

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy nationally with 864 new fires reported for the week. Twelve new large fires were reported, 11 in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Area. Ten large fires were contained, nine in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Montana, South Dakota and Oklahoma.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:

JONES, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is three miles northwest of Colcord, OK in logging slash. Limited access and rugged terrain hampered containment efforts.

KELLYVILLE, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Okmulgee Field Office. This fire is four miles northwest of Kellyville, OK in grass and hardwood litter. Rapid rates of spread and spotting were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JONES	OK	OKS	150	80	3/11	5	0	2	0	0	NR
KELLYVILLE	OK	OMA	700	60	3/12	21	0	7	0	0	6K
SAGE FEILD	OK	OKS	700	100	---	0	0	4	0	0	NR
BARTON	OK	OKS	140	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
BRITCHES	OK	OKS	350	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
MULBERRY HOLLOW	OK	OKS	150	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
PIGEON	OK	OKS	250	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
ICEBOX	OK	OKS	320	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
PASTURE FIRE II	FL	SEA	606	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	4K
HONEY ISLAND SWAMP	NC	NCS	440	100	---	13	0	0	0	0	69K
LOOKOUT	AL	ALF	125	100	---	43	1	2	0	0	50K

SEA = Seminole Agency

NCS = North Carolina State Division of Forestry

ALF = National Forests in Alabama

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KELOW VALLEY	MO	MOS	179	100	---	12	9	3	0	0	NR

MOS = Missouri Department of Conservation

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: In the Southern Area, high pressure will continue to bring dry conditions to much of Florida and the south central states. However, a low pressure area may develop in the lower Mississippi Valley that could increase shower and thunderstorm potential across the entire Southeast toward the middle of next week. In the West, there is the potential for a round of moisture entering the northwest quadrant of the country during Thursday and Friday next week.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	70 to 85 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 75 to 85 upper deserts. 85 to 95 lower deserts.	10 to 30%.	Northeast to southeast 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts over Southern California and southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph over Central California.



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

THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

- Do not lie down.
 - The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
 - Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
 - Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
 - Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!
- "Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.
- Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.
- Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridge tops, etc., should be avoided.
- If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.
- Put down all tools.
- Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs					2	1	3
	ACRES					1	1	2
Northern California	FIREs						4	4
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIREs					8	3	11
	ACRES					212	46	258
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs			1				1
	ACRES			80				80
Southwest	FIREs		1			2	2	5
	ACRES		1			2	16	19
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	9		1		4	1	15
	ACRES	81		1		14	0	96
Eastern Area	FIREs				1	12	4	17
	ACRES				1	2,261	13	2,275
Southern Area	FIREs	30		3	1	751	23	808
	ACRES	2,752		302	1	7,959	542	11,556
TOTAL	FIREs	39	1	5	2	779	38	864
	ACRES	2,833	1	383	2	10,449	618	14,286

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1				13	4	18
	ACRES	1				70	2	73
Northern California	FIRES					15	8	23
	ACRES					23	0	23
Southern California	FIRES		2	1			5	8
	ACRES		0	0			0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	1	1		10	7	24
	ACRES	12	10	0		217	81	320
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	2				3
	ACRES		0	80				80
Southwest	FIRES	3	2		1	12	10	28
	ACRES	1	1		1	982	16	1,001
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	11		4		14	4	33
	ACRES	266		8		632	0	906
Eastern Area	FIRES				2	79	39	120
	ACRES				2	4,082	505	4,589
Southern Area	FIRES	65		21	2	5,172	148	5,408
	ACRES	3,258		1,747	2	31,912	3,188	40,107
TOTAL	FIRES	85	8	29	5	5,315	225	5,667
	ACRES	3,538	11	1,835	5	37,918	3,792	47,099

Eight Year Average Fires	10,510
Eight Year Average Acres	178,301

*** 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		11	1			7	19
	ACRES		525	110			225	860
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						7	7
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		4				5	9
	ACRES		253				90	343
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						911	911
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		0		0		9	9
	ACRES		16		5		1,260	1,281
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3				1	12	16
	ACRES	341				185	10,090	10,616
Eastern Area	FIRES				2		4	6
	ACRES				488		1,381	1,869
Southern Area	FIRES	17		6	4	59	101	187
	ACRES	1,159		1,411	3,953	30,768	79,482	116,773
TOTAL	FIRES	20	15	7	6	60	140	248
	ACRES	1,500	794	1,521	4,446	30,953	93,446	132,660

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	46	17			22	86
	ACRES	522	7,340	1,134			1,000	9,996
Northern California	FIRES		2	0	1		7	10
	ACRES		21	7,094	195		212	7,522
Southern California	FIRES		2	1			20	23
	ACRES		52	3			332	387
Northern Rockies	FIRES		5				16	21
	ACRES		753				1,482	2,235
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	6	9
	ACRES		74			34	934	1,042
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		1	0				1
Southwest	FIRES	1	8		4		57	70
	ACRES	23	17,859		62		4,930	22,874
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	17	2	10	6	8	55	98
	ACRES	2,640	31	2,605	144	1,215	14,197	20,832
Eastern Area	FIRES			37	4	0	23	64
	ACRES			3,634	608	1,120	11,387	16,749
Southern Area	FIRES	22		59	9	140	487	717
	ACRES	2,869		44,390	9,970	88,962	421,411	567,602
TOTAL	FIRES	41	68	125	24	149	693	1,100
	ACRES	6,054	26,131	58,860	10,979	91,331	455,885	649,240

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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				2						6
Northern California										
Southern California				1						
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			1							
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				4	6	1			6	25
Total	0	0	8	6	1	0	0	0	12	25

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