

**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.

SULFUR 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.

72<sup>nd</sup> 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 (WFU) 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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
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.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* 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.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<b>Southern Area</b> No information was reported.			
<b>Southwest Area</b> 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.
<b>Rocky Mountain Area</b> 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.
<b>Eastern Area</b> 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.
<b>Southern California</b> 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](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

<b>Five Year Average Fires</b>	<b>16,072</b>
<b>Five Year Average Acres</b>	<b>270,862</b>

\*\*\* 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		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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