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**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2002- 1000 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Two new large fires were reported in the Southwest and one in Southern California. Two large fires were contained in the Southern Area, one in the Southwest and one in Southern California. Prescribed burning projects continued in the Eastern and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

KOKOPELLI, New Mexico State Forestry Division, Capitan District. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned. This fire is located near Alto, NM. Firelines have been completed, however interior burning continues in the heavier fuels and forecasted high winds are expected to threaten containment. Evacuations occurred in several subdivisions, but some residents were allowed to return to their homes late yesterday. Thirty structures have been lost.

NUMBER 5 #2, Mescalero Agency, BIA. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Garcia) is assigned. This fire is located near Mescalero, NM. No other information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
KOKOPELLI	NM	N5S	823	60	UNK	237	3	34	0	30	NR
NUMBER 5 #2	NM	MEA	10,560	NR	3/27	NR	18	20	0	0	353K

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

AIRPORT, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, San Bernardino Unit. This fire is located near Bishop, CA. No other information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
AIRPORT	CA	BDU	840	85	3/25	425	11	10	0	0	NR
ALISO	CA	MCP	2,400	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	35K

MCP = Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, Department of Defense

## SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

NUMBER ONE ISLAND, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 14 miles southwest of Folkton, GA. The fire is currently being monitored. Activity on the fire has been minimal and most of the perimeter is surrounded by wet areas.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NUMBER ONE ISLAND	GA	OKR	2,276	NR	UNK	5	0	2	1	0	3.5K
TAG 221	FL	EVP	500	100	---	0	0	0	0	1	NR
ANDREW COVE	GA	CHF	250	100	—	0	0	0	0	0	NR
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	GA	CHF	200	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

EVP = Everglades National Park

CHF = Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest

## OUTLOOK:

The Southwest Area will be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers in the northern parts of Arizona and New Mexico, with sunny conditions prevailing in the south. Temperatures will range from the mid 50's at higher elevations, to the 60's and lower 70's at lower elevations in the south. Winds will range from 5 to 20 mph and relative humidities will range from 13 to 25 percent, except for northern New Mexico, where humidities will range from 26 to 55 percent.

The Southeast Area should see cooler temperatures and gusty winds, with a slight chance for showers due to a cold front over Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. The best chance for rain will be from Arkansas northeast to Kentucky and the Ohio Valley. A moist southerly flow from weakening high pressure will keep humidities above critical levels in the eastern and southeastern areas. There is a chance of rain showers or thunderstorms over Florida.

Southern California is expected to be sunny in most areas with high temperatures in the mid 60 degree range. Light winds from 8 to 12 mph are expected and relative humidities from 25 to 40 percent. Clouds will increase north of Point Conception as an offshore low moves slowly toward the central coast. This could result in some showers Tuesday afternoon from Point Conception north.



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

## **BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS**

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.

One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.

Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:

θ Lookouts are posted.

θ Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.

θ Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.

If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.

Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.

Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

**NEW FIRES AND ACRES FOR THE WEEKEND :**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
<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>ACRES</u>		<u>0</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>8</u>	<u>5</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>17</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>10,351</u>	<u>30</u>			<u>823</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,204</u>
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>						<u>1</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>5</u>						<u>5</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>						<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>						<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>65</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>25</u>			<u>10</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>562</u>	<u>913</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>85</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>10,381</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1,139</u>	<u>563</u>	<u>12,123</u>

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

<b>AREA</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>ALASKA</b>	<b>FIRES</b>							<b>0</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>							<b>0</b>
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>FIRES</b>		<b>3</b>				<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>		<b>0</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CA-NORTH</b>	<b>FIRES</b>					<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>					<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>CA-SOUTH</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>323</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>408</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>366</b>			<b>5,482</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>6,277</b>
<b>NORTHERN</b>	<b>FIRE</b>		<b>1</b>					<b>1</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>		<b>10</b>					<b>10</b>
<b>GB-EAST</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>GB-WEST</b>	<b>FIRES</b>		<b>4</b>				<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>		<b>3</b>				<b>100</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>129</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>393</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>10,709</b>	<b>4,731</b>	<b>1,048</b>		<b>6,529</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>25,666</b>
<b>ROCKY MTN</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>99</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>181</b>		<b>4,087</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>4,581</b>
<b>EASTERN</b>	<b>FIRES</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,118</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1,223</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>			<b>566</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7,397</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>8,801</b>
<b>SOUTHERN</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>38</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10,909</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>11,352</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>785</b>		<b>2,494</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>121,688</b>	<b>10,818</b>	<b>138,844</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12,601</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>13,531</b>
	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>11,543</b>	<b>5,110</b>	<b>4,289</b>	<b>3,081</b>	<b>145,199</b>	<b>15,079</b>	<b>184,301</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES FOR THE WEEKEND :**

<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>7</u>	<u>7</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>						<u>1,517</u>	<u>1,517</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>52</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>198</u>		<u>3,997</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>36,456</u>	<u>41,579</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>59</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,997</u>	<u>635</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>37,973</u>	<u>43,096</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>	7	2	11	2	10	1	33
	<u>ACRES</u>	336	120	3,249	18	1,342	2,400	7,465
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>			4		144	46	194
	<u>ACRES</u>			265		7,912	6,681	14,858
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	8		174	17	66	650	915
	<u>ACRES</u>	1,205		94,880	5,298	25,811	536,425	663,619
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	21	61	209	19	222	953	1,485
	<u>ACRES</u>	1,634	9,471	100,715	5,316	35,097	572,745	724,978

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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>CA-NORTH</u>										
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>		<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>					<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>NORTHERN</u>										
<u>GB-EAST</u>										
<u>GB-WEST</u>										
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>39</u>		<u>18</u>	<u>60</u>					<u>90</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>										
<u>EASTERN</u>										
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>				<u>35</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>42</u>

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