

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2006 0800 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was heavy nationally with 330 new fires reported. Ten new large fires were reported, six in the Southern Area, and two each in the Eastern and the Rocky Mountain Areas. Four large fires were contained, two each in the Southern and Rocky Mountain Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Kansas, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Illinois, Missouri, Texas and Virginia.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

EAST AMARILLO COMPLEX, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rogers) is in place. This complex is near Jerico, TX in grass, and is comprised of the Borger and I-40 fires. Both fires remain active. All evacuation orders have been lifted.

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stanford) 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. Five new fires were reported. Significant fires within the management area include the Templin, East Amarillo Complex, Buckle L 2, Cement Mountain, Spring Creek, Old Glory and Pleasant Valley fires. Acres, structure losses and costs have been adjusted to represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE, Oklahoma State. An Oklahoma State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Roberts) is assigned in Shawnee, OK. The Team is assisting local, state, and federal jurisdictions with managing existing fires and initial attack in Oklahoma. The Team is coordinating resource sharing with the East Amarillo Complex. The Oklahoma National Guard is assisting with four helicopters. Seventeen new fires were reported. Significant fires within the Response Area include the Cedar Lake fire. Acres, structure losses and costs have been adjusted to represent cumulative ABC Miscellaneous fire activity statewide since January 1.

BUCKLE L 2, Texas Forest Service. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hinds) will be assigned today. This fire is 10 miles south of Childress, TX in brush. Minimal fire activity was observed.

NO MAN S LAND, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is seven miles west of Black Springs, AR in hardwood litter and brush. Spotting, upslope runs and running ground fire were observed. Thick underbrush and steep, rocky terrain are impeding containment progress. Structure protection is in place.

LADNER, Mississippi Forestry Commission. This fire is three miles west of Bay St. Louis, MS in logging slash and hurricane blow down. Extreme fire behavior was observed. Burn out operations are ongoing.

ICE CREAM, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Big Cedar, OK in hardwood litter. Low relative humidity and high winds produced extreme fire behavior with spotting, upslope runs and single tree torching. One road remains closed. Structure protection is in place for residences and outbuildings.

MAVERICK RANCH, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land five miles south of Peggs, OK in timber and grass. Active fire behavior with 50 foot flame lengths and spotting in fine fuels was reported.

MOORE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles northeast of Moore, OK in grass. Reduction in acres is due to more accurate mapping. No further information was received.

CEDAR LAKE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is 12 miles southwest of El Reno, OK in grass. Good progress was made with line construction.

TEMPLIN, Texas Forest Service. This fire is five miles west of Tennyson, TX in dormant brush and slash. Rough terrain is limiting access to the fire. The Texas Army National Guard is assisting suppression with two dozers.

COOPER LAKE, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land 20 miles northeast of Commerce, TX in timber and grass. Very active fire behavior at night was reported. The fire jumped the Sulphur River.

MOSAIC, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land 10 miles west of Fort Lauderdale, FL in grass. Rapid rates of spread were reported. County Road 630 was temporarily closed due to limited visibility from smoke.

SLICK 2, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire, previously reported as Slick, is nine miles east of Mannford, OK. No further information was received.

FLEETWOOD, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is nine miles southeast of Ryan, OK. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
EAST AMARILLO COMPLEX	TX	TXS	800,000	75	UNK	206	0	77	3	89	NR	ST
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	3,152	NR	UNK	453	0	91	9	0	NR	N/A
OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE	OK	OKS	116,300	NR	UNK	168	0	22	4	0	8.3M	ST
BUCKLE L 2	TX	TXS	40,000	95	UNK	39	0	2	4	0	NR	ST
NO MAN S LAND	AR	OUF	2,000	20	3/18	60	2	2	2	0	NR	FS
LADNER	MS	MSS	1,100	70	UNK	12	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
ICE CREAM	AR	OUF	400	40	3/18	39	1	5	0	0	NR	FS
MAVERICK RANCH	OK	OKS	107	80	3/19	30	0	9	0	0	NR	PRI
MOORE	OK	OKS	1,500	85	3/19	0	0	0	0	4	NR	ST
CEDAR LAKE	OK	OKS	2,950	90	3/19	0	0	0	0	6	NR	ST
TEMPLIN	TX	TXS	1,120	80	UNK	15	0	2	2	0	NR	ST
COOPER LAKE	TX	TXS	900	90	UNK	19	0	4	1	0	NR	PRI

MOSAIC	FL	FLS	425	90	3/17	21	0	2	0	0	1K	PRI
SLICK 2	OK	OKS	413	85	3/19	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
FLEETWOOD	OK	OKS	600	95	3/18	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
ADAMS	OK	OKS	1,600	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
PLEASANT VALLEY	TX	TXS	250	100	---	7	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

#### **EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

CUPOLA POND, Mark Twain National Forest. This fire is 15 miles northwest of Doniphan, MO in hardwood litter. No further information was received.

