

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT30445
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2006 0800 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 46 new fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, two in the Southern Area and two in the Eastern Area. High to extreme fire indices were reported in Kansas, Wyoming, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

EASTERN OKLAHOMA IA, Oklahoma State. An Oklahoma State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Goeller) is assigned in Shawnee, OK. The Team is assisting local, state, and federal jurisdictions with managing existing fires and initial attack in Oklahoma. Three fires for nine acres were reported. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity to date for the response area.

CHICKEN ROAD, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is on private land four miles northwest of Kenwood, OK in hardwood litter. Active fire with running, spotting and flame lengths up to 14 feet was observed.

SOSBY MOUNTAIN, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is on private land one mile north of Gore, OK in hardwood litter. Running, spotting and torching were reported. Structures are threatened.

WEST POST OAK, Texas Forest Service. This fire is on private land 14 miles northeast of Paris, TX in timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior was observed.

LAST YEAR, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is on private land 6 miles east of Sebring, FL in muck, brush and grass. No new information was reported.

BOLEY, Okmulgee Field Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is two miles southwest of Boley City, OK in grass and timber. The fire is being monitored.

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Unified Command between a Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Team (West) and a Texas State Type 2 Incident Commander (Hannemann) is in place in Granbury, TX. The Unified Command is assisting local jurisdictions with managing existing fires and initial attack within the 220,000 square mile West Zone fire management response area. One new fire for 260 acres was reported within the management area. Figures in the table represent cumulative fire activity to date for the response area.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
EASTERN OKLAHOMA IA	OK	OKS	123,331	NR	UNK	184	0	21	0	0	2.8M	ST
CHICKEN ROAD	OK	OKS	160	82	1/29	4	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
SOSBY MOUNTAIN	OK	OKS	220	85	01/29	29	1	8	0	0	NR	PRI

WEST POST OAK	TX	TXS	250	80	UNK	25	0	8	0	0	NR	PRI
LAST YEAR	FL	FLS	565	30	UNK	7	0	2	1	0	5K	PRI
BOLEY	OK	OMA	110	90	1/28	0	0	0	0	0	20K	BIA
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	23,720	NR	UNK	481	1	31	13	42	15M	N/A

EASTERN AREA/LARGE FIRES:

SWIMMING GUT, Maryland Department of Natural Resources. This fire is one mile southeast of Robbins, MD in grass. Backing fire and short runs were observed. The fire is being monitored.

BECKERS ISLAND, Maryland Department of Natural Resources. This fire is three miles east of Robbins, MD in grass. Backing fire and short runs were observed. The fire is being monitored.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SWIMMING GUT	MD	MDS	551	95	01/28	0	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
BECKERS ISLAND	MD	MDS	1,296	95	01/28	0	0	2	0	0	NR	ST

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: For central and eastern Florida Panhandle for Friday for minimum relative humidity values below 35% persisting for more than 4 hours.

Weather Discussion: Dry and windy conditions will develop over mainly eastern New Mexico, northwestern Texas, and western Oklahoma behind a cold front moving across the southern Plains.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers Central California and mostly sunny Southern California.	40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 50 to 60 upper deserts. 60 to 70 lower deserts.	30 to 50%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
Southern Area North Texas: Cloudy with rain beginning Friday night and continuing into Saturday, diminishing by Saturday evening. (Rainfall amounts could range from 0.50 to 1.0 inch.) Central Florida: Partly Cloudy.	Lower 60s. Middle 70s.	50 to 60%. 40 to 45%.	SW 10 to 15 mph. Southeast around 10 mph.



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DRIVING SAFETY

Driving is one of the most hazardous tasks that we perform when assigned to fires. Because of the fact that we perform the task literally hundreds of times in the course of our daily lives we tend to take it for granted. Based on recent accident trends, vehicle accidents are the source of more deaths and serious injuries to wildland firefighters than any other single cause. Vehicle operators need to recognize their own poor driving habits and strive to develop proper defensive driving techniques.

