

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2004 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere, with 1,937 new fires reported for the week. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Georgia and Kentucky.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

KIETH SPRINGS, Tennessee Division of Forestry. This fire is in timber ten miles south of Winchester, TN. Eight residences are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KEITH SPRINGS	TN	TNS	768	25	3/26	27	25	2	0	0	NR
IMPASSABLE ONE	FL	FNF	34,660	100	---	63	1	3	3	0	2.1M
SPLIT #2	OK	OKS	1,920	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
SPLIT	OK	OKS	1,470	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
CHE-HARJO	OK	WEA	1,200	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	6K
WHITE ROCK 2	FL	FLS	1,000	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
FOUKE	AR	ARS	1,299	100	---	56	52	0	0	0	NR
BABCOCK	FL	FLS	1,200	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
COMPRESSCO	FL	FLS	800	100	---	15	0	5	0	0	NR
STEEL BRIDGE	FL	FLS	775	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
LOCHMOOR	FL	FLS	750	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	47K
BUSSEY	AR	ARS	640	100	---	20	16	0	0	0	NR
LIBERTY	OK	OKS	470	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
ETOWAH	AL	ALS	400	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
CORRIGAN FIRE	FL	FLS	365	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	NR
GREEN COUNTRY	OK	OKS	350	100	---	52	0	31	0	0	NR
OXLEY	AR	ARS	334	100	---	4	2	0	0	0	NR
NEW PRUE	OK	OKS	280	100	---	8	0	4	0	0	NR
ROY'S PLACE	SC	FMF	290	100	---	10	0	4	0	0	14K
GIRL SCOUT CAMP	AL	ALS	262	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
OGDEN CHURCH	OK	OKS	250	100	---	5	0	3	0	0	NR
MIDDLE MOUNTAIN	OK	OKS	200	100	---	10	0	5	0	0	NR
KING HOLLOW	OK	OKS	200	100	---	8	0	5	0	0	NR
CUT THRU	OK	OKS	200	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
BURNS CREEK	OK	OKS	180	100	---	5	0	1	0	0	NR
GRAY	OK	OKS	170	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
ROCKY	OK	OKS	160	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
LOGAN	OK	OKS	160	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
WATER TOWER	OK	OKS	160	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
CORNFIELD	OK	OKS	145	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
SHERIDAN	AR	ARS	138	100	---	5	4	0	0	0	NR
WIRTH	AR	ARS	138	100	---	10	0	0	0	3	NR
BIG ROUND	OK	OKS	120	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
SONNIE CREEK	OK	OKS	120	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
WATIE	OK	OKS	100	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR

FMF = Francis Marion & Sumter National Forest
 WEA = Wewoka Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs
 FLS = Florida Division of Forestry
 ARS = Arkansas Forestry Commission

FNF = National Forests in Florida
 OKS = Okalahoma Division of Forestry
 ALS = Alabama Forestry Commission

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

UPPER SANTA ANA BURN ESCAPE, San Bernardino National Forest. This incident is in timber and chaparral one mile south of the city of Big Bear Lake, CA. Interior burning and torching was observed during the evening, and improvement of control lines is planned for today. The Bear Mountain and Snow Summit Ski Areas are under mandatory evacuations. One outbuilding was destroyed yesterday, and structure protection remains a priority for a threatened commercial property.

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UPPER SANTA ANA BURN ESCAPE	CA	BDF	400	40	3/26	572	28	25	4	1	NR

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JJ HIGHWAY FIRE	MO	MOS	139	100	3/19	33	1	11	0	0	NR

MOS = Missouri Department of Conservation

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will cover the Southern Area while a frontal system moves across the Eastern Area on Friday. A low pressure trough arrives in the Central Plains on the weekend and moves very slowly across the East next week. Precipitation will spread from the Plains on the weekend to the Mississippi River Valley Monday before reaching the East Coast Wednesday and Thursday. In southern California, a trough will pass through the area Friday with high pressure, gusty winds and lowering humidity on the weekend. High pressure should prevail next week.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Partly cloudy with scattered morning showers over Central California. The snow level will be around 6,000 feet.	60 to 70 coastal areas 50 to 65 mountains 65 to 75 valleys 70 to 80 upper deserts 80 to 90 low deserts	30 to 50%	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts
EASTERN AREA WEATHER Mostly cloudy, warm and breezy across Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana along with a 40 to 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	63 to 73	45 to 55% possible outside of rainfall areas, 55 to 65% most areas	South to southwest winds to 10 to 20 mph with occasional higher gusts



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

NFDRS POCKET CARDS

An aid to identifying local fuels conditions that might contribute to severe fire behavior is the NFDRS Pocket Card. The Pocket Card displays a general assessment of the fire potential compared to local fire occurrence and historical fire danger. It is a tool that can be used to track daily outputs of the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) throughout the fire season for a local area.

● The Pocket Card provides:

- A general indicator of the potential for extreme fire behavior and difficulty of control.
- A graph to show the trend and status of the current year's fire season.
- A comparison of current year's conditions to historical worst and average conditions.
- Fire danger values related to past large fires.
- Locally significant values for temperature, humidity, wind speed, and more.

