

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate nationally with 203 new fires reported. Six new large fires were reported, three in the Southern Area, two in the Eastern Area, and one in the Southwest Area. Three large fires were contained, two in the Southern Area, and one in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Minnesota.

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. The Team is managing the Utopia and Bowers City fires. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

KRPT, Anadarko Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is one mile north of Anadarko, OK in grass. Grazing land remains threatened. High winds and low relative humidity are hampering containment efforts. Interior pockets of fuel continue to burn.

LEWIS MOUNTAIN, Shenandoah National Park. This fire is four miles east of Grottoes, VA in leaf litter, bug kill pine and timber understory. Moderate fire activity with some torching was reported. Burn out operations to improve line construction continue. Three recreation trails remain closed.

UTOPIA, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land in Uvalde County, TX in grass, brush and hardwood litter. The fire is being managed under West Texas, IA. No further information was received.

FLATSIDE, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is in Garland County, AR in light logging slash and timber. The fire is located within the Flatside Wilderness Area. No further information was received.

CEMENT, Anadarko Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is half a mile west of Cement, OK in grass. Interior pockets of fuel continue to actively burn.

FAIN PLANT, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land north of Amarillo, TX in grass. The fire is being managed under West Texas IA. No new information was reported.

BOWERS CITY, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land south of Pampa, TX in grass. The fire is being managed under West Texas IA. No new information was reported.

FORSAN, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land 13 miles southeast of Big Spring, TX in grass. The fire is being managed under West Texas IA. No new information was reported.

DICKIE RANCH, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land south of Woodson TX, in grass. No new information was reported.

FORSAN #2, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land four miles southeast of Forsan, TX in grass. This fire is being managed under West Texas IA. 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	4,570	NR	UNK	235	0	16	4	0	9.9M	N/A
KRPT	OK	ANA	449	50	4/8	18	1	3	0	1	5.4K	BIA
LEWIS MOUNTAIN	VA	SHP	1,100	70	4/8	125	4	0	1	0	85K	NPS
UTOPIA	TX	TXS	1,800	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
FLATSIDER	AR	OUF	400	0	4/10	55	2	3	2	0	NR	FS
CEMENT	OK	ANA	640	75	4/8	13	0	5	0	3	4.5K	BIA
FAIN PLANT	TX	TXS	14,000	50	4/9	11	0	2	1	0	NR	PRI
BOWERS CITY	TX	TXS	5,000	90	UNK	14	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
FORSAN	TX	TXS	2,500	40	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
DICKIE RANCH	TX	TXS	300	75	UNK	5	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
FORSAN #2	TX	TXS	2,000	90	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
CRANE	TX	TXS	2,800	100	---	26	0	5	1	0	NR	PRI
YANCY	TX	TXS	400	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

RED LAKE 16, Red Lake Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 20 miles west of Red Lake, MN in grass. Rapid rates of spread and six to eight foot flame lengths were reported. A burn out operation secured control lines, and the fire is being monitored.

EAST PONG, Mark Twain National Forest. This fire is east of Viburnum, MO in hardwood litter. Moderate fire behavior with some spotting was reported. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
RED LAKE 16	MN	RLA	3,650	90	UNK	6	0	1	1	0	\$3,500	BIA
EAST PONG	MO	MTF	120	NR	UNK	13	0	0	1	0	\$5,000	FS

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

RED LAKE, Mescalero Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 13 miles southwest of Tinnie, NM in grass. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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RED LAKE	NM	MEA	400	0	UNK	107	2	17	0	0	36K	BIA
MARLEY	NM	N5S	600	100	---	7	0	3	0	4	50K	ST

