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**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 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 Southern Area. Two large fires were contained in the Southern Area, one in the Southwest. Prescribed burning projects continued in the Northwest, Southwest, Eastern and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NUMBER 5 #2, Mescalero Agency, BIA. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Garcia) is assigned. This fire is near Mescalero, NM. Management of the fire will transition to a Type 3 organization this evening. Demobilization of resources continues.

KOKOPELLI, New Mexico State Forestry Division, Capitan District. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned. This fire is near Alto, NM. Management of the incident will transition to a Type 3 organization today. Mopup, fireline rehabilitation and demobilization of resources continues. The increase in acreage is due to better mapping of the fire perimeter.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|--------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| NUMBER 5 #2 | NM | MEA | 16,422 | 100 | --- | 394 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 3.2M |
| KOKOPELLI | NM | N5S | 985 | 100 | --- | 193 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 29 | 700K |

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIG ORANGE, Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests. This fire is near Bethera, SC. Air support has been key in protecting urban interface areas threatened by the fire. A burn out operation is planned for today.

SOWBED, Cherokee National Forest. This fire is near Bristol, TN. The fire was active yesterday due to higher temperatures, lower humidity and strong winds.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|
| BIG ORANGE | SC | FMF | 188 | 60 | 3/29 | 55 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 80K |
| SOWBED | TN | CNF | 300 | 90 | UNK | 47 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 25K |
| SATULAH | NC | NCF | 200 | 100 | --- | 57 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | NR |
| 221/168B | FL | EVP | 300 | 100 | --- | 15 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | NR |

NCF = National Forests in North Carolina
 EVP = Everglades National Park

OUTLOOK:

*****FIRE WEATHER WATCH FOR NORTHERN NEW MEXICO FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY*****

*****RED FLAG WARNING TODAY FOR THE WEST AND CENTRAL PORTIONS OF THE FLORIDA PANHANDLE FOR LOW HUMIDITY*****

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR TODAY FOR THE OKEFENOKEE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND OSCEOLA NATIONAL FORESTS AND AREAS OF SOUTHEAST GEORGIA AND NORTHEAST FLORIDA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY*****

The Southwest Area will be sunny and warm, with breezy conditions in the afternoon. Winds will range from 10 to 20 mph in New Mexico and northern Arizona, and from 5 to 20 mph in central and southern Arizona. Relative humidities will range from 9 to 15 percent in New Mexico and 6 to 20 percent in Arizona. Temperatures will range from the 50s at higher elevations to the 60s and 70s at lower elevations.

The Southeast Area will see drier conditions today with increasing fire risk due to relative humidity dropping into the 20 and 30 percent range. Yesterday's cold front will threaten the Virginia and North Carolina coastal areas as well as central Florida with morning showers, but the threat will diminish throughout the morning. High temperatures will be in the 50s and 60s throughout much of the area, with 70s and 80s predicted for the gulf coast of Texas and Florida. Winds will be 8 to 15 mph, with possible gusts to 25 mph in Oklahoma.

In the Southern California area a weak upper low off the southern coast will begin moving east Wednesday and Thursday. The low may bring a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms to southern portions of the area on Thursday. Mild and dry weather will again prevail on Wednesday, with cooler conditions on Thursday. High pressure will build into the region Friday through the weekend with warm and dry weather expected.



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Factors for increased risks to fireline personnel during transition periods include:

- θ No, or poor, briefing of incoming personnel
- θ Lack of fire weather and behavior information, both forecast and observed
- θ Communications; face-to-face briefings may not be possible and radio frequencies may be overextended and/or changing due to the increased demands on the system.
- θ Initial attack resources may not have checked-in and the Incident Commander may not be aware of the number, type and location of all resources.
- θ Location of safety zones and escape routes may not be known and communicated to all resources.

Mitigation actions to take:

θ Lookouts: Post and maintain your own lookouts.

θ Communications: Maintain existing communications with your own and adjacent resources, as well as your original supervisor, while you are developing communications with incoming adjacent resources and your new supervisor.

θ Escape routes and safety zones: Identify escape routes and assure incoming resources are aware of their locations; be aware that your original escape routes and safety zones may no longer be accessible due to changing fire behavior or your increased distance from them.

