on recent accident trends, vehicle accidents are the source of more deaths and serious injuries to wildland firefighters than any other single cause. Vehicle operators need to recognize their own poor driving habits and strive to develop proper defensive driving techniques.

- A good starting point is attitude. A positive attitude towards improving your defensive driving skills will help you achieve the necessary changes in your driving habits. Most of what you do in operating vehicles is performed from habit. You do not consciously think about every thing you do when you drive. Rather, your subconscious performs most techniques. It's important to remember that a bad habit is as easy to develop as a good one. Take a good, hard look at your driving habits. Are you training yourself to do the right things the right way, like fastening your seat belt, checking your mirrors, and maintaining safe following distances?
- Inattentiveness is a major contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents within the wildland firefighting community. Because driving is such a common component of our lives, it is difficult to realize that it requires 100% of our attention. Since the average adult attention span is 15-20 minutes we must develop techniques that allow us to refocus our attention on the task at hand, operating a motor vehicle safely. There are many forms of inattentive driving; fatigue, telematics, daydreaming, eating, drinking, reading, writing, and talking. Here are some techniques for maintaining your attention while driving.
 - Drive only when you are well rested and alert; avoid driving during the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Take a 10 to 15 minute break after every 2 hours of driving.
 - Practice situational awareness when driving; be aware of what is happening in front, behind, and on both sides of your vehicle. Never drive when taking medications that make you drowsy.
 - Avoid using cell phones, radios, GPS units, CD players or computers while driving. Have a passenger operate them, or pull off the road and park.
 - By constantly moving your vision, checking mirrors and distant road conditions, you can avoid highway hypnosis and daydreaming.
 - Avoid eating or drinking while driving. Take frequent breaks to perform these activities.
 - Do not attempt to read maps or write directions while driving, pull over and park.
 - When talking with passengers, keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. Keep conversations causal and limited to small talk. Avoid conversations of a serious or technical nature. Do not engage in confrontational or argumentative conversations.
 - Do not be in a hurry, be patient. The more impatient you are, the more agitated you can become. Agitation will only magnify other inattentive driving behaviors.
- Safe driving starts with a safe vehicle. While mechanical failure is rarely a contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents something as simple as under inflated tires can have serious consequences. Before operating any vehicle, you must be sure the vehicle is in safe operating condition. Not only should you perform a pre-operation inspection, some vehicle defects can only be detected while the vehicle is operating. The vehicle operator is also responsible pre-operation, during operation, and post-operation inspections.

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					8		8
	ACRES					19		19
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		1		1			2
	ACRES		1		1			2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1		3		4
	ACRES			0		3		3
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	3	6
	ACRES					4	42	46
Southern Area	FIRES	5		6		695	15	721
	ACRES	196		149		3,666	282	4,293
TOTAL	FIRES	5	1	7	1	709	18	741
	ACRES	196	1	149	1	3,692	324	4,363

FIRES 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					8		8
	ACRES					19		19
Southern California	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1		1	5	2	9
	ACRES		1		1	8	0	10
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1		2		4	1	8
	ACRES	40		0		303	0	343
Eastern Area	FIRES					20	3	23
	ACRES					1,325	34	1,359
Southern Area	FIRES	14		7		1,559	42	1,622
	ACRES	256		88		7,327	332	8,003
TOTAL	FIRES	15	1	10	1	1,596	51	1,674
	ACRES	296	1	88	1	8,982	367	9,735

Eight Year Average Fires	1,007
Eight Year Average Acres	16,150

*** 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				2	4
	ACRES		835				177	1,012
Northern California	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						22	22
Southern California	FIREs						4	4
	ACRES						7	7
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						4	4
Rocky Mountain	FIREs					1	6	7
	ACRES					1,000	66	1,066
Eastern Area	FIREs			1			1	2
	ACRES			44			75	119
Southern Area	FIREs	2		14		14	118	148
	ACRES	640		4,128		16,805	103,535	125,108
TOTAL	FIREs	2	2	15	0	15	135	169
	ACRES	640	835	4,172	0	17,805	103,886	127,338

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	4				4	9
	ACRES	522	105				178	805
Northern California	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						104	104
Southern California	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						29	29
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		2				13	15
	ACRES		6				396	402
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2		2	4	28	36
	ACRES		28		75	1,008	700	1,811
Eastern Area	FIRES			2			1	3
	ACRES			226			75	301
Southern Area	FIRES	1		29		44	207	281
	ACRES	340		34,137		35,109	174,009	243,595
TOTAL	FIRES	2	8	31	2	48	263	354
	ACRES	862	139	34,363	75	36,117	175,491	247,047

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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										
Northern California										
Southern California				1						
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	2		5		2	1			6	
Total	2	0	6	0	2	1	0	0	6	0

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