

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2006 0800 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy nationally with 364 new fires reported. Ten new large fires were reported, seven in the Southern Area, two in the Eastern Area and one in the Rocky Mountain Area. Five large fires were contained, four the Southern Area and two in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Massachusetts, Connecticut, West Virginia, Florida and Vermont.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hanneman) is assigned in Midland, TX. The Team is assisting local jurisdictions with managing initial and extended attack fires within the 140 million acre fire management response area. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

HORN MOUNTAIN, Buffalo National River. This fire is in Newton County in grass. Remote and rugged terrain are hampering control efforts. Rain showers decreased fire activity.

MID DAY, Okmulgee Field Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is two miles north of Haydenville, OK in grass and hardwood litter. The fire is in patrol status.

GARCON POINT ROAD, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Santa Rosa County in timber. Significant runs and spotting across Interstate 10 forced the closure of this highway for several hours.

TANYARD HILL, Kentucky Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land in Bell County in timber and litter understory. Thick vegetation mixed with logging slash and steep terrain are making line construction difficult. Structure protection is in place for two residences and a barn.

GAMBLER, Eglin Air Force Base. This fire is five miles southwest of Holt, FL in southern rough and timber. Smoke is impacting Interstate 10 and Highway 90. The fire is burning in inaccessible terrain and continues to be monitored.

170TH STREET, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is three miles northwest of Miami Lakes, FL in melaleuca hurricane damaged timber. Heavy smoke is causing congestion along major turnpike. Spotting and intense burning in heavy fuels were reported.

CHARLIE O BRIEN, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land eight miles northwest of Beggs, OK in hardwood timber. No new information was reported.

SPANISH PEAKS, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land nine miles northeast of Beggs, OK in hardwood leaves and litter. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	3,881	NR	UNK	237	0	12	2	0	8.6M	N/A
HORN MOUNTAIN	AR	BUP	5,275	75	UNK	26	0	0	0	0	NR	NPS
MID DAY	OK	OMA	846	80	4/1	15	1	2	0	0	5K	BIA
GARCON POINT ROAD	FL	FLS	400	90	4/1	34	0	10	2	0	NR	ST
TANYARD HILL	KY	KYS	200	75	UNK	19	2	2	0	0	NR	PRI
GAMBLER	FL	EAQ	600	80	4/1	5	0	1	1	0	NR	DOD
170TH STREET	FL	FLS	400	75	4/3	20	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
CHARLIE O'BRIEN	OK	OKS	5,950	75	4/2	30	0	7	0	0	NR	PRI
SPANISH PEAKS	OK	OKS	580	85	4/2	24	0	7	2	1	NR	PRI
JY RANCH	TX	TXS	611	100	---	23	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
GATEWOOD FORD ROAD	TN	TNS	600	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
WEST MADILL	OK	OKS	400	100	---	31	0	4	0	0	NR	ST

TNS Tennessee Division of Forestry

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

OBEE, Kansas Counties. This fire started on private land one mile east of Hutchinson, KS in grass. Evacuation orders have been lifted in a 21 square mile area. Minimal fire activity with some spotting and flare-ups was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
OBEE	KS	KSX	6,000	75	4/1	17	0	4	0	0	NR	PRI

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

BURRO, Coronado National Forest. This fire is 34 miles north of Douglas, AZ in timber and brush. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BURRO	AZ	CNF	370	98	UNK	56	2	0	2	0	840K	FS

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

SCHOOL HOUSE HOLLOW, Mark Twain National Forest. This fire started on private land five miles southeast of Gladden, MO in hardwood litter. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SCHOOL HOUSE HOLLOW	MO	MTF	700	90	UNK	25	0	1	1	0	4.5K	PRI
WINDSOR CROSSING	MO	MOS	244	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	NR	DOD
SANDY RIDGE	PA	PAS	200	100	---	38	8	6	1	0	NR	ST

MOS - Missouri Department of Conservation

PAS - Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watch: For portions of eastern New Mexico and northwest Texas for strong winds and low humidity.

