

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2006 0530 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 40 new fires reported. Four new large fires were reported and eight contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

EASTERN OKLAHOMA IA, Oklahoma State. An Oklahoma State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned in Shawnee, OK. The Team is assisting local, federal and state jurisdictions in managing existing fires and initial attack in Oklahoma. Ten new fires were reported within the management area. Acres and costs represent cumulative fire activity to date for the response area.

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Unified Command between a Florida State Type 2 Team (Holman) and a Texas State Type 2 Incident Commander (Hannemann) is in place in Granbury, TX. The Unified Command is assisting local jurisdictions in managing existing fires and initial attack within the 220,000 square mile West Zone fire management response area. The Old Cemetery fire is within the management response area. Seven new fires were reported. Figures in the table represent cumulative fire activity to date for the response area.

OLD CEMETARY, Texas Forest Service. This fire is near Sonora, TX in grass, timber understory and hardwood litter. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

EAST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rose) is assigned to assist local dispatch zones in managing existing fires and initial attack in east Texas. Several fires were reported near petroleum facilities. Figures in the table represent cumulative fire activity to date for the response area.

RYAN, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is near Ryan, OK in grass. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

HONEY HILL, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land eight miles southeast of Stilwell, OK in timber and leaf litter. No new information was reported.

STECKER, Anadarko Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is three miles east of Stecker, OK in grass. Creeping and smoldering within the interior were reported. Structures are potentially threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
EASTERN OKLAHOMA IA	OK	OKS	123,431	NR	UNK	287	0	18	0	46	2.3M	ST
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	23,251	NR	UNK	639	1	40	21	0	10.7M	N/A
OLD CEMETARY	TX	TXS	UNK	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
EAST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	12,551	NR	UNK	369	0	25	5	22	4.6M	PRI
RYAN	OK	OKS	2,800	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
HONEY HILL	OK	OKS	800	68	1/20	24	1	6	0	0	NR	PRI
STECKER	OK	ANA	1,288	75	1/20	14	0	4	0	1	45K	BIA
RATLIFF2	OK	OKS	4,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	2	NR	ST
EXIT 40 AND I-35	OK	OKS	780	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
RAYMOND	OK	OKS	700	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
CADDO	TX	TXS	1,809	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
4106	TX	TXS	325	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
OLD GRANBURY	TX	TXS	324	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
FREESTONE	TX	TXS	175	100	---	9	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
REDTOWN	TX	TXS	150	100	---	6	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Cooler temperatures and higher humidity will be the rule across the Southern Plains in a wake of a cold front sweeping through the area. Humidity will also be on the increase over Florida as high pressure begins to move out of the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern Area</b> North/Central OK: Mostly cloudy with showers possible. Southern/eastern OK: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Texas:	45 to 50. 58 to 65. 65 to 75.	35 to 55%. 20 to 30%. 20 to 30% inland with much higher values (50-70%) expected along the coast.	NW 15 to 25 mph. SW 10 to 15 becoming NW 15 to 25 mph. SW 10 to 20 becoming NW 10 to 20.
<b>Southern California</b> Partly cloudy.	40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 50 to 60 upper deserts. 60 to 70 lower deserts.	20 to 40%.	Northeast to southeast 5 to 15 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **UNINFORMED ON STRATEGY, TACTICS OR HAZARDS**

Firefighters who are uninformed on strategy, tactics or hazards are in conflict with Watchout Situation #5. Before going to the fireline, it is imperative that firefighters obtain information about strategies, tactics or hazards by asking themselves the following questions:

- Can communications be established to find out strategy, tactics or hazards? Discuss ways you might establish communications; for example, contacting someone who is already on the fire and asking them what tactics and strategies are working or not working, what hazards they have witnessed, etc.
- Can scouting safely identify potential hazards? Talk about different methods of scouting a fire (e.g., using a lookout from your crew or sending a line scout ahead, utilizing air attack or the spotter on a smokejumper airplane). Discuss what types of hazards you might come across and ways you would mitigate them. For example, arriving at a fire after dark and a being instructed to dig line downhill with the fire below. How could you make this a safe situation?
- Have strategy, tactics or hazards changed since last informed? Discuss situations that might alter the way you are fighting a fire (e.g., wind shifts, resources you expected don't arrive, etc.). Also, think about what new hazards can develop while you are on the fireline (e.g., roots burning out and trees coming down, winds shifting direction and speed, etc.)
- Can you get a briefing from your supervisor? Talk about the importance of constant communications and ensuring firefighters are on the same page with strategies and tactics. For example, if one crew decides to do a burnout, but doesn't let the crew at the other end of the line know what they are doing, then what can happen?
- To reduce the risks:
  - Post lookouts.
  - Determine escape routes and establish safety zones.
  - Consider retreating until you are informed.
  - Don't leave a staging area or operational briefing until you have all the pertinent information. Emphasize ways to inform firefighters about strategies, tactics and hazards. Tell a story about when you were uninformed and what you did to correct the situation so that you were safe.

**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					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1					10	11
	ACRES	2					34	36
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES				27			27
	ACRES				135			135
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	27	12	40
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	135	36	173

**FIREs AND ACRES 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						2	2
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIREs	10			25	28		63
	ACRES	11			43,080	51		43,142
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		5		9	3		17
	ACRES		0		7,633	108		7,741
Eastern Area	FIREs				10	12		22
	ACRES				600	164		764
Southern Area	FIREs	15		29	7	2,162	81	2,294
	ACRES	725		4,396	1,385	453,065	2,438	462,009
TOTAL	FIREs	25	6	29	7	2,206	128	2,401
	ACRES	736	0	4,396	1,385	504,378	2,763	513,658

<b>Five Year Average Fires</b>	<b>980</b>
<b>Five Year Average Acres</b>	<b>6,931</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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		1			9		10
	ACRES			26			161	187
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES						212	212
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1	5	6
	ACRES					1,600	2,801	4,401
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	21	23
	ACRES	0	26	0	0	1,600	3,174	4,800

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES			100				100
Northern California	FIREs						4	4
	ACRES						74	74
Southern California	FIREs		0	1			23	24
	ACRES		22	1			891	914
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						130	130
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs						14	14
	ACRES						1,316	1,316
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		13	3	1	4		21
	ACRES		2,129	11	30	227		2,397
Eastern Area	FIREs						11	11
	ACRES						2,454	2,454
Southern Area	FIREs		6		70	34		110
	ACRES		917		51,276	24,089		76,282
TOTAL	FIREs	0	1	20	3	71	91	186
	ACRES	0	122	3,047	11	51,306	29,181	83,667

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES 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		1			1		2
	ACRES		8			1		9
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	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	8	0	0	0	1	9

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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				4						
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	1		4						2	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	2		29	65	5	21	8		297	591
Total	3	0	37	65	5	21	8	0	299	591

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