

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2006 – 0800 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate nationally with 338 new fires reported. Eight new large fires were reported, and ten large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Florida.

On March 24th, a volunteer fire fighter died from injuries suffered on a wildfire earlier this month near Duncan, Oklahoma. The firefighting community extends condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hanneman) and a Minnesota Interagency Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hinds) are assigned in Midland, TX. The Teams are 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.

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

B LOOP, Prince William Forest Park. This fire is near Triangle, VA in timber. A campground and a scenic drive have been closed. Burn out operations continue. Running and single tree torching were reported.

GAMBLER, Eglin Air Force Base. This fire is five miles southwest of Holt, FL in Southern Rough and pine. Smoke is impacting Interstate 10 and local communities.

ST. JOHNS RIVER MARSH, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is seven miles southwest Palm Bay, FL in sawgrass. No new information was reported.

TURNER FALLS 2, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is near Turner Falls State Park in grass. No new information was reported.

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.

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.

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.

524, Mississippi Forestry Commission. This fire is three miles north of Kiln, MS in timber litter. No new information was reported.

WEST 311, Okmulgee Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is two miles east of Gypsy, OK in grass. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is reported.

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	319	0	18	5	0	7.5M	N/A
LASALLE	MS	MSS	1,485	95	UNK	37	0	10	0	0	NR	ST
B LOOP	DC	NCP	300	80	UNK	0	3	1	0	1	NR	NPS
GAMBLER	FL	EAQ	160	20	UNK	10	0	2	1	0	NR	DOD
ST. JOHNS RIVER MARSH	FL	FLS	800	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
TURNER FALLS 2	OK	OXS	1,000	50	UNK	97	0	31	0	0	NR	ST
SYCAMORE SPRINGS	OK	OXS	240	75	UNK	2	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
HUTCHINSON ROAD	OK	OXS	200	80	3/29	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
ROUND MOUNTAIN	OK	OXS	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	550	90	UNK	0	0	4	0	0	1.5K	ST
BLOWER	OK	OXS	165	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
ARPELAR 222	OK	OXS	700	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
WILSON	OK	OXS	900	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
COAL CREEK	OK	OXS	400	100	---	6	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
MILE MARKER 45	OK	OXS	750	100	---	5	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
UGPL	MS	MSS	120	100	---	10	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
BURLAP	OK	OXS	800	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
MARSH	FL	FLS	470	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
BELLEW MOUNTAIN	OK	OXS	450	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
DEEP BRANCH	NC	NCS	120	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

NCS – North Carolina State Division of Forestry

### SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

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

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BURRO	AZ	CNF	370	80	3/30	276	6	3	3	0	645K	FS

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** Mainly inland areas of northeast and central Florida for four or more hours of afternoon humidities in the upper 20% to near 35%.

**Fire Weather Watches:** Thursday for far west Texas and western Oklahoma for low humidities and gusty winds.

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure trough should sweep across the Southwest, while high pressure covers the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic States.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p><b>Southern Area</b> Florida: Partly cloudy</p> <p>East-Central Oklahoma: Partly cloudy with a chance for thunderstorms (less than 0.25").</p> <p>Southeast Louisiana: Mostly cloudy with chance for thunderstorm (less than 0.25").</p>	<p>Near 80.</p> <p>Low 70s.</p> <p>Near 80.</p>	<p>Inland areas: upper 20% to near 35%. Low 40%.</p> <p>Mid-40%.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 4 to 10 mph.</p> <p>South to 15 mph.</p> <p>Southeast under 8 mph.</p>
<p><b>Southwest Area</b> Partly cloudy, windy and drier with isolated thunderstorms eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Mostly cloudy across the remainder of the Southwest Area, with a chance for rain and higher elevation snow across Arizona and northwest New Mexico.</p>	<p>55 to 80 lower elevations and 35 to 55 higher elevations across the Southwest Area.</p>	<p>15 to 25% across southwest Arizona and parts of southern and eastern New Mexico and west Texas. 25 to over 50% across the rest of the Southwest Area.</p>	<p>South to southwest 15 to 30 mph and gusty across the Southwest Area.</p>
<p><b>Southern California</b> Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Snow level 5,000 feet Central California and 7,000 feet Southern California.</p>	<p>35 to 50 mountains. 50 to 60 valleys. 45 to 55 upper deserts. 60 to 70 lower deserts.</p>	<p>30 to 45% deserts to 60 to 80% coastal areas and mountains.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts.</p>



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified

through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mopup stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

**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							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					91		91
	ACRES					65		65
Southern Area	FIRES			3	0	240	4	247
	ACRES			461	250	6,327	20	7,058
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	3	0	331	4	338
	ACRES	0	0	461	250	6,392	20	7,123

**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	194	137	554
	ACRES	805	1,431	431	3,492	202,256	12,478	220,893
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7	6	7	2	97	20	139
	ACRES	307	0	407	0	82,928	7,319	90,961
Eastern Area	FIRES	1		3	6	2,899	136	3,045
	ACRES	1		255	57	34,042	2,781	37,136
Southern Area	FIRES	300		98	13	14,819	383	15,613
	ACRES	22,061		11,752	1,705	1,396,988	24,522	1,457,028
TOTAL	FIRES	488	47	111	48	18,089	711	19,494
	ACRES	23,231	1,560	12,848	5,478	1,717,827	59,453	1,820,397

<b>Five Year Average Fires</b>	<b>16,114</b>
<b>Five Year Average Acres</b>	<b>286,900</b>

\*\*\* 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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		3					3
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						10	10
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1					0	1
	ACRES	62					5	67
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	150				0	1,355	1,505
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	4	2	7
	ACRES				2	25	163	190
Southern Area	FIRES				10		11	21
	ACRES				4		9,857	9,861
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	11	5	14	32
	ACRES	212	3	0	6	25	11,390	11,636

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		81	14			15	110
	ACRES		1,978	530			113	2,621
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	2		47	67
	ACRES	101	222	1,751	6		705	2,785
Southern California	FIRES		4	2			47	53
	ACRES		284	24			1,403	1,711
Northern Rockies	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		608					608
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	6			1	2	10
	ACRES	4	858			2	333	1,197
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	13	4	2			56	75
	ACRES	596	1,142	320			6,858	8,916
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	4	27	5	14	61	120
	ACRES	979	110	6,104	74	370	7,466	15,103
Eastern Area	FIRES			38	17	179	67	301
	ACRES			3,217	2,432	18,422	19,107	43,178
Southern Area	FIRES			99	22	189	576	886
	ACRES			44,778	6,234	97,850	448,561	597,423
TOTAL	FIRES	35	107	186	46	383	871	1,628
	ACRES	1,680	5,212	56,734	8,746	116,644	484,546	673,562

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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	5	2	3		3				49	28
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									1	
Southern Area	4	1	51	85	4	7	3		235	145
Total	9	3	54	85	7	7	3	0	285	173

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