Weather Discussion: An upper level storm system will travel across New England today, while another system moves into the West. Ahead of the western storm system, windy conditions will develop over the persistently dry region of eastern New Mexico, western portions of Texas and Oklahoma, and southeastern Colorado.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southwest Area Windy and dry with partly cloudy skies eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Variable clouds remainder of the Southwest Area with scattered rain and higher elevation snow showers northern portions of Arizona and New Mexico.	60 to mid 80s lower elevations and 30s to 50s across the higher elevations of the Southwest Area.	10 to 20% across eastern New Mexico and west Texas, 20 to 40% across the remainder of the Southwest Area.	South to southwest 15 to 30 mph across eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Southwest 10 to 20 mph across the remainder of the Southwest Area.
Eastern Area Mostly Cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms across Mid-Atlantic and Northeast. Partly cloudy elsewhere.	57 to 67 across the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.	42 to 52% across the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast. 32 to 42% across Missouri, Iowa, southern Illinois and Indiana.	Southwest 12 to 20 mph across the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast becoming west to northwest in the afternoon. Light and variable over Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana.
Rocky Mountain Area Kansas and southeast Colorado: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms across Kansas. Mainly, dry over eastern Colorado.	65 to 75.	30 to 40%.	South to southeast 15 to 25 mph.
Southern California Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Snow level 6,000 feet Central California and 8,000 feet Southern California.	40 to 55 mountains. 55 to 70 valleys. 50 to 65 upper deserts. 65 to 75 lower deserts.	50 to 70%.	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 YESTERDAY:

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	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Southwest	FIRES	1		1	4	1		7
	ACRES	0		1	165	0		166
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				4			4
	ACRES				7,145			7,145
Eastern Area	FIRES			1	100	17		118
	ACRES			4	697	711		1,412
Southern Area	FIRES				218	16		234
	ACRES				2,989	344		3,333
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	2	326	34	364
	ACRES	0	0	0	5	10,996	1,055	12,056

FIRE AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	10		2		3	2	17
	ACRES	6		3		2	0	11
Northern California	FIRES					72	8	80
	ACRES					1,555	1,244	2,799
Southern California	FIRES		4				25	29
	ACRES		10				11,095	11,105
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8	1		1	4	4	18
	ACRES	31	100		223	28	14	396
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	2			1		3
	ACRES	51	10			28		89
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8		1			9
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRES	172	27	1	26	406	138	770
	ACRES	808	1,431	431	3,493	202,432	12,379	220,974
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	6	7	2	103	20	147
	ACRES	357	0	407	0	91,495	7,319	99,578
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		3	8	2,741	160	2,913
	ACRES	1		255	62	32,915	3,638	36,871
Southern Area	FIRES	300		98	14	16,487	417	17,316
	ACRES	22,061		11,916	1,723	1,429,219	25,437	1,490,356
TOTAL	FIRES	500	48	111	52	19,817	774	21,302
	ACRES	23,315	1,560	13,012	5,502	1,757,674	61,126	1,862,189

Five Year Average Fires	13,039
Five Year Average Acres	166,054

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES			79				79
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES			5			15	20
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1		0	0		1	2
	ACRES	0		5	5		2,307	2,317
Eastern Area	FIRES			2		1	1	4
	ACRES			652		3	28	683
Southern Area	FIRES				1		5	6
	ACRES				218		3,650	3,868
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	2	1	1	7	15
	ACRES	0	84	657	223	3	6,000	6,967

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		81	14			18	113
	ACRES		1,978	530			124	2,632
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	2		48	68
	ACRES	101	222	2,404	6		708	3,441
Southern California	FIRES		4	2			48	54
	ACRES		284	24			1,415	1,723
Northern Rockies	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		618					618
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	6			1	2	10
	ACRES	4	1,116			2	350	1,472
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	13	4	2			61	80
	ACRES	596	1,142	320			6,952	9,010
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	10	4	30	5	16	63	128
	ACRES	1,047	110	7,153	84	443	11,637	20,474
Eastern Area	FIRES			40	19	180	79	318
	ACRES			3,869	3,131	18,332	19,857	45,189
Southern Area	FIRES			101	25	189	618	933
	ACRES			45,024	6,750	97,850	487,755	637,379
TOTAL	FIRES	36	108	193	51	386	937	1,711
	ACRES	1,748	5,480	59,334	9,971	116,627	528,798	721,958

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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										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	2		3		2		2		9	
Rocky Mountain			1	36						10
Eastern Area		8	1	31	1	1			22	5
Southern Area	24	7	25	76	3	7	1		145	153
Total	26	15	30	143	6	8	3	0	176	168

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