

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2006 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was heavy nationally with 319 new fires reported. Nine new large fires (*) were reported, eight in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Area. Four large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Colorado, Kansas, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, Wisconsin.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

CHEROKEE SOUTH COMPLEX, Cherokee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Quesinberry) is assigned. This fire is three miles southeast of Tellico Plains, TN in timber. Heavy fuel loading is hampering containment efforts. Some precipitation occurred on the fire. Minimal fire activity was reported. Burn out operations along interior ridges are planned.

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A transfer of command from a Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hanneman) to a Texas State Type 2 Team (Rogers) has occurred and 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. No new fires occurred within the management area. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

BULL MOUNTAIN, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire is northeast of Stuart, VA in hardwood litter. Steep rugged terrain is hampering containment efforts. Numerous residences remain threatened. Ground fire with occasional torching was reported. Nearly all line construction has been completed. Burn out operations continue.

EVADALE, Texas Forest Service. This fire is three miles northeast of Evadale, TX in timber. Very active fire behavior was reported. No further information was received.

FL SPORTS PARK, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is near Naples, FL in southern rough. Difficult access is hampering containment efforts. Spotting and moderate to high rates of spread were reported.

STUART, Chickasaw Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is three miles south of Stuart, OK in hardwood litter. Two oil wells are threatened. Running, torching and spotting fire behavior was reported.

GARCON-EASTER, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles south of Bagdad, FL in grass. Active interior burning was observed.

DANIELS, Okmulgee Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is four miles northeast of Boley, OK in grass and hardwood litter. No new information was reported.

SULFER CREEK 2, Ozark-St. Francis National Forests. This fire is near Hector, AR in brush. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* CHEROKEE SOUTH COMPLEX	TN	CNF	592	50	4/22	150	12	0	0	0	50K	FS
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	4,877	NR	UNK	236	0	23	5	0	12.3M	N/A
BULL MOUNTAIN	VA	VAS	3,696	85	4/20	141	5	14	2	9	NR	ST
* EVADALE	TX	TXS	200	0	UNK	12	0	0	1	0	NR	PRI
* FL SPORTS PARKS	FL	FLS	1,120	30	4/21	16	0	1	1	0	5.8K	FLS
* STUART	OK	CHA	720	95	4/21	9	0	0	0	2	30K	BIA
* GARCON-EASTER	FL	FLS	468	90	UNK	16	0	1	0	0	14K	PRI
DANIELS	OK	OMA	6,450	95	UNK	9	0	4	0	0	25K	BIA
SULFER CREEK 2	AR	OZF	850	95	UNK	20	1	0	1	0	NR	FS
SANDY BOTTOM	TN	CNF	270	100	---	25	1	0	1	0	20K	FS
* COCA COLA RANCH	OK	OKS	350	100	---	11	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
* STALLION	OK	TLA	155	100	---	20	10	0	0	0	12K	BIA
* BARK CAMP BR.	KY	KYS	248	100	---	23	3	1	0	0	NR	PRI

OKS Oklahoma Division of Forestry

TLA Talihina Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

KYS Kentucky Division of Forestry

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

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

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SINGLETON	NM	N4S	1,000	95	UNK	28	2	0	0	0	9K	ST

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

HWY 13, Missouri Department of Conservation. This fire is four miles south of Clinton, MO in hardwood litter. Structures are threatened. Extreme fire behavior with running, torching, and spotting was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* HWY 13	MO	MOS	139	70	UNK	8	0	3	0	0	NR	ST

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watches: Southeastern New Mexico and parts of southwest Texas for strong winds and low humidity. Texas Big Bend and Trans Pecos regions for low 10 to 20% humidity and gusty winds to 45 mph.

