

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2006 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 173 new fires reported. Eight new large fires (*) were reported, three in the Southern Area, two in the Southwest Area, one each in the Eastern, Rocky Mountain and Northern Rockies Areas. Four large fires were contained, three in the Southern Area, and one in the in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, New Mexico, Missouri and Wisconsin.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

FLATSIDE, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is in Garland County, AR in mixed hardwood and pine. The fire is located within the Flatside Wilderness Area. The fire is being patrolled and monitored.

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. Three new fires were reported within the Management Area. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

WORLD S EDGE, North Carolina State Division of Forest Resources. This fire is near Edneyville, NC in timber and grass. Steep terrain, rolling debris, gusty winds extreme fire behavior, spotting and difficult access are hampering containment efforts. Numerous structures remain threatened.

SULFER CREEK 2, Ozark-St. Francis National Forests. This fire is near Hector AR in brush. Windy conditions and steep terrain are hampering containment efforts.

DANIELS, Okmulgee Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is four miles northeast of Boley, OK in grass and hardwood litter. Extreme fire behavior with eight foot flame lengths and interior torching were reported. The fire continues to burn actively into the evening.

72nd Avenue SE/Everglades, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is 46 miles west of Miami in grass. No new information was reported.

TIRPITZ, Bouge Chitto National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 17 miles north of Slidell, LA in timber understory. No new information was reported.

CHILLY SPRINGS KNOB, Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFL) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is eight miles northwest of Fines Creek, TN in the southwest corner of the park. The fire is predominately in pine and oak forest. Limited fire movement was reported. Two recreation trails and a backcountry campsite were closed.

STEELFIELD COMMAND, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land northwest of Panama City, 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 | 5,095 | 98 | 4/16 | 48 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 650K | FS |
| WEST TEXAS IA | TX | TXS | 4,699 | NR | UNK | 213 | 0 | 19 | 6 | 0 | 11.5M | N/A |
| * WORLD'S EDGE | NC | NCS | 280 | 65 | 4/15 | 38 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | NR | ST |
| * SULFER CREEK 2 | AR | OZF | 200 | 50 | 4/15 | 40 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | NR | FS |
| DANIELS | OK | OMA | 6,450 | 85 | 4/17 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 25K | BIA |
| 72ND AVENUE SE/EVERGLADES | FL | FLS | 370 | 55 | 4/20 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.8K | ST |
| TIRPITZ | LA | BCR | 108 | 98 | 4/14 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | NR | FWS |
| CHILLY SPRINGS KNOB - WFU | TN | GSP | 738 | N/A | N/A | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15K | NPS |
| STEELFIELD COMMAND | FL | FLS | 814 | 70 | UNK | 40 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7K | PRI |
| BEAVER'S BLUFF | OK | OKS | 130 | 100 | --- | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | NR | PRI |
| * GUESSES FORK | VA | VAS | 500 | 100 | --- | 18 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5.4K | ST |
| CLEARVIEW | OK | OMA | 540 | 100 | --- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8.4K | BIA |

VAS - Virginia Department of Forestry

OKS - Oklahoma Division of Forestry

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

OJO FELIZ, New Mexico State Forestry, Las Vegas District. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lineback) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles northeast of Mora, NM in grass and brush. Residences remain threatened. Strong winds created a strong backing fire. Difficult access on north flank is hampering control efforts.

COWDEN, New Mexico State Forestry, Las Vegas District. This fire is in Guadalupe County, NM in grass. No further information was received.

SINGLETON, New Mexico State Forestry, Las Vegas District. This fire is in Guadalupe County, NM in grass. . No further information was received.

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|---------------|----|------|--------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| OJO FELIZ | NM | N4S | 15,600 | 40 | 4/18 | 395 | 14 | 30 | 4 | 4 | 1.2M | ST |
| * COWDEN | NM | N4S | 3,000 | 80 | UNK | 37 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | \$1,500 | ST |
| * SINGLETON | NM | N4S | 1,000 | 90 | UNK | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | \$1,000 | ST |

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

WINSLOW SPOILS, Indiana Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land two miles north of Winslow, IN in hardwood litter and slash. Moderate uphill runs were reported. One road has been closed.

CROOKED TRUCK TRAIL, Mark Twain National Forest. This fire four miles northeast of Viburnum, MO in hardwood litter. The fire is in monitor status.

BROOKS CREEK, Mark Twain National Forest. This fire is five miles northeast of Bixby, MO in hardwood litter. The fire is in monitor status.

