

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2006 0800 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate nationally with 245 new fires reported. Five new large fires were reported, four in the Southern Area, and one in the Eastern Area. Six large fires were contained, five in the Southern Area, and one in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Kansas, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Delaware, 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, comprised of the Borger and I-40 fires, is near Jerico, TX in grass. Both fires reported minimal activity. Lightning caused several new fires in the area. Acreage has been adjusted to reflect more accurate information.

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. Fires within the management area include the Mendenhall, Well Pad and CR W 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 Oklahoma National Guard is assisting with two helicopters. Seventeen new fires were reported. 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) is assigned. This fire is 10 miles south of Childress, TX in brush. Light rain was received on the fire.

SALLISAW CREEK, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land 16 miles northwest of Sallisaw, OK in hardwood litter and logging slash. Upslope runs and flame lengths up to 16 feet were reported.

NO MAN S LAND, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is seven miles west of Black Springs, AR in hardwood litter and brush. Increased relative humidity and lower temperatures moderated fire activity, however some spotting across the line was reported.

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

MOORE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles northeast of Moore, OK in grass. No further information was received.

CEDAR LAKE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is 12 miles southwest of El Reno, OK in grass. No further information was received.

TEMPLIN, Texas Forest Service. This fire is five miles west of Tennyson, TX in dormant brush and slash. Good progress was made toward containment.

ICE CREAM, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Big Cedar, OK in hardwood litter. Low to moderate fire activity was observed.

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

MOSAIC, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land 10 miles west of Fort Lauderdale, FL in grass. No new information was reported.

MAVERICK RANCH, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land five miles south of Peggs, OK in timber and grass. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
EAST AMARILLO COMPLEX	TX	TXS	907,245	95	UNK	206	0	77	3	89	NR	ST
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	3,326	NR	UNK	312	0	21	10	0	4.5M	N/A
OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE	OK	OKS	117,007	NR	UNK	161	0	26	4	0	8.3M	ST
BUCKLE L 2	TX	TXS	40,000	95	UNK	51	0	6	0	0	NR	ST
SALLISAW CREEK	OK	OKS	110	75	3/20	5	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
NO MAN S LAND	AR	OUF	10,100	50	3/18	60	2	2	2	0	NR	FS
LADNER	MS	MSS	1,507	95	UNK	32	0	8	0	0	NR	ST
MOORE	OK	OKS	1,500	90	3/19	0	0	0	0	4	NR	ST
CEDAR LAKE	OK	OKS	2,950	95	3/19	0	0	0	0	6	NR	ST
TEMPLIN	TX	TXS	1,120	95	UNK	6	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
ICE CREAM	AR	OUF	535	85	3/18	62	2	5	0	0	NR	FS
SLICK 2	OK	OKS	413	90	3/19	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
MOSAIC	FL	FLS	425	90	UNK	21	0	2	0	0	1K	PRI
MAVERICK RANCH	OK	OKS	107	80	3/19	30	0	9	0	0	NR	PRI
COOPER LAKE	TX	TXS	1,200	100	---	10	0	4	0	0	NR	PRI
FLEETWOOD	OK	OKS	600	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
CLARKS FERRY	TX	TXS	302	100	---	9	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
SHENANDOAH RETREAT	VA	VAS	103	100	---	8	0	2	0	2	NR	ST
CEMENT MOUNTAIN	TX	TXS	101	100	---	0	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 new information was reported.

HODO, Mark Twain National Forest. This fire is 12 miles northwest of Doniphan, MO in hardwood litter. No new information was 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	UNK	13	0	2	0	0	7K	FS
HODO	MO	MTF	310	95	UNK	12	0	2	0	0	7K	FS
CAMDEN	MO	MTF	110	100	---	14	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

JACOB CREEK, Flint Hills National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is near Ottumwa, KS in hardwood litter and grass. No new information was reported.