N5S Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will build over the Southwest and Southern Plains for dry weather and lighter winds. A cold front will bring rain to portions of Mid-Atlantic and Southeast States.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern Area Northeast North Carolina: Thunderstorms with 0.25 inches of rain. Northern VA: More showers and thunderstorms with 0.50 inches of rain. West Central OK: Partly cloudy. Southwest TX: Partly cloudy. Northwest Texas (Panhandle): Partly cloudy.	Middle 70s. Around 70. Middle 60s. Upper 60s to middle 70s. 65 to 70.	55 to 65%. 60 to 65%. 30 to 40%. 20 to 30%. 25 to 30%.	South at 10 to 20, gusting to 25 mph. North 5 to 10 mph. North 10 to 20 mph. Northeast 5 to 10 mph. North 5 to 10, becoming south.
Southwest Area Cooler and more humid across eastern New Mexico and west Texas, otherwise fair skies and warmer with light winds across the Southwest Area.	Upper 60s to upper 80s lower elevations and upper 40s to upper 60s across the higher elevations of the Southwest Area.	5 to 15% lower elevations of Arizona and western New Mexico. 15% to 25% across the remainder of the Southwest Area.	Winds becoming south to southwest 10 to 20 mph during the afternoon across the Southwest Area.
Southern California Area Partly cloudy central California. Mostly sunny southern California.	50 to 65 mountains. 60 to 75 valleys. 60 to 75 upper deserts. 75 to 85 lower deserts.	20 to 40%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
Eastern Area No information was reported.			



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Hazard Trees

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Air operations - cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use saw teams and falling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

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	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			2	2	6
	ACRES	0	2			2	1	5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	1				51		52
Eastern Area	FIRES	19				36	7	62
	ACRES	3,792				550	3	4,345
Southern Area	FIRES	1				122	9	132
	ACRES	1				1,016	453	1,470
TOTAL	FIRES	23	1	0	0	161	18	203
	ACRES	3,795	2	0	0	1,619	457	5,873

FIREs 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	34	1		1	7	4	47
	ACRES	132	100		223	3,568	14	4,037
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	0	2				1	3
	ACRES	51	10			28		89
Western Great Basin	FIREs		9		1			10
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIREs	184	30	1	30	428	143	816
	ACRES	1,210	1,518	431	3,494	202,714	12,409	221,776
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	12	6	9	2	116	21	166
	ACRES	975	0	594	0	94,948	7,324	103,841
Eastern Area	FIREs	34		5	10	3,753	180	3,982
	ACRES	3,812		257	63	36,179	3,758	44,069
Southern Area	FIREs	313		113	14	17,761	493	18,694
	ACRES	22,667		12,300	1,723	1,487,367	26,859	1,550,916
TOTAL	FIREs	587	52	130	58	22,141	876	23,844
	ACRES	28,853	1,647	13,585	5,504	1,826,361	62,703	1,938,653

Five Year Average Fires	13,846
Five Year Average Acres	208,852

***** 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		2				1	3
	ACRES			51			45	96
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES				481			481
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1		1		0	2
	ACRES		60		87		1,200	1,347
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES					20		20
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					7		7
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						800	800
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	2	1	2	2	10
	ACRES	0	111	481	107	7	2,045	2,751

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			19	114
	ACRES		1,978	530			169	2,677
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	2		48	68
	ACRES	101	222	2,404	6		712	3,445
Southern California	FIRES		5	2			48	55
	ACRES		285	24			1,416	1,725
Northern Rockies	FIRES		6	4				10
	ACRES		621	1,036				1,657
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	6			1	2	10
	ACRES	4	1,124			2	350	1,480
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	14	5	2	1		66	88
	ACRES	676	1,202	320	87		11,630	13,915
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	15	5	31	8	18	64	141
	ACRES	1,587	115	7,318	337	838	13,812	24,007
Eastern Area	FIRES	18		59	24	211	88	400
	ACRES	380		6,414	4,449	20,137	22,902	54,282
Southern Area	FIRES			143	28	189	639	999
	ACRES			65,656	7,019	97,850	512,734	683,259
TOTAL	FIRES	60	112	259	63	419	974	1,887
	ACRES	2,748	5,557	83,712	11,898	118,827	563,725	786,467

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WFU FIRES AND 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		10	13			3		17	3
Rocky Mountain			3						4	
Eastern Area			1		3				10	
Southern Area	14	3	28	46	7	8	4		230	111
Total	16	3	42	59	10	8	7	0	261	114

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