

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2004 – 1000 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 209 new fires reported for the week.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

CEDAR CREEK, Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in grass and hardwoods, eight miles north of Pawhuska, OK. Wind-driven surface fire and short crown runs were observed.

PINETOP, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is in hardwood and pine timber, five miles southeast of Blanco, TX. No further information was received.

VAMOOSA, Chickasaw Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in hardwood and grass, two miles east of State Highway 99 near Konawa, OK. Rapid rates of spread in ground fuels with isolated torching in hardwoods were observed.

STANTON RANCH, Texas State Forestry. This fire is two miles south of Johnson City, TX. No further information was received.

LIGHTNING RIDGE, Chickasaw Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in hardwoods and hardwood litter, one mile west of State Highway 1 near Latta, OK. Rapid rates of spread in ground fuels with isolated torching in hardwoods were observed.

BULL HOLLOW, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is in hardwood litter, nine miles south of Jay, OK. Wind-driven surface fire and erratic fire behavior were observed.

HUNTER'S CAMP, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is in hardwoods, hardwood litter and scattered areas of pine timber, eight miles south of Jay, OK. Wind-driven surface fire and active fire behavior were observed.

HOLDING, Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in grass and hardwoods, two miles east of Hominy, OK. Minimal fire activity was observed.

MOSS, Osage Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in grass and hardwoods, two miles east of Hominy, OK. Minimal fire activity was observed.

STANSELL, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is in grass and hardwoods, two miles southeast of Colcord, OK. Wind-driven surface fire and active fire behavior were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CEDAR CREEK	OK	OSA	5,500	40	UNK	83	0	27	0	0	10K
PINETOP	OK	OKS	1,600	95	2/20	7	0	3	0	0	NR
VAMOOSA	OK	CHA	1,200	10	2/20	21	0	6	0	0	3K
STANTON RANCH	TX	TXS	1,000	40	UNK	14	0	5	0	0	NR
LIGHTNING RIDGE	OK	CHA	800	80	2/20	66	1	22	0	0	4K
BULL HOLLOW	OK	OKS	500	85	2/20	17	0	6	0	0	NR
HUNTER'S CAMP	OK	OKS	300	85	2/20	10	0	3	0	0	NR
HOLDING	OK	OSA	300	99	2/20	3	0	1	0	0	1K
MOSS	OK	OSA	200	99	2/20	6	0	1	0	0	1K
STANSELL	OK	OKS	140	90	2/20	2	0	1	0	0	NR
EAST I-40	TX	TXS	10,000	100	---	120	0	40	0	0	NR
CARTER CO #1	OK	OKS	1,000	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	NR
EAST AIR GUARD	MS	MNF	205	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	2K

MNF=National Forest in Mississippi

### OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** In the Southern Area, a frontal system will bring rain Friday and Saturday to the area east of the Mississippi River. The next system spreads rain across Texas on Friday, and then moves eastward before exiting off the Carolina coast on Wednesday. In Southern California and the Southwest Area, a series of Pacific storms will bring periods of rain and snow through the next week.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet over Central California and 6,000 feet over Southern California.	50 to 65 coastal areas. 35 to 50 mountains. 50 to 65 valleys. 45 to 60 upper deserts. 60 to 70 low deserts.	50 to 70%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

**Scenarios:**

[Scenario 1](#)

**NO COMMUNICATION LINK WITH CREW MEMBERS, SUPERVISORS & ADJOINING FORCES**

Watchout Situation #7 is a danger that must be mitigated by maintaining good communications while working on fires. Firefighters must constantly ask themselves the following questions as situations change on the fireline:

- Can communications be established?
  - Talk about how communications are set up on fires.
  - Review situations where communications were a problem and what was done to fix the problem.
  
- Is the communication triangle complete?.
  - Review the communication triangle and where it comes up in the "10 Standard Fire Orders" and the "18 Watchout Situations."
  - Discuss ways that firefighters can maintain the communication triangle on the fireline.
  
- Reduce the risks
  - If the situation is complex, wait until communications are in place.
  - Talk about the fires where crews had to leave the line, didn't go out on the line, or something negative happened because communications were inadequate. Discuss what was done to establish communications.

**FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

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			1			19	20
	ACRES			1			4	5
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						2	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					75	2	77
Southern Area	FIRES	6		1		169	8	184
	ACRES	6,087		1		2,636	316	9,040
TOTAL	FIRES	6	0	2	0	170	31	209
	ACRES	6,087	0	2	0	2,711	324	9,124

**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			1		68	25	94
	ACRES			1		9	10	20
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					859		859
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1		2	3	7	13
	ACRES		1		1	2	8	12
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1	2	2	5
	ACRES				0	3,942	2	3,944
Eastern Area	FIRES					29	5	34
	ACRES					2,412	30	2,442
Southern Area	FIRES	44		8	1	3,075	39	3,167
	ACRES	6,791		3,380	1	17,424	860	28,456
TOTAL	FIRES	44	1	9	4	3,178	78	3,314
	ACRES	6,791	1	3,381	2	24,648	910	35,733

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>4,555</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>82,217</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the second reporting period in February\*\*\*

and

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		5					5
Northern California	FIRES			1			5	6
	ACRES			535			593	1,128
Southern California	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						10	10
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						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			0			280	280
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	3		7	2	8	46	66
	ACRES	240		3,426	657	2,426	35,733	42,482
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	9	2	8	58	80
	ACRES	240	5	3,961	657	2,426	36,617	43,906

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		17	1			22	40
	ACRES		1,596	10			350	1,956
Northern California	FIRES		0	3	3		28	34
	ACRES		1	2,489	11		800	3,301
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	1		35	39
	ACRES		23	0	10		2,884	2,917
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	8	4		1		60	73
	ACRES	3,145	1,190		12		1,468	5,815
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	3	2	3	2	12	25
	ACRES	159	81	35	107	49	1,318	1,749
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	10	12
	ACRES					1,000	2,499	3,499
Southern Area	FIRES	9		40	12	58	261	380
	ACRES	1,665		16,233	14,572	57,771	238,493	328,734
TOTAL	FIRES	20	26	47	20	62	428	603
	ACRES	4,969	2,891	18,767	14,712	58,820	247,812	347,971

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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	0
	ACRES						1	1
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	1	1

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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										
Southern Area	1		8	244		1			10	52
Total	1	0	8	244	0	1	0	0	10	52

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