

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate nationally with 249 new fires reported. Ten new large fires (*) were reported, seven in the Southern Area and three in the Eastern Area. Three large fires were contained in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and West Virginia.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

FLATSIDE, Ouachita National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Custer) is assigned. This fire is in Garland County, AR in light logging slash and timber. The fire is located within the Flatside Wilderness Area. Steep terrain and difficult access are hampering containment efforts. Active fire behavior with flame lengths up to four feet was reported. Good progress was made in final line construction and burn out operations.

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 also managing the Mobeetie North, Mobeetie South, and Canadian North fires. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

CANADIAN NORTH, Texas Forest Service. This fire is twelve miles north of Canadian, TX in grass. Structures are threatened. Rapid rates of spread were reported. The fire is being managed under West Texas, IA.

MOBEETIE SOUTH, Texas Forest Service. This fire is two miles southwest of Mobeetie, TX in grass. Structures are threatened. Rapid rates of spread were reported. The fire is being managed under West Texas, IA.

MOBEETIE NORTH, Texas Forest Service. This fire is eight miles north of Mobeetie, TX in grass. Rapid rates of spread and active burning on the North and South flanks were reported. The fire is being managed under West Texas, IA.

STEELFIELD COMMAND, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land northwest of Panama City, FL in timber. Spotting fire behavior was reported.

FLAT ROCK CANYON, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is seven miles south of Kinta, OK in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

90 DEGREE TURN, North Carolina State Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles east of Lumberton, NC in timber. Running fire behavior was reported.

BEAVER S BLUFF, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land one mile north of Chewey, OK in hardwood litter. Flame lengths up to ten feet and spotting were reported.

WEST DRUMMOND, Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is eight miles southeast of Suffolk, VA in timber. Continued smoldering in the heavy fuels was reported.

UNDERWOOD, Wewoka Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is four miles west of Cromwell, OK in timber. No new information was reported.

99-A, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land six miles north of Wekoka, OK in hardwood litter. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

ISLAND WAY COMMAND, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in near Jupiter, FL in timber. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
FLATSIDE	AR	OUF	4,675	85	4/16	175	6	2	1	0	365K	FS
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	4,610	NR	UNK	203	0	16	6	0	10.6M	N/A
*CANADIAN NORTH	TX	TXS	18,000	95	4/12	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
*MOBEETIE SOUTH	TX	TXS	600	95	4/12	30	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
*MOBEETIE NORTH	TX	TXS	4,000	95	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
*STEELFIELD COMMAND	FL	FLS	1,200	70	UNK	40	0	2	2	0	7K	PRI
*FLAT ROCK CANYON	OK	OKS	475	85	UNK	11	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
*90 DEGREE TURN	NC	NCS	175	60	UNK	7	0	0	1	0	NR	ST
*BEAVER'S BLUFF	OK	OKS	130	80	4/13	4	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
WEST DRUMMOND	VA	GDR	535	95	UNK	43	1	4	2	0	40K	FWS
UNDERWOOD	OK	WEA	250	95	UNK	23	0	9	0	0	NR	BIA
99-A	OK	OKS	200	85	UNK	30	0	15	0	0	NR	PRI
ISLAND WAY COMMAND	FL	FLS	125	95	UNK	6	0	1	0	0	1.6K	ST

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

HOMESTEAD PARK #2, Shoshone National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This fire is eight miles southwest of Lander, WY in timber. Structure protection is in place. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
HOMESTEAD PARK #2	WY	SHF	225	35	4/14	142	3	11	1	4	250K	FS

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

TRAIL, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This fire started on private land one mile north of Trail, MN in grass, brush and aspen. Rapid rates of spread and difficult access are hampering containment efforts. Burn out operations were completed to secure control lines.

WHITE OAK, Missouri Department of Conservation. The fire started on Department of Defense land ten miles east of Clinton, MO in hardwood litter. Remote location and difficult terrain are hampering containment efforts. Structures are threatened. Running, torching and spotting were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
*TRAIL	MN	MNS	600	80	UNK	21	0	8	0	0	2K	PRI
*WHITE OAK	MO	MOS	183	70	4/12	13	0	1	0	0	NR	DOD
*DEAD COW	MO	MOS	160	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
PARKERS PRAIRIE	MN	MNS	326	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	7.5K	PRI
EAST PONG	MO	MTF	184	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	10K	FS

MTF Mark Twain National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: A few counties in the central Florida panhandle due to brief durations of marginally low humidities in the mid 30%. Yesterday s minimums were above criteria the mid to upper 30%.

