

NASA image: Fire in Cape Cod

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The Otis Air National Guard installation is an Air National Guard installation located within the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR). The Otis Air National Guard is highlighted on the image.

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