

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

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 204 new fires reported for the week. One new large fire was contained in the Southwest Area. Very high fire indices were reported in South Dakota.

**SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HIDDEN	AZ	YUD	325	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	NR

YUD = Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** Much of the West will be under the continued influence of high pressure for the upcoming week. Some very light showers will be possible later next week across northern Washington and Idaho. In the East, a cold front will move toward the Mid-Atlantic States on Monday and push toward the Southeast on Tuesday. Some showers could develop along this front in Florida by Thursday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern California</b> Showers, with a quarter to a half inch of rain. Snow level 5,500 feet.	35 to 50 mountains. 55 to 65 valleys. 45 to 60 upper deserts. 60 to 70 lower deserts.	60 to 70%.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.



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

### ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

● If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

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- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.

● In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

**FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					22		22
Northern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		10			2	26	38
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		0	0				0
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				2	1	4
	ACRES	145				205	0	350
Eastern Area	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					34		34
Southern Area	FIRES	3		1		173	2	179
	ACRES	11		263		1,520	26	1,820
TOTAL	FIRES	5	2	2	0	188	7	204
	ACRES	157	10	263	0	1,783	52	2,265

**FIRE AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRE	1				3	3	7
	ACRES	1				32	1	34
Northern California	FIRE					15	4	19
	ACRES					23	0	23
Southern California	FIRE		2	1			5	8
	ACRES		0	0			0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRE		1	1		2	2	6
	ACRES		10	0		5	26	41
Eastern Great Basin	FIRE		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Western Great Basin	FIRE		1	1				2
	ACRES		0	0				0
Southwest	FIRE	3	2		1	9	8	23
	ACRES	1	2		1	980	0	984
Rocky Mountain	FIRE	2		3		10	3	18
	ACRES	185		7		618	0	810
Eastern Area	FIRE				1	70	10	81
	ACRES				1	3,071	334	3,406
Southern Area	FIRE	35		19	1	4,288	129	4,472
	ACRES	506		1,745	1	21,904	2,744	26,900
TOTAL	FIRE	41	8	25	3	4,397	164	4,638
	ACRES	693	12	1,752	3	26,633	3,105	32,198

Eight Year Average Fires	7,922
Eight Year Average Acres	161,267

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		6	3			2	11
	ACRES		770	75			25	870
Northern California	FIREs		2	0	0		1	3
	ACRES		21	7,852	6		18	7,897
Southern California	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						6	6
Northern Rockies	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						840	840
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs			1				1
	ACRES			0				0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	7		3			4	14
	ACRES	2,024		1,273			2,955	6,252
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs	2		4	1	11	25	43
	ACRES	320		332	3	8,611	18,086	27,352
TOTAL	FIREs	9	8	11	1	11	36	76
	ACRES	2,344	791	9,532	9	8,611	21,930	43,217

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs	1	35	10			16	62
	ACRES	522	6,815	274			780	8,391
Northern California	FIREs		2	0	1		7	10
	ACRES		21	8,307	195		205	8,728
Southern California	FIREs		2	1			20	23
	ACRES		52	3			332	387
Northern Rockies	FIREs		1				7	8
	ACRES		500				1,292	1,792
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		2			1	4	7
	ACRES		74			34	23	131
Western Great Basin	FIREs		1	1				2
	ACRES		1	0				1
Southwest	FIREs		6		4		51	61
	ACRES		17,068		57		3,608	20,733
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	14	2	9	6	7	36	74
	ACRES	2,299	31	1,945	137	1,030	4,071	9,513
Eastern Area	FIREs			23		0	6	29
	ACRES			2,667		1,120	420	4,207
Southern Area	FIREs	5		53	5	84	386	533
	ACRES	1,710		42,979	6,017	58,476	334,737	443,919
TOTAL	FIREs	20	51	97	16	92	533	809
	ACRES	4,531	24,562	56,175	6,406	60,660	345,468	497,802

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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									2	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	1					3				
Total	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	0

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