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|------------------------|----|------|------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| * WINSLOW SPOILS | IN | INS | 190 | 25 | 4/16 | 32 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | NR | PRI |
| CROOKED TRUCK TRAIL | MO | MTF | 545 | 98 | 4/15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10K | FS |
| BROOKS CREEK | MO | MTF | 150 | 98 | 4/15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10K | FS |

MOS Missouri Department of Natural Resources

OHS Ohio Department of Natural Resources

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

TROUT CREEK, Custer National Forest. This fire is nine miles north of Nye, MT in ponderosa pine and grass. Torching and spotting were reported. No further information was received.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD | ORIGIN OWN |
|---------------|----|------|------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| * TROUT CREEK | MT | CNF | 150 | 0 | UNK | 13 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | \$5,000 | FS |

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD | ORIGIN OWN |
|---------------|----|------|------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| * SASSE | SD | PRA | 500 | 100 | --- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | NR | BIA |

PRA - Pine Ridge Agency

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Eastern New Mexico and west Texas for strong west winds and low humidity. For eastern Colorado for strong winds and low humidity.

Weather Discussion: An upper trough will be moving across the Southwest and into the Central States today. This will produce gusty winds and low humidity from eastern portions of New Mexico and Colorado to the Southern Plains. Gusty winds and low humidity can also be expected across portions of Minnesota. The Southeast will remain warm and dry.

| Geographic Area Weather | High Temperatures | Minimum Relative Humidity | Wind |
|--|---|--|--|
| Southern Area No information was reported. | | | |
| Southwest Area Very windy and dry eastern New Mexico and west Texas, otherwise mostly sunny and cooler across the rest of the Southwest Area. | 70 to low 90s lower elevations and upper 40s to upper 60s higher elevations. | 5 to 15% eastern New Mexico and west Texas. 10% to 25% across the remainder of the Southwest Area. | West 20 to 35 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas. West 10 to 20 mph across the rest of the Southwest Area. |
| Rocky Mountain Area Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow over western Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Dry across eastern Colorado and Kansas. | 65 to 80 eastern Colorado and Kansas. 55 to 65 elsewhere. 40s mountains. | 10 to 20% eastern Colorado and Kansas. 25 to 35% elsewhere. | Southwest to northwest winds 15 to 25 with gusts 35 mph. |
| Eastern Area Partly sunny and continued very warm across Missouri, and far southern Illinois. A slight chance of thunderstorms. A good chance of showers and thunderstorms developing over Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana. Lingering showers over northern New England. Fair weather elsewhere. | 78 to 88 over Missouri, southern Iowa, and southern parts of Illinois and Indiana. 60 to 70 over the northern Great Lakes. 50 to 60 across New England. 65 to 75 elsewhere. | 25 to 35% over the northern Great Lakes. 40 to 50% over Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Maine due to more cloud cover. 35 to 45% elsewhere. | South at 12 to 24 mph over Missouri, southern Illinois, and Indiana. Southeast at 10 to 20 mph over the Minnesota, Iowa, northern Illinois and Wisconsin. Northwest 10 to 20 mph across New England. |
| Southern California Scattered showers Central California. Snow level to 7,000 feet. | 40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 60 to 70 upper deserts. Near 80 lower deserts. | 50 to 70%. | Southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts. |



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

FIRE SHELTER SITE SELECTION

The primary objective of every operational fire plan is to keep firefighters out of an entrapment situation. However, firefighters must always be prepared for the possibility of having to deploy their fire shelters. The key to a successful fire shelter deployment is proper site selection. Consider the following when discussing shelter deployment site selection:

- Pick a site that will keep the fire shelter away from flames and convective heat. It should also limit the amount of radiant heat that reaches the shelter.
- Select an area with no fuels, or if that isn't possible, select a site in light fuels such as grass where the flaming front passes quickly. Clear the site to mineral soil if at all possible. If time is critical, pick a site with the least fuel.
- Pick natural firebreaks (e.g., wet meadows; creek beds; wet, swampy areas; large rockslides with no fuels). Note that rough terrain in rockslides may make obtaining an effective seal impossible, thus making the site unacceptable.
- Areas on the lee side of ridge tops and knobs can be effective deployment sites because convective heat and flames will generally continue rising above them.
- Wide areas that have been cleared of fuel such as dozer lines or roads can be effective deployment sites. In larger areas, don't let trucks, dozers, and other equipment occupy the best deployment sites.
- Flat areas on slopes, such as benches or road cuts, offer some protection from radiant and convective heat. Level areas like these can keep you below the path of flames and convective heat. The ditch on the inside of the road, if free of fuel, can improve the effectiveness of deploying in a road cut.
- Avoid areas that tend to funnel smoke, flames, and hot gases.
 - Narrow draws
 - Chutes
 - Chimneys
 - Saddles on ridge tops
- Know how long it takes to reach your safety zone. Crew supervisors should identify and communicate likely escape routes and safety zones.

