

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006 – 0800 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 162 new fires reported. Six new large fires were reported, three in the Southern Area, and one each in the Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Eastern Areas. Ten large fires were contained, six in the Southern Area, two in the Southwest Area, and one each in the Rocky Mountain and Eastern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Kansas, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Indiana, Arkansas and Virginia.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

EAST AMARILLO COMPLEX, Texas Forest Service. This fire is near Jerico, TX in grass. This complex consists of the Borger and I-40 fires. The Borger fire is 80% contained, and the I-40 fire is 70% contained. The community of McLean remains threatened. Evacuation orders have been lifted. Nine residences and 80 outbuildings were lost.

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hannemann) 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. Another Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hinds) has been ordered. Two new fires were reported. Large fires within the management area include the Ram, Oldham Boy's Ranch, East Amarillo Complex, Buckle L 2, Birthday, Spring Valley, Peterson 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 four helicopters. Eight 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. This fire is 10 miles south of Childress, TX in brush. No new information was reported.

GOAT TRAIL, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire is near St. Charles, VA. No new information was reported.

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

FLEETWOOD, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is nine miles southeast of Ryan, OK. No further information was received.

ADAMS, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is eight miles northeast of Hardesty, OK in grass. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
EAST AMARILLO COMPLEX	TX	TXS	705,000	75	UNK	45	0	7	0	89	NR	ST
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	2,914	NR	UNK	224	0	18	7	0	3.1M	N/A
OKLAHOMA FIRE RESPONSE	OK	OXS	115,738	NR	UNK	169	0	22	4	0	8.0M	ST
BUCKLE L 2	TX	TXS	40,000	40	UNK	30	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
GOAT TRAIL	VA	VAS	400	70	UNK	35	2	1	0	0	NR	ST
CEDAR LAKE	OK	OXS	2,650	80	3/17	0	0	0	0	6	NR	ST
FLEETWOOD	OK	OXS	600	85	3/18	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
ADAMS	OK	OXS	1,600	95	3/16	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
OLDHAM BOY'S RANCH	TX	TXS	13,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	1	NR	ST
FOREAKER	OK	OSA	1,500	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	BIA
ROCKY FACE	KY	KYS	1,105	100	---	14	1	2	0	0	NR	ST
CHAIN ROCK	KY	KYS	263	100	---	30	1	1	0	0	NR	ST
LINE FORK	KY	KYS	200	100	---	8	1	0	0	0	NR	ST
NEWSOMES	VA	VAS	110	100	---	32	1	6	1	0	NR	ST

KYS – Kentucky Division of Forestry

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MCDONALD	NM	N5S	92,390	100	---	10	0	4	0	10	150K	ST
NEWBY	NM	CIF	401	100	---	8	0	4	0	0	NR	FS

N5S - Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry

CIF - Cibola National Forest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
KAUFMAN RANCH	KS	KSX	700	100	---	55	0	18	0	1	NR	CNTY

KSX – Kansas Counties

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
FOREST LANE	MD	MDS	105	100	---	11	0	5	0	0	NR	ST

MDS – Maryland Department of Natural Resources

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Widespread Warnings are in effect today across the Atlantic states due to very low humidities (mid teens to 20%*s*) and very strong and gusty surface winds 15 to near 40 mph (highest across the Mid Atlantic states). Red Flag weather conditions are also in effect today across the panhandle of Texas and the state of OK for low humidities Upper teens to 20%*s* and Southwesterly strong, gusty surface winds 15 to over 35 mph.

Fire Weather Watches: In effect for Thursday for Florida for continued low humidities. Winds will be lighter.

East of the New Mexico central mountain chain and the adjacent high plains, as well as the Guadalupe mountains of far west Texas for strong winds and low humidities.

Weather Discussion: A weather disturbance will bring strong winds combined with low relative humidity levels to the southern Plains and southern Rockies today. Elsewhere, a large high pressure center will settle over the southeastern portion of the country creating dry conditions, and increasing winds in some locations. Relative humidity will drop significantly over the Southeast with the driest conditions over the coastal states from the mid-Atlantic to the Gulf Coast.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern Area Texas Panhandle/Oklahoma: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy. Appalachian Mountains and Mid-Atlantic states. Southeast Atlantic states and Florida.	70s. 50 to near 60. 60s to 70s.	Single digits to 20% <i>s</i> . Teens to 20% <i>s</i> . 20% <i>s</i> to low 30% <i>s</i> .	Gusty southwest 5 to over 35 mph. Northerly 15 to over 40 mph. Northerly 15 to over 25 mph.
Southwest Area Mostly sunny to partly cloudy most areas. Partly to mostly cloudy far northern New Mexico.	35 to 50 mountains. 55 to 75 lower elevations.	10 to 20%, except 10 to 25% higher mountains.	West to southwest 5 to 15 mph in Arizona. West to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph in New Mexico with higher sustained speeds from east of the central New Mexico mountain chain eastward into the eastern plains. South to southwest winds 10 to 25 mph west Texas.
Southern California Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers over the northern parts of Central California. The snow level will be around 5,000 feet.	40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 50 to 60 upper deserts. 65 to 75 lower deserts.	40 to 60% central California and 20 to 40% southern California.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
Rocky Mountain Area No information was reported.			
Eastern Area No information was reported.			



