

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2006 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 173 new fires reported. Three new large fires (*) were reported, one each in the Southern, Southwest and Eastern Areas. Four large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Colorado, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Georgia, Missouri and Wisconsin.

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. Three new fires occurred within the management area. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

BULL MOUNTAIN, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire is northeast of Stuart, VA in hardwood litter. Structures and trout stream habitat are threatened. Evacuation of 30 residences is in effect. Steep rugged terrain and drought conditions are hampering containment efforts. The National Guard is providing resources to the incident. A burn out operation is planned.

FLATSIDE, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is in Garland County, AR in mixed hardwood and pine. The fire is located within the Flatside Wilderness Area. Steep terrain and snags are hampering containment efforts. Some interior smoldering was reported.

SIERRA TRAIL, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 16 miles north of San Angelo, TX in brush and grass. Minimal fire activity was reported. Burn out operations were completed. The fire is being managed under West Texas IA.

SULFER CREEK 2, Ozark-St. Francis National Forests. This fire is near Hector AR in brush. Moderate fire behavior was reported.

DANIELS, Okmulgee Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is four miles northeast of Boley, OK in grass and hardwood litter. The fire is in monitor and patrol status.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	4,765	NR	UNK	208	0	19	6	0	11.6M	N/A
* BULL MOUNTAIN	VA	VAS	750	20	4/17	134	5	10	2	4	NR	ST
FLATSIDE	AR	OUF	5,095	98	UNK	48	2	0	1	0	670K	FS
SIERRA TRAIL	TX	TXS	745	90	4/17	21	0	6	0	0	NR	ST
SULFER CREEK 2	AR	OZF	850	80	UNK	41	2	0	1	0	NR	FS
DANIELS	OK	OMA	6,450	85	4/17	9	0	4	0	0	25K	BIA
HWY 70	TX	TXS	1,200	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

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SLATE DUMP #2	KY	KYS	521	100	---	23	2	2	0	0	NR	PRI
SUMMIT RIDGE	NC	NCS	445	100	---	79	4	21	0	0	NR	ST
ASHER	KY	KYS	197	100	---	8	1	1	0	0	NR	PRI

KYS - Kentucky Division of Forestry

NCS - North Carolina State Division of Forestry

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

OJO FELIZ, New Mexico State Forestry, Las Vegas District. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lineback) is assigned. This fire is 13 miles northeast of Mora, NM in grass and brush. Residences, grazing land and recreation resources remain threatened. Road closures may be lifted today. Creeping and smoldering within containment lines were reported.

LUMBRE, New Mexico State Forestry, Las Vegas District. This fire is in Guadalupe and De Baca Counties, NM in grass. Evacuation of the community of Yeso is in effect. Ranches, residences and railroad property are threatened.

COWDEN, New Mexico State Forestry, Las Vegas District. This fire is in Guadalupe County, NM in grass. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

SINGLETON, New Mexico State Forestry, Las Vegas District. This fire is in Guadalupe County, NM in grass. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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OJO FELIZ	NM	N4S	16,600	80	4/18	499	15	22	5	4	2.4M	ST
* LUMBRE	NM	N4S	8,000	0	UNK	24	0	40	0	0	NR	ST
COWDEN	NM	N4S	3,000	80	UNK	37	0	12	0	0	1.5K	ST
SINGLETON	NM	N4S	1,000	90	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	1K	ST

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

CROSSVILLE, Mark Twain National Forest. This fire is in Dent County, MO in hardwood litter. Windy conditions, high temperatures and low relative humidity are hampering suppression efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* CROSSVILLE	MO	MTF	160	80	UNK	37	2	1	1	0	NR	FS

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

TROUT CREEK, Custer National Forest. This fire is nine miles north of Nye, MT in ponderosa pine and grass. Significant progress was made due to cooler temperatures and higher humidity. Smoldering and creeping in pockets of unburned fuel was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TROUT CREEK	MT	CNF	210	98	4/17	8	0	2	0	0	105K	FS

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Western Oklahoma and the Guadalupe Mountains of west-central Texas for single digit humidities (and gusty winds to over 35 mph for Guadalupe Mountains).

Fire Weather Watches: North Texas panhandle for low humidities and gusty surface winds to 35 mph. Northeastern Arizona, most of New Mexico, and west Texas for strong winds and low humidity.