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 | | | | | | 150 | 150 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1 | | | | 1 | | 2 |
| | ACRES | 1 | | | | 200 | | 201 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| | ACRES | | | | 1 | 8,100 | 0 | 8,101 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | 6 | | 6 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 554 | | 554 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | 13 | 5 | 18 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 369 | 20 | 389 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | 1 | 1 | 128 | 9 | 139 |
| | ACRES | | | 3 | 50 | 1,344 | 1,420 | 2,817 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 152 | 17 | 173 |
| | ACRES | 1 | 0 | 3 | 51 | 10,567 | 1,590 | 12,212 |

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 | 9 | 81 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 1,555 | 1,244 | 2,799 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | 4 | | | | 25 | 29 |
| | ACRES | | 10 | | | | 11,095 | 11,105 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 93 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 112 |
| | ACRES | 413 | 101 | 477 | 223 | 3,568 | 14 | 4,796 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 | 4 |
| | ACRES | 52 | 10 | | | | 28 | 90 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 11 | | 1 | | | 12 |
| | ACRES | | 9 | | 1 | | | 10 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 198 | 30 | 1 | 33 | 456 | 158 | 876 |
| | ACRES | 1,641 | 1,518 | 431 | 3,496 | 224,759 | 12,434 | 244,279 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 12 | 7 | 14 | 2 | 134 | 27 | 196 |
| | ACRES | 975 | 0 | 792 | 0 | 103,175 | 7,512 | 112,454 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 201 | | 7 | 31 | 4,765 | 244 | 5,248 |
| | ACRES | 4,615 | | 534 | 215 | 45,715 | 4,773 | 55,852 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 325 | | 120 | 16 | 22,238 | 564 | 23,263 |
| | ACRES | 40,419 | | 12,964 | 2,923 | 1,620,584 | 29,993 | 1,706,883 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 840 | 56 | 149 | 84 | 27,676 | 1,033 | 29,838 |
| | ACRES | 48,121 | 1,648 | 15,201 | 6,858 | 1,999,386 | 67,065 | 2,138,279 |

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|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Five Year Average Fires | 16,072 |
| Five Year Average Acres | 270,862 |

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|--------|
| Alaska | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIREs | | 3 | | | | | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | 45 | | | | 45 |
| Northern California | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern Rockies | FIREs | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | 20 | 250 | 128 | 320 | 718 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIREs | 0 | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 20 | 10 | | | | 10 | 40 |
| Western Great Basin | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIREs | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 1,200 | 360 | | 12 | 2,200 | 3,772 |
| Eastern Area | FIREs | | | 12 | 1 | 41 | | 54 |
| | ACRES | | | 3,705 | 120 | 1,550 | | 5,375 |
| Southern Area | FIREs | | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 4,147 | 4,147 |
| TOTAL | FIREs | 1 | 5 | 14 | 2 | 44 | 5 | 71 |
| | ACRES | 20 | 1,275 | 4,315 | 248 | 1,882 | 6,357 | 14,097 |

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Alaska | FIREs | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIREs | 1 | 85 | 14 | | | 19 | 119 |
| | ACRES | 149 | 2,343 | 530 | | | 169 | 3,191 |
| Northern California | FIREs | 12 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | 48 | 69 |
| | ACRES | 101 | 222 | 5,884 | 7 | | 712 | 6,926 |
| Southern California | FIREs | | 5 | 2 | | | 49 | 56 |
| | ACRES | | 285 | 24 | | | 1,591 | 1,900 |
| Northern Rockies | FIREs | | 6 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 24 |
| | ACRES | | 621 | 1,870 | 128 | 320 | 222 | 3,161 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIREs | 2 | 8 | 5 | | 1 | 5 | 21 |
| | ACRES | 1,046 | 1,758 | 1,424 | | 2 | 736 | 4,966 |
| Western Great Basin | FIREs | | 1 | 1 | | | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | 10 | 10 | | | | 20 |
| Southwest | FIREs | 119 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 67 | 194 |
| | ACRES | 1,224 | 1,202 | 320 | 87 | | 20,710 | 23,543 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIREs | 18 | 8 | 33 | 8 | 25 | 72 | 164 |
| | ACRES | 1,937 | 2,090 | 8,168 | 347 | 1,430 | 17,402 | 31,374 |
| Eastern Area | FIREs | 28 | | 141 | 29 | 304 | 103 | 605 |
| | ACRES | 22,003 | | 24,768 | 4,502 | 22,931 | 24,385 | 98,589 |
| Southern Area | FIREs | 1 | | 145 | 31 | 192 | 674 | 1,043 |
| | ACRES | 120 | | 66,492 | 7,790 | 99,854 | 539,837 | 714,093 |
| TOTAL | FIREs | 181 | 121 | 355 | 73 | 523 | 1,044 | 2,297 |
| | ACRES | 26,580 | 8,531 | 109,490 | 12,861 | 124,537 | 605,764 | 887,763 |

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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 | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | 735 | | | 735 |
| TOTAL | FIREs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 735 | 0 | 0 | 735 |

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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 | | | 5 | | | | | | 4 | |
| Eastern Great Basin | | | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Western Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest | 15 | 2 | 10 | 65 | 2 | 4 | 4 | | 61 | 28 |
| Rocky Mountain | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Area | | | | 3 | 1 | | 1 | | 4 | 25 |
| Southern Area | 7 | 6 | 25 | 20 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 170 | 88 |
| Total | 22 | 9 | 44 | 88 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 239 | 141 |

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