

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006 0800 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 99 new fires reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Kansas, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Virginia, and Massachusetts.

The National Interagency Fire Center has requested assistance from the Department of Defense for MAFFS air tanker support. Mission Commander Lieutenant Colonel Mike Exstrom from the 153rd Air Wing based in Cheyenne, Wyoming, two MAFFS C-130 air tankers and support personnel from the 145th Tactical Airlift Wing based in Charlotte, North Carolina are providing support. The MAFFS are based in Albuquerque, New Mexico in support of the Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Southern Areas.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hanneman) is in place in Granbury, TX. Preparations are being made to relocate the Incident Command Post (ICP) to Midland, 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. In addition, Type 2 Incident management Team (Hinds) is working in support of West Texas IA and will be supporting extended attack fires in the zone. No new fires were reported. Rain has mitigated fire potential in some areas of the zone. Those areas that did not receive significant rain continue to have high potential for rapid fire spread. 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 (Couch) 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. No new fires were reported. Acres, structure losses and costs have been adjusted to represent cumulative ABC Miscellaneous fire activity statewide since January 1.

MENDOTA ROAD, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire is ten miles northwest of Abington, VA in hardwood litter. No new information was reported.

NO MAN S LAND, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is seven miles west of Black Springs, AR in hardwood litter and brush. Minimal fire activity was reported. The reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	3,484	NR	UNK	296	0	20	8	0	5.8M	N/A
OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE	OK	OKS	117,421	NR	UNK	121	0	20	3	0	9.0M	ST
MENDOTA ROAD	VA	VAS	350	80	UNK	23	1	0	0	1	NR	ST
NO MAN S LAND	AR	OUF	8,500	90	UNK	29	1	1	0	0	NR	FS

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** A storm system will bring rain and snow to the Rockies and portions of the Plains today. Conditions will remain dry, however, over southern New Mexico and extreme western Texas windy conditions will elevate fire potential. Low relative humidity will prevail under strong high pressure for the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southwest Area</b> Mostly cloudy with a chance for light rain or snow much of New Mexico and west Texas. Partly cloudy Arizona.	55 to 75 lower elevations of Arizona and southwest New Mexico. 35 to 55 remainder of Arizona, New Mexico, and west Texas.	15 to 25% lower elevations of Arizona and southwest NM. 25 to 40%+ remainder of Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas.	West to northwest 10-20 mph Arizona & western New Mexico. South to east 10-20 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas.
<b>Southern California Area</b> Partly cloudy	40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 72 valleys. 58 to 68 upper deserts. 65 to 75 lower deserts.	20 to 35%.	Northwest to northeast 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain Area</b> No information was reported.			
<b>Southern Area</b> No information was reported.			
<b>Eastern Area</b> No information was reported.			



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## **SAFETY ZONES**

A safety zone is a location where the threatened firefighter can find adequate refuge from an approaching fire.

• What is the difference between a safety zone and a deployment site?

- The safety zone is the area where a firefighter can survive without using a fire shelter. The deployment site is used when fire conditions are such that escape routes and safety zones have been compromised.

• How do you identify a good safety zone?

- Consider the distance from the escaped fire as well as topography, winds, fire behavior, and fuels in the area.
- The best locations are usually "in the black;" those with a minimum of, or devoid of, ground/aerial vegetation; or large bodies of water.
- Size is sufficient for all present resources with a minimum distance from fire of at least four times the maximum flame length.
- Location is scouted and marked well for visibility at all times.
- Location has been reassessed in relation to line work progress, fatigue, changes in fire behavior, and arrival of additional resources.

**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
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					9	5	14
Southern Area	FIRES					89		89
	ACRES					1,130		1,130
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	97	2	99
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,139	5	1,144

**FIRE AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRE					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Northern California	FIRE				64	8		72
	ACRES				1,530	1,244		2,774
Southern California	FIRE		4				16	20
	ACRES		10				503	513
Northern Rockies	FIRE		1		1	4	4	10
	ACRES		100		223	28	14	365
Eastern Great Basin	FIRE	0	2			1		3
	ACRES	51	10			28		89
Western Great Basin	FIRE		7		1			8
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRE	113	26	1	24	166	123	453
	ACRES	670	1,331	431	3,490	202,271	11,933	220,126
Rocky Mountain	FIRE	7	6	7	2	96	20	138
	ACRES	307	0	407	0	82,838	7,319	90,871
Eastern Area	FIRE	1		1	6	2,353	122	2,483
	ACRES	1		5	57	31,904	2,616	34,583
Southern Area	FIRE	297		90	12	13,919	341	14,659
	ACRES	21,639		11,208	1,405	1,379,825	22,935	1,437,012
TOTAL	FIRE	418	46	99	46	16,605	634	17,848
	ACRES	22,668	1,460	12,051	5,176	1,698,425	46,564	1,786,344

Five Year Average Fires	11,157
Five Year Average Acres	147,157

\*\*\* 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							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	65						65
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			2	0	4		6
	ACRES			20	2	100		122
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES			148		95		243
Southern Area	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		844					844
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	1	3	0	5	10
	ACRES	65	0	844	168	2	195	1,274

**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		3					3
	ACRES		598					598
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	12	2	2			43	59
	ACRES	534	35	320			6,305	7,194
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	3	4	23	5	12	59	106
	ACRES	401	110	6,082	74	363	5,835	12,865
Eastern Area	FIREs			17	5	173	59	254
	ACRES			1,214	1,660	18,233	16,520	37,627
Southern Area	FIREs			90	8	186	501	785
	ACRES			40,733	6,124	97,509	389,447	533,813
TOTAL	FIREs	28	102	143	20	371	771	1,435
	ACRES	1,040	3,988	50,005	7,864	116,105	420,500	599,502

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**WFU FIRES AND ACREA 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										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			6	2					14	10
Southern Area	6	8	24	65	1	11	3		197	232
Total	6	8	30	67	1	11	3	0	211	242

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