Weather Discussion: An upper trough pushing into the West will bring dry, windy weather to Arizona, New Mexico, eastern Colorado, and western portions of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Elsewhere, high pressure will bring another day of dry weather to the Southeast, while a storm system moves across the Mid-Atlantic States.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p>Southern Area Central Oklahoma: Clear.</p> <p>West-central Texas:</p> <p>West-south Virginia:</p> <p>South-central Florida:</p>	<p>Near 95.</p> <p>Near 100.</p> <p>Near 80.</p> <p>90.</p>	<p>Near 30%.</p> <p>Near 5%.</p> <p>60%.</p> <p>35%.</p>	<p>Light and variable.</p> <p>West to 15 mph.</p> <p>Light and variable.</p> <p>Westerly at 10 mph.</p>
<p>Southwest Area Mostly sunny, slightly warmer and much windier in most areas.</p>	<p>75 to low 90s lower elevations and 55 to 75 higher elevations.</p>	<p>5 to 15%, except 20 to 30% in the high mountains of Arizona.</p>	<p>Southwest to west wind 20 to 30 mph with gusts 45-50 mph, except 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph across western Arizona.</p>
<p>Eastern Area Lingering morning showers and thunderstorms over the southeastern Mid-Atlantic states. Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers over Maine and northern New Hampshire. Fair weather elsewhere.</p>	<p>78 to 88 across the southern Big Rivers and western Mid-Atlantic states. 50 to 60 over much of the Northeast and northeast Great Lakes. 62 to 72 elsewhere.</p>	<p>20 to 30% over the far northern and northeast Great Lakes as well as southern Missouri. 30 to 40% across the central and southern Great Lakes as well as the northern and eastern Big Rivers. 38 to 48% across the Mid-Atlantic states.</p>	<p>North to northeast at 12 to 22 mph across the Northeast states down into the Mid-Atlantic and far eastern Big Rivers Compacts. Northeast to east at 6 to 16 mph across the central and southern Big Rivers as well as the eastern Great Lakes. East to southeast at 13 to 23 mph across Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.</p>
<p>Northern Rockies Area No information was reported.</p>			



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UNFAMILIAR WITH WEATHER AND LOCAL FACTORS INFLUENCING FIRE BEHAVIOR

Can you ask questions of local experts? What kinds of questions would you ask?

Does the operational period plan give you adequate weather and information? What kinds of weather forecasts can you get? What other weather or local information do you look for in the shift plan?

Can you get information from resources that have been on the fire? What questions will you ask of the crew that you are replacing?

Is there any other way to obtain information? List common sources of information on weather and local factors.

To reduce risks:

- Base all actions on current and expected fire behavior.
- Post lookouts.
- Establish escape routes and safety zones.
- Take extra caution! Discuss a fire where you relied on information from the local unit (perhaps where your fire knowledge and experience was very different from how they did things—Southeast or Alaska).

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	0
	ACRES						10	10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					3	2	5
	ACRES					8,801	1	8,802
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	42	4	47
	ACRES				0	128	108	236
Southern Area	FIRES	1				105	14	120
	ACRES	62				1,990	123	2,175
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	1	150	21	173
	ACRES	62	0	0	0	10,919	242	11,223

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	2	17
	ACRES	6		3		2	0	11
Northern California	FIRES					72	9	81
	ACRES					1,555	1,244	2,799
Southern California	FIRES		4				25	29
	ACRES		10				11,095	11,105
Northern Rockies	FIRES	101	2	5	1	7	4	120
	ACRES	424	101	477	223	3,568	224	5,017
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	2			1		4
	ACRES	52	10			28		90
Western Great Basin	FIRES		11		1			12
	ACRES		9		1			10
Southwest	FIRES	201	30	1	34	459	165	890
	ACRES	1,676	1,518	431	3,496	233,560	12,437	253,118
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	7	14	2	136	29	200
	ACRES	975	0	792	0	104,559	7,512	113,838
Eastern Area	FIRES	201		7	33	5,032	267	5,540
	ACRES	4,615		534	215	47,020	4,920	57,304
Southern Area	FIRES	332		121	16	22,471	582	23,522
	ACRES	40,486		12,969	3,373	1,625,190	30,680	1,712,698
TOTAL	FIRES	858	56	150	87	28,181	1,083	30,415
	ACRES	48,234	1,648	15,206	7,308	2,015,482	68,112	2,155,990

Five Year Average Fires	17,288
Five Year Average Acres	369,623

*** 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
	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						1	1
	ACRES						1,671	1,671
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1,671	1,671

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AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	85	14			19	119
	ACRES	149	2,343	530			169	3,191
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	3		48	69
	ACRES	101	222	5,884	7		712	6,926
Southern California	FIRES		5	2			49	56
	ACRES		285	24			1,591	1,900
Northern Rockies	FIRES		6	9	1	1	7	24
	ACRES		621	1,870	128	320	222	3,161
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	8	5		1	5	21
	ACRES	1,046	1,758	1,424		2	736	4,966
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	1				2
	ACRES		10	10				20
Southwest	FIRES	119	5	2	1		67	194
	ACRES	1,224	1,202	320	87		20,710	23,543
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	18	8	33	8	25	72	164
	ACRES	1,937	2,090	8,168	347	1,432	17,437	31,411
Eastern Area	FIRES	28		141	29	320	105	623
	ACRES	22,003		24,768	4,502	23,137	24,477	98,887
Southern Area	FIRES	1		145	31	192	675	1,044
	ACRES	120		66,492	7,790	99,854	541,508	715,764
TOTAL	FIRES	181	121	355	73	539	1,047	2,316
	ACRES	26,580	8,531	109,490	12,861	124,745	607,562	889,769

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WFU FIRES AND 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				4			4
	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	4	0	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	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			2						1	
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	14	2	12	68	7		4		60	51
Rocky Mountain		1								
Eastern Area		2	2		2				13	1
Southern Area	9	10	22	53	9	7	5	1	158	122
Total	23	15	38	121	18	7	8	1	232	174

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