NEW FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY :

| <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>1</u> | <u>3</u> | | | <u>5</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>12</u> |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>0</u> | | | <u>8</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>14</u> |
| <u>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</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>16</u> | | <u>1</u> | | <u>185</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>220</u> |

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| | ACRES | 276 | | 3 | | 3,442 | 156 | 3,877 |
| | FIRES | 17 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 190 | 21 | 232 |
| TOTAL | ACRES | 279 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3,450 | 159 | 3,891 |

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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 | | 3 | | | | 2 | 5 |
| | ACRES | | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| CA-NORTH | FIRES | | | | | 38 | 2 | 40 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| CA-SOUTH | FIRES | 18 | 8 | | | 323 | 59 | 408 |
| | ACRES | 5 | 366 | | | 5,482 | 424 | 6,277 |
| NORTHERN | FIRE | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | 10 | | | | | 10 |
| GB-EAST | FIRES | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | ACRES | 2 | 0 | | | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| GB-WEST | FIRES | | 4 | | | | 2 | 6 |
| | ACRES | | 3 | | | | 100 | 103 |
| SOUTHWEST | FIRES | 181 | 17 | 7 | | 137 | 101 | 443 |
| | ACRES | 10,751 | 4,731 | 1,048 | | 6,540 | 2,662 | 25,732 |
| ROCKY MTN | FIRES | 4 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 84 | 6 | 101 |
| | ACRES | 42 | 0 | 181 | 500 | 4,090 | 271 | 5,084 |
| EASTERN | FIRES | | | 2 | 6 | 1,167 | 100 | 1,275 |
| | ACRES | | | 566 | 22 | 7,417 | 837 | 8,842 |
| SOUTHERN | FIRES | 54 | | 28 | 22 | 11,685 | 390 | 12,179 |
| | ACRES | 1,061 | | 2,497 | 3,939 | 132,305 | 11,780 | 151,582 |
| TOTALS | FIRES | 258 | 37 | 40 | 29 | 13,435 | 663 | 14,462 |
| | ACRES | 11,861 | 5,110 | 4,292 | 4,461 | 155,850 | 16,075 | 197,649 |

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY :

| <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>2</u> | <u>2</u> |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | | | | | | <u>15</u> | <u>15</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>1</u> | | | | | <u>1</u> |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | | <u>273</u> | | | | | <u>273</u> |
| <u>ROCKY MTN</u> | <u>FIRES</u> | | | | | | | <u>0</u> |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | | | | | | | <u>0</u> |
| <u>EASTERN</u> | <u>FIRES</u> | | | | | | <u>3</u> | <u>3</u> |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | | | | | | <u>108</u> | <u>108</u> |
| <u>SOUTHERN</u> | <u>FIRES</u> | <u>1</u> | | <u>4</u> | | | <u>2</u> | <u>7</u> |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | <u>4</u> | | <u>2,915</u> | | | <u>553</u> | <u>3,472</u> |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>FIRES</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>13</u> |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>273</u> | <u>2,915</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>676</u> | <u>3,868</u> |

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PRESCRIBED 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> |
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| <u>ALASKA</u> | <u>FIRES</u> | | | | | | | 0 |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | | | | | | | 0 |
| <u>NORTHWEST</u> | <u>FIRES</u> | 2 | 35 | 5 | | | 26 | 68 |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | 104 | 3,278 | 372 | | | 827 | 4,581 |
| <u>CA-NORTH</u> | <u>FIRES</u> | 2 | 8 | 6 | | | 56 | 72 |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | 3 | 125 | 1,622 | | | 2,640 | 4,390 |
| <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 | 11 | 5 | | | 108 | 128 |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | 90 | 6,151 | 57 | | | 10,478 | 16,776 |
| <u>ROCKY MTN</u> | <u>FIRES</u> | 7 | 2 | 12 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 34 |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | 336 | 120 | 3,539 | 18 | 1,342 | 2,400 | 7,755 |
| <u>EASTERN</u> | <u>FIRES</u> | | | 6 | | 144 | 55 | 205 |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | | | 1,066 | | 7,912 | 7,928 | 16,906 |
| <u>SOUTHERN</u> | <u>FIRES</u> | 9 | | 178 | 20 | 67 | 687 | 961 |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | 1,209 | | 97,795 | 5,534 | 25,846 | 569,632 | 700,016 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>FIRES</u> | 24 | 62 | 216 | 22 | 223 | 1,002 | 1,549 |
| | <u>ACRES</u> | 1,742 | 9,754 | 104,721 | 5,552 | 35,132 | 607,218 | 764,119 |

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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> |
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| <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> |
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| <u>ALASKA</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>NORTHWEST</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>CA-NORTH</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>CA-SOUTH</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <u>GB-EAST</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>GB-WEST</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>SOUTHWEST</u> | <u>12</u> | | <u>9</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>2</u> | | | <u>106</u> | <u>23</u> |
| <u>ROCKY MTN</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>EASTERN</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>SOUTHERN</u> | <u>6</u> | | <u>14</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>1</u> | | | <u>54</u> | <u>3</u> |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>160</u> | <u>26</u> |

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