- A good starting point is attitude. A positive attitude towards improving your defensive driving skills will help you achieve the necessary changes in your driving habits. Most of what you do in operating vehicles is performed from habit. You do not consciously think about every thing you do when you drive. Rather, your subconscious performs most techniques. It's important to remember that a bad habit is as easy to develop as a good one. Take a good, hard look at your driving habits. Are you training yourself to do the right things the right way, like fastening your seat belt, checking your mirrors, and maintaining safe following distances?
- Inattentiveness is a major contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents within the wildland firefighting community. Because driving is such a common component of our lives, it is difficult to realize that it requires 100% of our attention. Since the average adult attention span is 15-20 minutes we must develop techniques that allow us to refocus our attention on the task at hand, operating a motor vehicle safely. There are many forms of inattentive driving; fatigue, telematics, daydreaming, eating, drinking, reading, writing, and talking. Here are some techniques for maintaining your attention while driving.
 - Drive only when you are well rested and alert; avoid driving during the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Take a 10 to 15 minute break after every 2 hours of driving.
 - Practice situational awareness when driving; be aware of what is happening in front, behind, and on both sides of your vehicle. Never drive when taking medications that make you drowsy.
 - Avoid using cell phones, radios, GPS units, CD players or computers while driving. Have a passenger operate them, or pull off the road and park.
 - By constantly moving your vision, checking mirrors and distant road conditions, you can avoid highway hypnosis and daydreaming.
 - Avoid eating or drinking while driving. Take frequent breaks to perform these activities.
 - Do not attempt to read maps or write directions while driving, pull over and park.
 - When talking with passengers, keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. Keep conversations causal and limited to small talk. Avoid conversations of a serious or technical nature. Do not engage in confrontational or argumentative conversations.
 - Do not be in a hurry, be patient. The more impatient you are, the more agitated you can become. Agitation will only magnify other inattentive driving behaviors.
- Safe driving starts with a safe vehicle. While mechanical failure is rarely a contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents something as simple as under inflated tires can have serious consequences. Before operating any vehicle, you must be sure the vehicle is in safe operating condition. Not only should you perform a pre-operation inspection, some vehicle defects can only be detected while the vehicle is operating. The vehicle operator is also responsible pre-operation, during operation, and post-operation inspections.

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		1	1		3
	ACRES		0		150	0		150
Eastern Area	FIRES				5			5
	ACRES				37			37
Southern Area	FIRES	3			34	1		38
	ACRES	5			846	1		852
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	1	0	40	2	46
	ACRES	5	0	0	0	1,033	1	1,039

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					5		5
	ACRES						487	487
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	12				25	33	70
	ACRES	14				43,080	51	43,145
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5	6		13	6	30
	ACRES		0	678		8,391	5,675	14,744
Eastern Area	FIRES					33	41	74
	ACRES					685	234	919
Southern Area	FIRES	63		29	7	2,636	85	2,820
	ACRES	5,369		4,396	1,385	247,732	2,445	261,327
TOTAL	FIRES	75	7	35	7	2,707	170	3,001
	ACRES	5,383	0	5,074	1,385	299,888	8,892	320,622

Five Year Average Fires	1,960
Five Year Average Acres	19,960

*** 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	1						1
	ACRES	4						4
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						361	361
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			3		13	23	39
	ACRES				1,805		2,553	14,220
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	3	0	13	24	41
	ACRES	4	0	1,805	0	2,553	14,581	18,943

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		9			2		11
	ACRES		274			24		298
Northern California	FIREs			6		10		16
	ACRES			4		125		129
Southern California	FIREs	0	1			26		27
	ACRES	92	1			944		1,037
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1				1		2
	ACRES	4				130		134
Western Great Basin	FIREs			1				1
	ACRES			10				10
Southwest	FIREs					21		21
	ACRES					1,440		1,440
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		1	13	3	2	14	33
	ACRES		15	2,129	42	30	2,021	4,237
Eastern Area	FIREs						14	14
	ACRES						2,635	2,635
Southern Area	FIREs			18		81	86	185
	ACRES			7,189		43,892	65,458	116,539
TOTAL	FIREs	1	10	33	9	83	174	310
	ACRES	4	381	9,329	46	43,922	72,777	126,459

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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								3		
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			4						15	2
Southern Area	2		13	79	1	14	5		184	352
Total	2	0	17	79	1	14	8	0	199	354

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