

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2006 0800 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate nationally with 260 new fires reported. Eleven new large fires were reported, and 14 large fires were contained in the Southern Area.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hanneman) is assigned in Midland, TX. The Team is assisting local jurisdictions with managing initial and extended attack fires within the 140 million acre fire management response area. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area. The Minnesota Interagency Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hinds) has been released.

LASALLE, Mississippi Forestry Commission. This fire is three miles north of Bay St. Louis, MS in logging slash. No new information was reported.

GAMBLER, Eglin Air Force Base. This fire is five miles southwest of Holt, FL in Southern Rough and pine. The fire is being monitored.

ST. JOHNS RIVER MARSH, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is seven miles southwest Palm Bay, FL in sawgrass. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

SYCAMORE SPRINGS, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land seven miles southeast of Locust Grove, OK in timber. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

HUTCHINSON ROAD, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is 12 miles southwest of Tahlequah, OK in hardwood leaves and litter. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

ROUND MOUNTAIN, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land 14 miles southeast of Stilwell, OK in hardwood leaves and litter. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

524, Mississippi Forestry Commission. This fire is three miles north of Kiln, MS in timber litter. 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
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	3,881	NR	UNK	317	0	16	3	0	8M	N/A
LASALLE	MS	MSS	1,485	95	UNK	37	0	10	0	0	NR	ST
GAMBLER	FL	EAQ	500	50	4/1	5	0	1	1	0	NR	DOD

ST. JOHNS RIVER MARSH	FL	FLS	800	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
SYCAMORE SPRINGS	OK	OKS	240	75	UNK	2	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
HUTCHINSON ROAD	OK	OKS	200	80	UNK	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
ROUND MOUNTAIN	OK	OKS	60	85	UNK	2	0	1	0	1	NR	PRI
524	MS	MSS	375	95	UNK	31	0	10	0	0	NR	ST
WEST 311	OK	OMA	553	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	21K	ST
B LOOP	VA	PWP	300	100	---	67	3	3	0	1	14.2K	NPS
TURNER FALLS 2	OK	OKS	1,000	100	---	97	0	31	0	0	NR	ST
LONE PINE	OK	OKS	480	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
LOWLANDS	OK	OKS	150	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
ANGEL	OK	OKS	1,100	100	---	0	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
LONGHORN	OK	OKS	320	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
COPPERHEAD DEN	OK	OKS	4,200	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
HULSEY	OK	OKS	400	100	---	6	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
SMITH	OK	OKS	125	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
WILDHORSE	OK	OKS	400	100	---	6	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
WASHER PIT	OK	OKS	163	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
PEACH CREEK	OK	OKS	160	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
YELLOW SPRING	OK	OKS	300	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST

OMA Okmulgee Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

PWP Prince William Forest, National Park Service

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

BURRO, Coronado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. The Team will demobilize today. This fire is 34 miles north of Douglas, AZ in timber and brush. Smoldering with scattered smokes in heavy fuels was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BURRO	AZ	CNF	370	95	3/31	185	3	1	3	0	750K	FS

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Western two thirds of Oklahoma for low humidity and strong, gusty winds and west-central Florida for low humidity. In addition, the Guadalupe Mountains of West Texas have Red Flag conditions for low humidity and strong/gusty winds. Texas and Oklahoma panhandles for strong winds and low humidity.

Fire Weather Watches: Eastern New Mexico, west-central and parts of southwest Texas for strong winds and low humidity.

Weather Discussion: A low pressure trough moving through the Southwest will bring dry, windy conditions to eastern New Mexico, west and north Texas as well as western Oklahoma. High pressure will continue to bring dry weather to the Southeast.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern Area West-Central Florida: Partly cloudy. West-Central Oklahoma: Mostly cloudy with a chance for thunderstorms.	Low 80s. Near 80.	Inland areas: Near 30%. Under mid-teens to over 20%.	Southeast to southwest 4 to 10 mph. South to southwest to 35 mph.
Southwest Area Mostly sunny, very windy and dry eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Mostly sunny, less windy and warmer across the rest of the Southwest Area, except partly cloudy with a few rain and snow showers across the northern New Mexico mountains.	60 to 80 lower elevations and 40 to 60 higher elevations across the Southwest Area.	Ten to 20% across the lower elevations and 20 to 40% across the higher elevations of the Southwest Area.	West 20 to 40 mph across eastern New Mexico and west Texas. West to southwest 10 to 20 mph across western New Mexico and Arizona.
Southern California Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered afternoon showers over the northern parts of Central California. Snow level down to 6,000 feet.	40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 50 to 60 upper deserts. 65 to 75 lower deserts.	50 to 70%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

DOZER/TRACTOR PLOW OPERATIONS

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

- Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.
- Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.
- Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.
- Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.
- When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.
- Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.
- Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.
- Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.
- Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.
- Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook, Appendix A, for hand signals.)
- Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.
- Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.
- Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.
- Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.
- Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.
- Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.
- Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.
- Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.
- When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	25				1,400		1,425
Eastern Area	FIRES					55	5	60
	ACRES					61	99	160
Southern Area	FIRES		0			197	1	198
	ACRES		164			11,007	10	11,181
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	253	6	260
	ACRES	25	0	164	0	12,468	109	12,766

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	10		2		3		15
	ACRES	6		3		2		11
Northern California	FIRES					72	8	80
	ACRES					1,555	1,244	2,799
Southern California	FIRES		4				23	27
	ACRES		10				11,095	11,105
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1		1	4	4	10
	ACRES		100		223	28	14	365
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	170	27	1	25	196	137	556
	ACRES	805	1,431	431	3,492	202,256	12,478	220,893
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	6	7	2	98	20	141
	ACRES	332	0	407	0	84,328	7,319	92,386
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		3	6	3,172	141	3,323
	ACRES	1		255	57	34,292	2,924	37,529
Southern Area	FIRES	300		98	14	15,749	383	16,544
	ACRES	22,061		11,916	1,705	1,412,418	24,522	1,472,622
TOTAL	FIRES	489	47	111	49	19,295	716	20,707
	ACRES	23,256	1,560	13,012	5,478	1,734,907	59,596	1,837,809

Five Year Average Fires	10,987
Five Year Average Acres	185,927

*** 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						10	10
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						3	3
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		10					10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		253				2	255
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						50	50
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0		1	0	2	1	4
	ACRES	68		170	5	15	1,864	2,122
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	2	3	6
	ACRES				409	17	157	583
Southern Area	FIRES			1	1		14	16
	ACRES			175	115		14,066	14,356
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	2	2	4	22	31
	ACRES	68	263	345	529	32	16,152	17,389

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						10	10
Northern California	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						3	3
Southern California	FIREs						0	0
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		10					10
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		0				0	0
	ACRES		253				2	255
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						50	50
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	0		1	0	2	1	4
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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				1						
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	4		3	1	3		2		47	27
Rocky Mountain			1	20						2
Eastern Area										1
Southern Area	4		35	90	2	3	1		197	151
Total	8	0	40	111	5	3	0	0	247	178

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