

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006 0800 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 155 new fires reported. Five new large fires were reported, and five large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Colorado, Florida, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

QUARRY, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Quesinberry) is assigned. This fire is five miles northwest of Montvale, VA in dormant brush and hardwood slash. Residences and utility infrastructure remain threatened. Crews began burn out operations on the east side. Moderate fire behavior with flame lengths up to three feet was reported.

TWIN HILLS, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is south of Tulsa, OK in grass. Residences and utility infrastructure are threatened. Airtankers aided in suppression efforts.

SOONER, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is north of Stillwater, OK in grass. No further information was received.

OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE, 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. Acres, structure losses and costs have been adjusted to represent cumulative ABC Miscellaneous fire activity statewide since January 1.

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hannemann) is in place in Granbury, TX. The Team is assisting local jurisdictions with managing existing fires and initial attack within the 220,000 square mile West Zone fire management response area. Large fires within the management area include the Mimms fire and Ivanhoe Complex. Acres, structure losses and costs have been adjusted to represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

KY RIVER DISTRICT COMPLEX, Kentucky Division of Forestry. This fire is on private land eight miles northwest of Dice, KY in hardwood litter. Good progress was made. Smoldering fire behavior was reported.

EASTERN DISTRICT COMPLEX, Kentucky Division of Forestry. This fire is on private land near Betsy Layne, KY in grass and understory. No new fire activity was reported.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT COMPLEX, Kentucky Division of Forestry. This fire is on private land near Pineville, KY in hardwood litter. One residence was damaged. Fire activity increased late in the day.

US176 #2, North Carolina State Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles northwest of Tryon, NC in timber. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

IVANHOE COMPLEX, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 13 miles north of Bonham, TX in hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior was reported. The fire is being managed under West Texas IA.

EMPIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles north of Empire, OK in grass. No further information was received.

HUNT MILL HOLLOW, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land nine miles southeast of Stilwell, OK in hardwood litter. No new information was reported.

CLAYTON TRAIL, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is 11 miles southeast of Stilwell, OK in logging slash. 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
QUARRY	VA	VAF	872	85	UNK	182	5	3	2	0	295K	FS
TWIN HILLS	OK	OKS	4,000	40	UNK	18	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
SOONER	OK	OKS	2,000	50	UNK	8	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE	OK	OKS	114,712	NR	UNK	139	0	15	4	0	7.0M	ST
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	734	NR	UNK	198	0	16	6	0	1.1M	N/A
KY RIVER DISTRICT COMPLEX	KY	KYS	672	60	UNK	198	18	6	0	0	NR	PRI
EASTERN DISTRICT COMPLEX	KY	KYS	864	80	3/10	160	13	15	0	0	NR	PRI
SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT COMPLEX	KY	KYS	472	79	UNK	98	11	8	0	0	NR	PRI
US176 #2	NC	NCS	275	97	UNK	68	3	15	0	0	NR	ST
IVANHOE COMPLEX	TX	TXS	160	95	3/8	4	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
EMPIRE	OK	OKS	8,000	95	3/8	0	0	0	0	30	NR	ST
HUNT MILL HOLLOW	OK	OKS	3,320	90	UNK	4	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
CLAYTON TRAIL	OK	OKS	820	90	UNK	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
DARNEL CREEK	NC	NCS	51	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
PUZZLE	AL	ALF	107	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	2.3K	FS
SKELETON	MS	MNF	161	100	---	12	0	1	1	1	3K	FS
MIMMS	TX	TXF	300	100	---	0	0	0	0	6	NR	ST
REIMER RANCH	TX	TXS	500	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

MNF National Forests in Mississippi

ALF National Forests in Alabama

TXF - National Forests and Grasslands in Texas

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: In Oklahoma and the central third of Texas for gusty surface winds to 35 mph; most of Florida (excluding southern Florida) for low humidities.

Fire Weather Watches: In east central and southeastern New Mexico, and parts of west Texas for strong winds and low humidities. In the Guadalupe Mountains of west Texas for low humidities and gusty surface winds. For Thursday in west, southwest and central west Texas for low humidities and gusty winds.

