

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006 0800 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate nationally with 354 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported and contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Kansas, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Virginia, Florida, and Massachusetts.

The National Interagency Fire Center has requested assistance from the Department of Defense for MAFFS air tanker support. Mission Commander Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Perryman, 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, located in Midland, TX 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. Twenty new fires for 261 acres were reported. Demobilization of excess resources is continuing. 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. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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	276	0	18	9	0	6.1M	N/A
OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE	OK	OKS	117,682	NR	UNK	112	0	12	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	8,294	90	UNK	29	1	1	0	0	NR	FS
BOAT RAMP	FL	EAQ	300	100	---	7	0	2	0	0	NR	

EAQ Eglin Air Force Base

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure system will bring showers to portions of the Southeast while high pressure brings dry weather to the Southwest, Texas and Oklahoma.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southwest Area</b> Mostly sunny, warmer and locally breezy across Arizona and western New Mexico. Partly cloudy and cool eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	55 to 80 lower elevations of Arizona and western New Mexico. 35 to 55 in the mountains and across eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	10 to 20% lower elevations of Arizona and western New Mexico. 20 to 40%+ in the mountains and across eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	East to northeast 10 to 20 mph southern Arizona and southwest New Mexico. Variable to northeast 5 to 15 mph remainder of Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas.
<b>Southern California Area</b> Partly cloudy	50 to 65 mountains. 70 to 80 valleys. 65 to 75 upper deserts. 75 to 85 lower deserts.	10 to 20%.	Northeast to southeast 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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### **DOWNSHILL FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION CHECKLIST**

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with job until completed.

Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).

LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.

- Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
- Communication is established between all crews.
- Ensure rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).

Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be contested between anchor points before being fired out.

Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.

Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.

Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	9						9
	ACRES	6						6
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				5			5
	ACRES				7			7
Southern Area	FIRES		1		335	3		339
	ACRES		53		5,351	41		5,445
TOTAL	FIRES	9	0	1	0	340	4	354
	ACRES	6	0	53	0	5,358	41	5,458

**FIRE AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRE	9		2		2		13
	ACRES	6		3		1		10
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	124	454
	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	2,457	122	2,587
	ACRES	1		5	57	32,712	2,616	35,391
Southern Area	FIRE	297		91	12	14,258	344	15,002
	ACRES	21,639		11,261	1,405	1,385,291	22,976	1,442,572
TOTAL	FIRE	427	46	102	46	17,048	638	18,307
	ACRES	22,674	1,460	12,107	5,176	1,704,699	46,605	1,792,721

Five Year Average Fires	10,830
Five Year Average Acres	181,814

\*\*\* 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						20	20
Northern California	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			425				425
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						7	7
	ACRES						15	15
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				0	0		0
	ACRES				2	77		79
Eastern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			37				37
Southern Area	FIRES		2	1	1	3		7
	ACRES		594	1	181	5,649		6,425
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	2	1	11	16
	ACRES	0	0	1,019	38	183	5,761	7,001

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs		81	12			14	107
	ACRES		1,978	438			111	2,527
Northern California	FIREs	12	3	3	2		47	67
	ACRES	101	219	1,751	6		704	2,781
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			50	66
	ACRES	534	35	320			6,320	7,209
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	3	4	23	5	12	59	106
	ACRES	401	110	6,082	74	365	5,912	12,944
Eastern Area	FIREs			17	6	174	59	256
	ACRES			1,214	1,697	18,237	16,520	37,668
Southern Area	FIREs			93	9	187	504	793
	ACRES			42,171	6,125	97,690	395,096	541,082
TOTAL	FIREs	28	102	153	22	373	781	1,459
	ACRES	1,040	3,988	52,010	7,902	116,292	426,241	607,473

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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: CO

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				1						
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			1	2					16	20
Southern Area	2		30	52	4	11	3		201	210
Total	2	0	32	54	4	11	3	0	217	230

### COMMITTED RESOURCES:

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