Weather Discussion: A large upper level trough will move across the northern Plains today while a weaker storm system moves across the Southwest Area. Dry and windy conditions will develop with the southern system over southern portions of New Mexico and extreme west Texas. Elsewhere, very dry conditions will continue in the Northeast.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern Area Far west Texas: Partly cloudy. Central Oklahoma: Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms (0.5). Northeast Tennessee: Mostly cloudy with thunderstorms (0.5 +).	Near 70s to 80s. Mid 70s. 70s.	10 to 15%. Mid to upper 20%. Near 50%.	Southwest to 45 mph. Easterly to 8 mph. Light and variable.
Southwest Area Mostly sunny and seasonable most areas. Partly to mostly cloudy west Texas and far eastern New Mexico with scattered showers and thunderstorms likely.	70 to 90 lower elevations and 55 to 70 higher elevations.	5 to 15%, except 25 to 50% far eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	Southwest to west wind 5 to 15 mph most areas. Southwest winds 15 to 25 with higher gusts in far eastern New Mexico and parts of southwest Texas.
Southern California Area Mostly sunny.	60 to 75 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 70 to 80 upper deserts. 85 to 95 lower deserts.	5 to 15% Southern California and 10-30% central California.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
Eastern Area Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the Great Lakes. A chance of thunderstorms across far southeast Missouri and far southern Illinois and Indiana. Fair weather elsewhere.	73 to 83 over the mid-Atlantic states as well as Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana. 50 to 60 over the western and northern Great Lakes. 60 to 70 elsewhere.	23 to 33% across much of the Northeast and eastern mid-Atlantic states. 30 to 40% over Missouri into central Illinois as well as the western Mid-Atlantic states. 40 to 50% over the rest of the Eastern Area.	North to northwest at 10 to 20 mph across the eastern New England states down into the Mid-Atlantic seaboard. West to northwest at 8 to 18 mph across southern Iowa and Missouri.
Rocky Mountain Area No information was reported.			



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WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE WATCHOUTS

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

Consider the "Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts" in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or "chimneys" on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.
- Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.
- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					3		3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1				7	1	9
	ACRES	1				125	6	132
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	14		1		158	7	180
	ACRES	6		100		369	26	501
Southern Area	FIRES					122	6	128
	ACRES					2,759	123	2,882
TOTAL	FIRES	14	1	1	0	288	15	319
	ACRES	6	1	100	0	3,256	155	3,518

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs	10		2		5	3	20
	ACRES	6		3		6	0	15
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	102	2	7	1	7	5	124
	ACRES	504	101	945	223	3,571	224	5,568
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	3				1	5
	ACRES	52	12				29	93
Western Great Basin	FIREs		11		1			12
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIREs	214	35	1	36	470	176	932
	ACRES	1,680	1,567	431	3,496	233,709	12,459	253,342
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	28	7	17	2	139	30	223
	ACRES	985	0	824	0	106,417	7,526	115,752
Eastern Area	FIREs	333		8	33	5,751	321	6,446
	ACRES	5,377		634	215	49,243	6,375	61,844
Southern Area	FIREs	340		121	16	23,314	643	24,434
	ACRES	41,343		12,969	3,373	1,644,590	32,940	1,735,215
TOTAL	FIREs	1,028	62	156	89	29,759	1,212	32,306
	ACRES	49,947	1,699	15,806	7,308	2,039,120	71,863	2,185,743

Five Year Average Fires	21,893
Five Year Average Acres	439,537

*** 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	1	1				1	3
	ACRES	51	1,600				90	1,741
Northern California	FIREs			0			0	0
	ACRES			7,788			2	7,790
Southern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES					200		200
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1	0			2	3
	ACRES		14	1			40	55
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs						0	0
	ACRES						1,800	1,800
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		2	0	0	0	0	2
	ACRES		523	87	10	30	357	1,007
Eastern Area	FIREs			5		40		45
	ACRES			328		1,565		1,893
Southern Area	FIREs					6		6
	ACRES					2,770		2,770
TOTAL	FIREs	1	4	5	0	47	3	60
	ACRES	51	2,137	8,204	10	4,565	2,289	17,256

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	2	86	14			20	122
	ACRES	200	4,048	530			259	5,037
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	3		48	69
	ACRES	101	222	13,672	7		714	14,716
Southern California	FIRES		5	2			49	56
	ACRES		285	24			1,591	1,900
Northern Rockies	FIRES		6	13	1	2	10	32
	ACRES		621	2,846	128	521	245	4,361
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	9	5		1	8	25
	ACRES	1,046	1,770	1,424		2	856	5,098
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	19	5	2	1		67	94
	ACRES	1,224	1,202	320	87		23,510	26,343
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	18	10	35	9	25	72	169
	ACRES	1,937	3,113	8,877	372	1,462	17,885	33,646
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		162	30	421	117	750
	ACRES	11,181		24,678	4,712	27,002	25,132	92,705
Southern Area	FIRES	1		145	32	198	676	1,052
	ACRES	120		66,536	7,890	102,624	542,274	719,444
TOTAL	FIRES	74	125	382	76	647	1,067	2,371
	ACRES	15,809	11,271	118,917	13,196	131,611	612,466	903,270

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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				4			4
	ACRES				1			1
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	4	0	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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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				5						
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin									15	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest		2			1		4			
Rocky Mountain		1								
Eastern Area				3	1		1			4
Southern Area	28	5	21	33	9	3	4		187	142
Total	28	8	26	36	11	3	9	0	202	146

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