● Discuss the following ways to use the Pocket Card:

- Use it primarily before fires occur, before arriving to a fire, and during initial stages of fire events, such as initial fire size-up, initial attack, and extended attack.
- Use the Pocket Card to track local fire danger and in so doing increase the safety of your firefighters through increased awareness of fire danger conditions. NOTE: If fire danger is running at or above seasonal highs, be alert to those weather conditions that can lead to extreme fire behavior; e.g., low RH, 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%, high temperatures, moderate to high winds.
- Use it to track daily fire dangers so that there are no surprises when extreme fire behavior occurs.
- Use it to supplement local experience.
- Use the Pocket Card as a point of reference for firefighters not familiar with the area represented by the card.
- When you receive your fire assignment outside your local area, visit the National Pocket Card website at <http://famweb.nwccg.gov/pocketcards/>. Click on the map and locate a Pocket Card for the area to which you are going.
- Put the Card in the Pocket of all your firefighters and keep a copy in your fire vehicle.
- Post the card in dispatch. Use them in briefings. Provide them to incoming crews.
- Do not use the PocketCard for site specific fire behavior predictions and fireline actions.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1	1			1	3
	ACRES		0	1			0	1
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						3	3
Southern California	FIRES					27	9	36
	ACRES					5	108	113
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1	1		5	3	10
	ACRES		4	35		6	2	47
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			8		9
	ACRES		2			48		50
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	1		1	1	1	5
	ACRES	0	1		0	1	0	2
Southwest	FIRES	3				28	6	37
	ACRES	93				23	134	250
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	5	4		3	3	18
	ACRES	260	0	102		49	55	466
Eastern Area	FIRES			2	1	24	17	44
	ACRES			23	70	469	386	948
Southern Area	FIRES	7		3	1	1,699	61	1,771
	ACRES	176		290	2	19,104	475	20,047
TOTAL	FIRES	14	9	11	3	1,795	105	1,937
	ACRES	529	7	451	72	19,705	1,163	21,927

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		4	1			3	8
	ACRES		0	1			0	1
Northern California	FIRES					46	7	53
	ACRES					90	7	97
Southern California	FIRES		1	1		174	40	216
	ACRES		0	1		37	131	169
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1	1		7	8	17
	ACRES		4	35		867	42	948
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			12		15
	ACRES		2			63		65
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	1		1	1	1	5
	ACRES	0	1		0	1	0	2
Southwest	FIRES	22	3		2	54	26	107
	ACRES	157	3		1	276	148	585
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	8	4	2	70	13	106
	ACRES	314	2	102	0	5,103	127	5,648
Eastern Area	FIRES			3	4	556	150	713
	ACRES			24	74	6,213	2,820	9,131
Southern Area	FIRES	91		26	11	12,045	245	12,418
	ACRES	14,622		4,151	290	109,140	5,781	133,984
TOTAL	FIRES	123	21	36	20	12,965	493	13,658
	ACRES	15,093	12	4,314	365	121,790	9,056	150,630

Eight Year Average Fires	14,842
Eight Year Average Acres	268,822

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the fourth reporting period in March

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						7	7
	ACRES						790	790
Northern California	FIRES	4		1	2		24	31
	ACRES	63		4,448	610		6,570	11,691
Southern California	FIRES			1			24	25
	ACRES			195			1,598	1,793
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				11	12
	ACRES		100				464	564
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2	10	13
	ACRES		580			72	3,051	3,703
Western Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
Southwest	FIRES						16	16
	ACRES						4,920	4,920
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	2	4		0	7	17
	ACRES	500	410	2,113		60	2,952	6,035
Eastern Area	FIRES			6	1	3	13	23
	ACRES			121	64	190	8,922	9,297
Southern Area	FIRES	10		7	4	43	77	141
	ACRES	1,194		2,677	1,331	2,786	49,497	57,485
TOTAL	FIRES	18	4	19	7	48	189	285
	ACRES	1,757	1,090	9,554	2,005	3,108	78,765	96,279

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		26	9			41	76
	ACRES		1,913	326			1,665	3,904
Northern California	FIRES	12	0	6	8		86	112
	ACRES	179	18	11,690	623		9,486	21,996
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	1		63	69
	ACRES		23	332	10		4,728	5,093
Northern Rockies	FIRES		12				25	37
	ACRES		425				1,830	2,255
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3	1	1	3	10	18
	ACRES		856	80	10	82	3,051	4,079
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0				2	2
	ACRES		3				63	66
Southwest	FIRES	10	7	4	1		118	140
	ACRES	3,349	4,429	349	12		8,565	16,704
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	16	8	12	9	5	49	99
	ACRES	2,889	578	4,019	331	274	13,462	21,553
Eastern Area	FIRES			12	5	131	51	199
	ACRES			927	2,070	13,666	18,551	35,214
Southern Area	FIRES	47		118	47	151	761	1,124
	ACRES	8,043		51,623	48,629	88,498	687,200	883,993
TOTAL	FIRES	85	58	165	72	290	1,206	1,876
	ACRES	14,460	8,245	69,346	51,685	102,520	748,601	994,857

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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		78				34	112
	ACRES		0				0	0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					153		153
	ACRES					0		0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	78	0	0	153	34	265
	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	4	28	23	17	4	4			16	7
Northern Rockies			5						1	
Eastern Great Basin			1							
Western Great Basin	1									
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			11		1				7	
Eastern Area			3		1				5	
Southern Area	2	99	3	14	4				29	23
Total	7	127	46	31	10	4	0	0	58	30

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