

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2000 - 1000 MST  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Large fire activity increased significantly this week in the Southern Area. A total of 17 large fires were reported since last Friday in Florida, Virginia, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Louisiana. The Eastern Area (particularly Missouri) and the Southwest Area also experienced initial attack and large fire activity. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for crews, helicopters, air tankers, lead planes, radio equipment, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

KISATCHIE WILDERNESS, Kisatchie National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Melton) is assigned. This fire is 10 miles south of Natchitoches, LA in a wilderness area. The fire is burning in heavy yaupon fuels on steep slopes. High winds are hampering suppression efforts.

BENTON TOWER, Florida Division of Forestry. A Type II Incident Management Team (Votolina) is assigned. The fire, which started on 3/3, is 14 miles north of Lake City, FL. The fire is burning in brush, swamp, and a commercial pine plantation. Containment problems include heavy fuels, rough terrain, and extremely dry conditions. Significant burnout operations are planned for today.

HICKORY CREEK TRAIL, Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. This fire is burning in a wilderness area east of Chatsworth, Georgia.

DISMAL CREEK, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire, which started on 3/5, jumped containment lines yesterday. No other information was received.

ROUTE 601, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire started on 3/8. No other information was received.

BLACKWOOD, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire started on 3/7. No other information was received.

KNOX CREEK 2, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire started on 3/6. No other information was received.

LESTER FORK, Virginia Department of Forestry. This fire started on 3/6. No other information was received.

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INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
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KISATCHIE WILDE	LA	KIF	525	40	3/10	10	0	0	0	0	0	5K
BENTON TOWER	FL	FLS	8327	70	NR	151	0	8	8	0	8M	170K
HICKORY CK. TRA	GA	CHF	124	75	3/10	NR	0	0	0	0	NR	NR
DISMAL CREEK	VA	VAS	700	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
ROUTE 601	VA	VAS	300	80	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
BLACKWOOD	VA	VAS	350	80	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
KNOX CREEK 2	VA	VAS	400	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
LESTER FORK	VA	VAS	400	70	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
FIVE CENTS	KY	DBF	125	100	---	65	4	1	1	0	NR	NR
STAR GAP BRANCH	KY	DBF	415	100	---	28	1	0	0	0	NR	NR
KNOX CREEK	VA	VAS	715	100	---	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
LAKE JANNEY	MS	MNF	353	100	---	NR	1	3	0	0	NR	NR
BENTON GLADE	FL	FLS	2200	100	---	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

DBF = Daniel Boone National Forest  
MNF = National Forests of Mississippi

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TABOR HOLLOW, Mark Twain National Forest. The fire is 17 miles southeast of Springfield, MO. Containment was expected last night.

HARBOR BELT, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. The fire is in the Millerwoods area of the National Lakeshore, northeast of Gary, IN. Containment was expected last night.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TABOR HOLLOW	MO	MTF	101	50	3/8	10	0	0	0	0	3K	3K
HARBOR BELT	IN	IDP	150	80	3/8	30	0	10	0	0	NR	10K
TRAM TOWER	MO	MTF	110	100	---	11	0	0	0	0	NR	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
GRANDE COMPLEX	NM	N5S	42354	100	---	20	0	8	0	3	100K	

N5S = Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED FOR CENTRAL KENTUCKY TODAY FOR GUSTY WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR EASTERN TENNESSEE TODAY FOR GUSTY WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR PORTIONS OF NORTHERN FLORIDA FOR RELATIVE HUMIDITY NEAR 35 PER CENT \*\*\*

Kentucky and Tennessee will be partly cloudy and windy today, with a slight chance of showers. Winds will be south to southwest at 15 to 25 MPH and gusty. High temperatures will range from 65 to 80.

Florida will be partly cloudy with areas of morning fog. Winds will be south to southeast at 5 to 12 MPH. High temperatures will be in the 70's to lower 80's.

Louisiana will be partly cloudy, with a chance of a few showers in the southwest portion of the state. High temperatures will range from 80 to 85, with winds of 5 to 10 MPH.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					50		50
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	2		2		15	1	20
	ACRES	0		1090		43002	0	44092
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES	120			4	139	16	279
	ACRES	2605			102	2308	307	5322
SOUTHERN	FIRES	1		1	0	2624	124	2750
	ACRES	15		15	240	48357	6351	54978
TOTAL	FIRES	123	0	3	4	2779	141	3050
	ACRES	2620	0	1105	342	93717	6658	104442

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1			1	170	35	207
	ACRES	0			5	16	70	91
NORTHERN	FIRE							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		3			50		53
GB-WEST	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	71	8	4		224	70	377
	ACRES	680	1384	1593		151396	1101	156154
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1			1			2
	ACRES	1330			510			1840
EASTERN	FIRES	120			4	201	50	375
	ACRES	2605			242	2245	1059	6151
SOUTHERN	FIRES	12		24	21	12707	422	13186
	ACRES	3293		5093	586	232277	17441	258690
TOTALS	FIRES	205	10	28	27	13303	578	14151
	ACRES	7908	1388	6686	1343	385984	19671	422980

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						14	14
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES			8			4	12
	ACRES			131			152	283
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES				1	2	8	11
	ACRES				34	85	645	764
SOUTHERN	FIRES			4		2	46	52
	ACRES			1791		157	27850	29798
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	12	1	4	61	78
	ACRES	0	0	1922	34	242	28661	30859

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		3	4			13	20
	ACRES		91	2449			78	2618
CA-NORTH	FIRES			2			18	20
	ACRES			820			90	910
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			1	2		41	44
	ACRES			10	24		1488	1522
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES		1			2	1	4
	ACRES		20			10	19	49
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	21	205	10	1	2	114	353
	ACRES	5752	4305	161	11	10	10954	21193
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES				1	2	19	22
	ACRES				34	85	3266	3385
SOUTHERN	FIRES	1		77	19	23	445	565
	ACRES	39		37179	14243	2731	237350	291542
USA TOTALS	FIRES	22	209	94	23	29	651	1028
	ACRES	5791	4416	40619	14312	2836	253245	321219

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0



CA-SOUTH										
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST										
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST				8						5
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN			2	8						
SOUTHERN	15	2	8	12	7	5	1		41	44
TOTAL	15	2	10	28	7	5	1	0	41	49

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