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

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A strong low pressure system will be moving into the Southwest. High pressure over the East will produce areas over low humidity over the Southeast along with dry and windy conditions over portions of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Rocky Mountain Area Kansas and southeast Colorado: Increasing clouds with scattered showers. Showers becoming widespread over Kansas in the afternoon.	55 to 65 in southeast Colorado, with 40s in Kansas.	30 to 40% in southeast Colorado, with 60 to 75% in Kansas.	Southeast 15 to 25 mph.
Southwest Area Increasing clouds much of Arizona with scattered rain/snow showers north and west by late afternoon and evening. Partly cloudy southeastern Arizona through much of New Mexico. Mostly cloudy far eastern New Mexico into west Texas with scattered rain and thunderstorms.	30 to 50 mountains. 55 to 75 lower elevations.	15 to 25% from southeastern Arizona into much of central New Mexico. Ten to 40% rest of region.	South to southwest 15 to 25 with higher gusts. Strongest winds likely from southeastern Arizona into central and east-central New Mexico. South to southeast winds 10 to 20 mph west Texas and the far eastern plains of New Mexico.
Southern California Mostly cloudy with showers. The snow level will be around 3,000 feet.	30 to 45 mountains. 50 to 60 valleys. 40 to 50 upper deserts. 55 to 65 lower deserts.	50 to 70%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.
Southern Area No information was reported.			
Eastern Area No information was reported.			



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LOOKOUTS

Lookouts are often better situated to notice the cumulative changes of fire behavior.

Fire Order #8 says, "Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations." Should you utilize lookouts at all times?

- Lookouts should be posted at all times.

What are you looking for when you are selecting a lookout location?

- Choose a good vantage point, preferably with a good overview of the entire area where firefighters are located, including escape routes and safety zones.
- Utilize aircraft if they are available, but only as a complement to established lookouts on the ground. Never rely exclusively on aircraft as your lookout.

What are the desired qualities, capabilities, knowledge, and responsibilities of a lookout person?

- Experienced firefighter.
- Solid knowledge of fire behavior and ability to recognize and monitor other environmental hazards.
- Good communicator--keeps the crew advised of fire behavior changes, tracks weather trends and relays the information, informs crew of work progress and updates from the latest strategy and tactical briefings.
- Monitors and accounts for all individuals within his/her assigned area at all times, and will notify others if breaks are needed.

What is the necessary equipment for a lookout?

- PPE, radio with extra batteries, compass, binoculars, belt weather kit, IAP, map, food, and water.

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			2			3
	ACRES	0			10			10
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES				5	4		9
	ACRES				97	137		234
Southern Area	FIRES	1		1		218	13	233
	ACRES	3		1		3,615	314	3,933
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	1	0	225	17	245
	ACRES	3	0	1	0	3,722	451	4,177

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	26	1	24	149	120	427
	ACRES	667	1,331	431	3,490	196,488	11,932	214,339
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7	6	7	2	95	20	137
	ACRES	307	0	333	0	82,644	7,319	90,603
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		1	3	1,795	115	1,915
	ACRES	1		5	52	30,449	2,479	32,986
Southern Area	FIRES	265		89	12	13,073	320	13,759
	ACRES	14,255		11,205	1,405	1,261,302	21,474	1,309,641
TOTAL	FIRES	380	46	98	43	15,183	600	16,350
	ACRES	15,281	1,460	11,974	5,171	1,572,470	44,961	1,651,317

Five Year Average Fires	8,346
Five Year Average Acres	102,236

*** 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					0
	ACRES		170					170
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		85					85
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					174		174
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1		1	0	1		3
	ACRES	0		22	37	34		93
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					78		78
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	1	0	5	8
	ACRES	0	255	0	22	37	286	600

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	219	1,324	6		704	2,354
Southern California	FIRES		4	2			47	53
	ACRES		284	24			1,400	1,708
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		548					548
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			42	53
	ACRES	318	35	320			6,260	6,933
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	4	22	5	12	56	102
	ACRES	401	110	5,082	74	361	5,526	11,554
Eastern Area	FIRES			17	4	171	54	246
	ACRES			1,214	1,512	18,224	16,206	37,156
Southern Area	FIRES			90	7	186	493	776
	ACRES			40,733	6,069	97,509	378,060	522,371
TOTAL	FIRES	23	101	142	18	369	754	1,407
	ACRES	824	3,938	49,005	7,661	116,094	408,445	585,967

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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							1			
Rocky Mountain			1							
Eastern Area	1		4	9					35	53
Southern Area	13		33	174	4	16	4		173	287
Total	14	0	38	183	4	16	5	0	208	340

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