Weather Discussion: High pressure will bring dry weather from the Southwest and Rocky Mountains to the East Coast. However, rain in the Great Lakes will spread into the Northeast by tonight.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern Area West-central Arkansas: Partly cloudy.	Near 80.	Upper 40%s.	Southerly to 10 mph.
North TX Panhandle: Partly cloudy.	Upper 80s.	Low 20%s.	Northerly to 10 mph.
Central FL panhandle: Clear.	Near 80.	Mid-upper 30%s.	Northeast to 10 mph.
Rocky Mountain Partly cloudy with a chance of showers over extreme western Wyoming, otherwise dry.	Mid 70s and 80s lower elevations of Colorado. 50s in the mountains. 50s and 60s lower elevations of Wyoming.	10% to 20% eastern and southwest Colorado and western Kansas. 25% to 35% elsewhere.	West to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Gusts near 40 mph western Wyoming.
Eastern Area Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms across Michigan, northeast Wisconsin, northern Indiana, Ohio, and western parts of Pennsylvania and New York. Fair weather elsewhere.	65 to 75 over the Northeast and Mid- Atlantic states. 70 to 80 across Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana. 55 to 65 across the northern Great Lakes. 60 to 70 over the southern Great Lakes.	25 to 35% along the Atlantic Coast. 30 to 40% over the Central portions of New York and Pennsylvania, West Virginia. 35 to 45% elsewhere.	Southwest at 17 to 27 mph across Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, the Northeast and Mid- Atlantic states. Becoming northwest at 12 to 20 mph over Michigan and Indiana. Northwest wind at 12 to 22 mph across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois, diminishing in the afternoon.
Southern California Showers Central California. Partly cloudy Southern California.	50 to 65 mountains. 65 to 80 valleys. 65 to 75 upper deserts. 80 to 90 lower deserts.	30 to 50%.	Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.



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CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT A SAFE ANCHOR POINT

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.

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	2						2
	ACRES	2						2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	26			2	69	9	106
	ACRES	29			30	68	89	216
Southern Area	FIRES					131	9	140
	ACRES					25,239	59	25,298
TOTAL	FIRES	28	0	0	2	200	19	249
	ACRES	31	0	0	30	25,307	149	25,517

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	88	1	0	1	7	4	101
	ACRES	334	100	10	223	3,568	14	4,249
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	2			1		3
	ACRES	51	10			28		89
Western Great Basin	FIRES		11		1			12
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRES	190	30	1	30	432	153	836
	ACRES	1,236	1,518	431	3,494	202,732	12,419	221,830
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	7	9	2	124	27	181
	ACRES	975	0	594	0	102,516	7,549	111,634
Eastern Area	FIRES	152		5	12	4,339	225	4,733
	ACRES	4,079		257	96	39,970	4,559	48,961
Southern Area	FIRES	313		117	15	21,612	532	22,589
	ACRES	22,667		12,850	2,873	1,611,548	27,384	1,677,322
TOTAL	FIRES	765	55	134	61	26,590	976	28,581
	ACRES	29,348	1,647	14,145	6,687	1,961,919	64,264	2,078,010

Five Year Average Fires	22,763
Five Year Average Acres	457,184

*** 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							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			1		2		3
	ACRES			340		230		570
Eastern Area	FIRES			4	2	8	2	16
	ACRES			3,518	33	290	381	4,222
Southern Area	FIRES				1		9	10
	ACRES				127		6,477	6,604
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	5	3	10	11	29
	ACRES	0	0	3,858	160	520	6,858	11,396

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		82	14			19	115
	ACRES		1,998	530			169	2,697
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	3		48	69
	ACRES	101	222	2,404	7		712	3,446
Southern California	FIRES		5	2			48	55
	ACRES		285	24			1,416	1,725
Northern Rockies	FIRES		6	7				13
	ACRES		621	1,470				2,091
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	8	3		1	5	18
	ACRES	6	1,155	76		2	492	1,731
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	14	5	2	1		66	88
	ACRES	761	1,202	320	87		11,630	14,000
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	17	6	32	8	20	67	150
	ACRES	1,937	190	7,658	347	1,068	14,612	25,812
Eastern Area	FIRES	24		80	27	242	99	472
	ACRES	21,784		12,654	4,276	20,814	24,206	83,734
Southern Area	FIRES			145	29	192	656	1,022
	ACRES			66,492	7,146	99,854	527,370	700,862
TOTAL	FIRES	68	116	289	68	455	1,008	2,004
	ACRES	24,589	5,683	91,638	11,863	121,738	580,607	836,118

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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					1		3			
Rocky Mountain	2	1	6	5		1			9	15
Eastern Area				9	1					7
Southern Area	15		29	63	5	12	4	1	233	117
Total	17	1	35	77	7	13	7	1	242	139

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