Weather Discussion: Very dry conditions with strong winds are expected over much of New Mexico, southwest Kansas, and western portions of Texas and Oklahoma. Elsewhere in the southern Rockies and southern Plains, windy conditions will continue however clouds and scattered precipitation will help to increase relative humidity levels. Dry conditions will continue over portions of the Southeast and Florida, extending into the mid-Atlantic states.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Partly cloudy.	35 to 50 mountains. 55 to 65 valleys. 50 to 60 upper deserts. 65 to 75 lower deserts.	45 to 60%.	Northwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.
Southern Area Florida: Sunny. Oklahoma: Partly to mostly cloudy with slight chance for showers/thunderstorms Texas: Partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance for showers/thunderstorms	70s. Mid 60s to 70s. 60s to 80s. Mid 70s to 80s.	Mid 20s to low 30%. Mostly 30s to 50%. Teens West to 50%. East. Under 20% in the south and west, to 40 and 50%.	Southerly to 10 mph. Southerly to 30 mph. Southerly to 30 mph. Southerly to 35 mph.
Rocky Mountain Rain and snow likely over northeast Colorado, with a good chance rain showers in southeast Colorado and Kansas.	30s northeast Colorado, 50s in southeast Colorado, with 60s and 70s in Kansas.	35% to 45%, except 50% to 65% in northeast Colorado and eastern Kansas.	Northeast 15 to 30 mph, except south 15 to 30 mph in southeast Kansas.
Southwest Area Partly to mostly cloudy most of Arizona and New Mexico. Partly cloudy eastern New Mexico and western Texas. Isolated to scattered rain/snow showers northern half of Arizona into northwestern New Mexico.	38 to 66 Arizona, 42 to 75 New Mexico, 72 to 81 western Texas.	20 to 60% Arizona. 12 to 40% eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	West to northwest 10 to 20 mph Arizona, west to southwest 15 to 30 mph. Much of New Mexico into western Texas. Some gusts could reach 40 to 50 mph.
Eastern Area Mostly cloudy with areas of showers and thunderstorms across Missouri, southern Iowa, and Illinois. Rainfall will affect southern parts of Indiana and Ohio as well West Virginia during the afternoon. Partly cloudy skies and drier conditions are forecast over the eastern mid-Atlantic states.	53 to 63 over Missouri, southern Illinois, and Indiana. 43 to 53 across Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.	30 to 40% eastern mid-Atlantic states (West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania). 45 to 60% in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana.	South 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts over southern Missouri and Illinois.



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RETARDANT DROP SAFETY

Having retardant dropped on a fire should be a routine event. However, there are risks associated with retardant drops that can pose serious threats to personnel and equipment. Consider the following for all drops:

- Be aware of the location of lead planes and airtankers during retardant drop operations.
- Be sure you have positive contact with the lead plane or airtanker before the drop.
- Personnel can be injured by the impact of retardant drops. Clear personnel out of the target area when the drop is conducted. If an individual is unable to retreat to a safe place, the best method for minimizing injury from the drop is to:
 - Hold your hand tool away from your body.
 - Lie face down with hardhat in place and head toward the oncoming aircraft.
 - Grasp something firm to prevent being carried or rolled about by the retardant.
 - Do not run unless escape is ensured.
 - Get clear of dead snags and tops.
 - Be aware of rolling debris below the drop site in steep terrain.
- Working in an area covered by retardant should be done with caution due to slippery surfaces.
- If possible, wash the retardant off your skin to prevent irritation.

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						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			0		2		2
	ACRES			914		201		1,115
Eastern Area	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						5	5
Southern Area	FIRES	1		2		136	8	147
	ACRES	5		100		3,292	186	3,583
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	2	0	138	14	155
	ACRES	5	0	1,014	0	3,493	191	4,703

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Northern California	FIRES					64	8	72
	ACRES					1,530	1,244	2,774
Southern California	FIRES		4				12	16
	ACRES		10				498	508
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	10	10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		10					10
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		1			7
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRES	108	25	1	23	120	110	387
	ACRES	597	1,331	431	3,452	98,873	5,175	109,859
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	5	5	2	79	19	114
	ACRES	231	0	1,072	0	26,569	7,315	35,187
Eastern Area	FIRES			1	3	465	93	562
	ACRES			5	52	21,592	1,648	23,297
Southern Area	FIRES	247		63	11	8,968	220	9,509
	ACRES	13,717		10,763	1,405	357,605	7,261	390,751
TOTAL	FIRES	359	42	70	40	9,699	463	10,673
	ACRES	14,545	1,360	12,271	4,910	506,170	23,151	562,407

Five Year Average Fires	10,742
Five Year Average Acres	151,125

*** 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
	ACRES						48	48
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		102					102
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						705	705
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			2			10	12
	ACRES			1,200			7,914	9,114
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	0	0	12	14
	ACRES	0	102	1,200	0	0	8,667	9,969

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		80	2			12	94
	ACRES		1,971	86			108	2,165
Northern California	FIRES	12	2	2	2		44	62
	ACRES	101	19	260	6		674	1,060
Southern California	FIRES		4	2			45	51
	ACRES		230	24			1,371	1,625
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		463					463
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	4				1	6
	ACRES	4	754				178	936
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	7	2	2			33	44
	ACRES	318	35	320			5,923	6,596
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	2	22	4	12	51	93
	ACRES	160	50	5,072	52	324	5,282	10,940
Eastern Area	FIRES			15	2	60	51	128
	ACRES			824	1,050	11,709	15,384	28,967
Southern Area	FIRES			80	6	173	394	653
	ACRES			36,872	5,933	91,857	309,321	443,983
TOTAL	FIRES	22	96	126	14	245	631	1,134
	ACRES	583	3,532	43,468	7,041	103,890	338,241	496,755

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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							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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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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										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest				3			2		3	6
Rocky Mountain				14						8
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	4	46	23	92	8	10	3		190	244
Total	4	46	23	109	8	10	5	0	193	258

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