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

Standard Fire Orders

The NWCG approved a revision of the Standard Fire Orders, in accordance with their original arrangements. The orders are arranged according to their importance and grouped in logical sequence. Review and consider Standard Fire Orders as a part of every shift.

- Did you receive or request adequate weather briefing, current and predicted fire behavior, wind direction, predicted humidity, fuel moisture, local factor?
- Do you have map of the fire? Is topography, type of fuels, direction of the spread defined?
- Fire behavior group deals with what the firefighter will encounter - weather, fire status, fire behavior.
 1. Keep informed on fire weather conditions and forecasts.
 2. Know what your fire is doing at all times.
 3. Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire.
- Are you familiar with direction, distance, location, size of escape routes and safety zones?
- Discuss the need for lookout, such as extreme fire behavior, fire located out of line-of-sight.
- Discuss importance of the situational awareness.
- Fireline safety group emphasizes personal safety.
 4. Identify escape routes and safety zones and make them known.
 5. Post lookouts when there is possible danger.
 6. Be alert. Keep calm. Think clearly. Act decisively.
- Review importance and means of passing tactical decisions and resource movement.
- Review other factors influencing potential changes in tactics, which could affect control of your forces.
- Organizational Control group is centered around tactical decisions.
 7. Maintain prompt communications with your forces, your supervisor and adjoining forces.
 8. Give clear instructions and insure they are understood.
 9. Maintain control of your forces at all time.
- After you have considered, discussed and acted on the previous nine orders:
 10. Fight fire aggressively, having provided for safety first.

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					2		2
	ACRES					2		2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					700		700
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	7		1		148	3	159
	ACRES	242		80		3,380	41	3,743
TOTAL	FIRES	7	0	1	0	151	3	162
	ACRES	242	0	80	0	4,082	41	4,445

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				15	19
	ACRES		10				498	508
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1	1	1	3
	ACRES				223	0	10	233
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	113	25	1	24	149	113	425
	ACRES	600	1,331	431	3,490	99,991	11,525	117,368
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	6	6	6	2	88	20	128
	ACRES	231	0	1,072	0	47,939	7,315	56,557
Eastern Area	FIRES			1	3	986	105	1,095
	ACRES			5	52	26,783	1,739	28,579
Southern Area	FIRES	264		83	11	12,261	296	12,915
	ACRES	14,252		11,083	1,405	719,621	10,824	757,185
TOTAL	FIRES	383	44	91	42	13,552	558	14,670
	ACRES	15,134	1,360	12,591	5,171	895,893	33,155	963,304

Five Year Average Fires	12,191
Five Year Average Acres	172,138

*** 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			97				97
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				0	1
	ACRES		20				7	27
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	20	97	0	0	7	124

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		81	3			13	97
	ACRES		1,978	183			109	2,270
Northern California	FIRES	12	2	3	2		47	66
	ACRES	101	19	1,324	6		704	2,154
Southern California	FIRES		4	2			46	52
	ACRES		280	24			1,389	1,693
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		463					463
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			34	45
	ACRES	318	35	320			5,943	6,616
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	4	22	4	12	54	98
	ACRES	160	110	5,072	52	324	5,416	11,134
Eastern Area	FIRES			15	3	171	51	240
	ACRES			824	1,152	18,224	15,384	35,584
Southern Area	FIRES			88	7	186	432	713
	ACRES			40,025	6,069	97,509	338,605	482,208
TOTAL	FIRES	22	99	136	16	369	678	1,320
	ACRES	583	3,649	47,782	7,279	116,057	367,728	543,078

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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			2	32			1			
Rocky Mountain				18						
Eastern Area				25					1	11
Southern Area	1	11	29	72	3	18	4		152	216
Total	1	11	31	147	3	18	5	0	153	227

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