HODO, Mark Twain National Forest. This fire is 12 miles northwest of Doniphan, MO in hardwood litter. Some spotting and rapid rates of spread were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CUPOLA POND	MO	MTF	371	95	3/17	13	0	2	0	0	7K	FS
HODO	MO	MTF	310	95	3/17	12	0	2	0	0	7K	FS

#### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

JACOB CREEK, Fallon National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is near Ottumwa, KS in hardwood litter and grass. Active backing fire with small wind driven runs in leaf litter, and single tree torching were reported. Line improvement and burn out of fuel pockets is ongoing.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
JACOB CREEK	KS	FLR	175	95	UNK	4	0	1	0	0	NR	FWS
HODGEMAN EAST*	KS	KSX	4,480	100	---	100	0	15	0	1	NR	CNTY
HODGEMAN WEST	KS	KSX	6,400	100	---	100	0	15	0	0	NR	CNTY

\* Previously reported as Hanston East.

KSX - Kansas Counties

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** On Saturday, Florida is expecting Red Flags across central and eastern areas of the panhandle for marginally low humidities (low 30%) and durations.

**Fire Weather Watches:** In effect for Saturday for northeastern and portions of west-central Florida for marginally low humidities in the low 30%.

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure system and associated cold front will progress eastward across the central and southern Plains today, and into the Ohio Valley, bringing showers and thunderstorms. Behind the system, winds will decrease somewhat over the southern Plains and southern Rockies; winds combined with continued dry conditions over this region will keep fire potential high. Dry conditions will continue today over much of the East Coast states extending down to Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern Area</b> Texas Panhandle/Far West Oklahoma: Mostly Cloudy	40s to near 50.	20% to near 30%.	Gusty southwest 10 to 35 mph.
<b>Southern California</b> Mostly cloudy with showers over Central California and afternoon showers developing over Southern California. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet.	30 to 50 mountains. 50 to 60 valleys. 50 to 60 upper deserts. 60 to 70 lower deserts.	50 to 70%.	Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Kansas and southeast Colorado: Partly sunny with isolated showers.	Upper 40s and 50s.	25% to 35% in southeast Colorado, and 40% to 50% in Kansas.	Southeast 15 to 25 mph.
<b>Southwest Area</b> No information was reported.			
<b>Eastern Area</b> No information was reported.			



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**Topic of Choice**

**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					25		25
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					25		25
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	0				7,040		7,040
Eastern Area	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				3		682	685
Southern Area	FIRES			3		317	2	322
	ACRES			6		4,580	5	4,591
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	3	1	320	5	330
	ACRES	0	0	6	3	11,670	687	12,366

**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				16	20
	ACRES		10				503	513
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1		1	4	1	7
	ACRES		100		223	28	10	361
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	2			1		3
	ACRES	51	10			28		89
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7		1			8
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRES	107	25	1	24	146	120	423
	ACRES	667	1,331	431	3,490	184,958	11,932	202,809
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7	6	7	2	94	20	136
	ACRES	231	0	1,247	0	82,523	7,319	91,320
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		1	3	1,111	110	1,226
	ACRES	1		5	52	27,268	2,429	29,755
Southern Area	FIRES	264		88	12	12,825	309	13,498
	ACRES	14,252		11,204	1,405	1,257,550	12,990	1,297,401
TOTAL	FIRES	379	45	97	43	14,247	584	15,395
	ACRES	15,202	1,460	12,887	5,171	1,553,886	36,427	1,625,033

Five Year Average Fires	10,739
Five Year Average Acres	205,722

\*\*\* 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			2			1	3
	ACRES				115		2	117
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES			4			11	15
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						124	124
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES				10		6	16
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						730	730
Southern Area	FIRES						12	12
	ACRES						15,193	15,193
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	3	0	0	19	22
	ACRES	0	4	125	0	0	16,066	16,195

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		81	5			14	100
	ACRES		1,978	298			111	2,387
Northern California	FIREs	12	3	3	2		47	67
	ACRES	101	49	1,324	6		704	2,184
Southern California	FIREs		4	2			47	53
	ACRES		284	24			1,400	1,708
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			41	52
	ACRES	318	35	320			6,086	6,759
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	2	4	23	4	12	55	100
	ACRES	160	110	5,082	52	324	5,482	11,210
Eastern Area	FIREs			17	4	171	53	245
	ACRES			1,214	1,512	18,224	16,206	37,156
Southern Area	FIREs			89	7	186	455	737
	ACRES			40,248	6,069	97,509	357,198	501,024
TOTAL	FIREs	22	100	142	17	369	713	1,363
	ACRES	583	3,683	48,520	7,639	116,057	387,365	563,847

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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				1						
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest							1			
Rocky Mountain			1	30						10
Eastern Area	1		5						22	
Southern Area	13		38	236	6	24	4		192	271
Total	14	0	45	266	6	24	5	0	214	281

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