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**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2002- 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Three new large fires were reported in the Southern Area, two in the Eastern Area and two in Southern California. Four large fires were contained in the Southern Area, two in the Eastern Area, one in the Southwest and one in Southern California. Prescribed burning projects continued in Northern California, Southern California, the Northwest, Southwest, Rocky Mountain, Eastern and Southern Areas.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

ALISO, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, Department of Defense. This fire is located at Camp Pendleton, north of Oceanside, CA. Fire activity decreased overnight, and a backfiring operation has assisted in containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ALISO	CA	MCP	2,800	60	3/22	128	3	13	0	0	NR
CAJALCO	CA	RRU	575	100	—	0	0	0	0	0	NR

RRU = Riverside Ranger Unit, CDF

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NUMBER ONE ISLAND, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 14 miles southwest of Folkton, GA. The fire received rain yesterday causing activity to be minimal. The fire is currently being monitored.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NUMBER ONE ISLAND	GA	OKR	1,200	NR	UNK	5	0	2	1	0	1K
BEEF CREEK	TX	TXS	225	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
LITTLE CLEAR CREEK	OK	OKS	210	100	—	0	0	0	0	0	NR
POTATO PEAK	OK	OKS	120	100	—	0	0	0	0	0	NR

TXS = Texas State Forest Service

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WEST POOL 2	MN	MNS	300	100	—	0	0	0	0	0	NR
GRYGLA CRP	MN	MNS	480	100	—	0	0	0	0	0	NR

MNS = Minnesota State Forestry

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OVERSITE	AZ	CNF	2,189	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	1M

CNF = Coronado National Forest

OUTLOOK:

The Southeast Area should see generally colder than normal temperatures and dry conditions for the upcoming 10 days. Fire risk will increase through Sunday in areas from Florida north to the Carolinas, and on the lee side of the southern Appalachians. Expect relative humidities to drop into the low teens to the 20 percent range. The following week will bring a lower fire danger to the area, as a cold front will spread rain from the Mississippi Valley to the East Coast from Monday to Wednesday. The rain will be heaviest in the Mississippi and Tennessee Valleys.

A couple of weak Pacific troughs will bring cooler temperatures and higher humidities to all parts of Southern California over the weekend. There is a slight chance of showers, except for the desert areas for tonight and early Saturday, although no significant precipitation is expected. These troughs will also bring gusty winds to the mountains and deserts, but no significant winds to the coast or valley areas. A weak ridge of high pressure will bring warmer and drier conditions back to the area early next week.



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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.

NEW FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK :

<u>AREA</u>		<u>BIA</u>	<u>BLM</u>	<u>FWS</u>	<u>NPS</u>	<u>ST/OT</u>	<u>USFS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>CA-NORTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					<u>9</u>		<u>9</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>					<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>17</u>				<u>24</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>46</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>4</u>				<u>2,802</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2,809</u>
<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>GB-EAST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>GB-WEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>20</u>				<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>49</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>10</u>				<u>142</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>159</u>
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>51</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>55</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>178</u>		<u>1,587</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>1,810</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>				<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>19</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>				<u>19</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>88</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>499</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>527</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>38</u>		<u>441</u>		<u>4,870</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>5,632</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>613</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>705</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>619</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>9,418</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>10,498</u>

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FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		2				2	4
	ACRES		0				0	0
CA-NORTH	FIRES					38	2	40
	ACRES					12	0	12
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	18	8			324	59	409
	ACRES	5	366			8,282	424	9,077
NORTHERN	FIRE		1					1
	ACRES		10					10
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	1			1	1	4
	ACRES	2	0			4	1	7
GB-WEST	FIRES		2				2	4
	ACRES		1				100	101
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	123	9	6		125	91	354
	ACRES	339	4,699	1,048		6,173	2,563	14,822
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	3	3		83	6	97
	ACRES	35	0	181		4,087	271	4,574
EASTERN	FIRES			2	6	1,036	95	1,139
	ACRES			566	22	5,643	813	7,044
SOUTHERN	FIRES	36		26	14	10,839	340	11,255
	ACRES	755		2,457	3,041	120,902	10,021	137,176
TOTALS	FIRES	180	26	37	20	12,446	598	13,307
	ACRES	1,136	5,076	4,252	3,063	145,103	14,193	172,823

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

<u>AREA</u>		<u>BIA</u>	<u>BLM</u>	<u>FWS</u>	<u>NPS</u>	<u>ST/OT</u>	<u>USFS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>		<u>14</u>	<u>67</u>			<u>10</u>	<u>91</u>
<u>CA-NORTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>			<u>0</u>			<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>			<u>6</u>			<u>129</u>	<u>135</u>
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>			<u>1</u>			<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>			<u>150</u>			<u>359</u>	<u>509</u>
<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>GB-EAST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>GB-WEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>						<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>						<u>355</u>	<u>355</u>
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>2</u>		<u>11</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>321</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>457</u>		<u>53</u>		<u>871</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>					<u>36</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>201</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>24</u>			<u>29</u>	<u>54</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>40</u>		<u>10,947</u>			<u>17,255</u>	<u>28,242</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>87</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>361</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>11,627</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>18,273</u>	<u>30,404</u>

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<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>		35	5			23	63
	<u>ACRES</u>		3,278	372			808	4,458
<u>CA-NORTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	2	8	6			56	72
	<u>ACRES</u>	3	115	1,622			2,640	4,380
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>		1	4			67	72
	<u>ACRES</u>		15	270			13,258	13,543
<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
<u>GB-EAST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>		5			2		7
	<u>ACRES</u>		65			32		97
<u>GB-WEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>						2	2
	<u>ACRES</u>						55	55
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	4	10	5			108	127
	<u>ACRES</u>	90	5,878	57			10,478	16,503
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	6	2	11	2	10	1	32
	<u>ACRES</u>	322	120	3,249	18	1,342	2,400	7,451
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>			4		141	38	183
	<u>ACRES</u>			265		7,875	5,164	13,304
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	4		159	14	64	604	845
	<u>ACRES</u>	195		87,462	4,332	25,518	494,802	612,309
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	16	61	194	16	217	899	1,403
	<u>ACRES</u>	610	9,471	93,297	4,350	34,767	529,605	672,100

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WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

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

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RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

<u>AREA</u>	<u>CREW FED</u>	<u>CREW ST/OT</u>	<u>ENGS FED</u>	<u>ENGS ST/OT</u>	<u>HELI FED</u>	<u>HELI ST/OT</u>	<u>AIRT FED</u>	<u>AIRT ST/OT</u>	<u>OVRHD FED</u>	<u>OVRHD ST/OT</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>										
<u>NORTHWEST</u>			<u>3</u>						<u>12</u>	
<u>CA-NORTH</u>										
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>		<u>3</u>		<u>13</u>						<u>7</u>
<u>NORTHERN</u>										
<u>GB-EAST</u>										
<u>GB-WEST</u>										
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>										
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>										
<u>EASTERN</u>										
<u>SOUTHERN</u>			<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>					
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>

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