

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2002- 1000 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation yesterday. One new large fire was reported and contained in the Rocky Mountain Area. Prescribed burning projects continued in the Northwest, Northern California, Southern California, Northern Rockies, Eastern Great Basin, Southwest, and the Eastern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

STAKING, Pike and San Isabel National Forests. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is west of Bailey, CO. The fire experienced southeast winds yesterday which aided containment efforts. Highway 285 was opened for local traffic, however evacuations of several subdivisions and commercial facilities in the Bailey area remain in effect. Air resources have been aiding suppression efforts in divisions with rugged terrain.

TOPAZ MTN, Pike and San Isabel National Forests. This fire is twelve miles east southeast of Jefferson, CO. Cloud cover in the fire area had a favorable affect on fire behavior yesterday. The change in acreage is due to inclusion of spot fires within the fire perimeter. Demobilization is scheduled to begin Saturday.

HEWLETT GULCH, Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests. This fire is near Fort Collins, CO. One crew continues to patrol and mopup.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
STAKING	CO	PSF	2,500	35	UNK	619	12	85	6	1	835K
TOPAZ MTN	CO	PSF	350	80	4/26	159	4	9	1	0	756K
HEWLETT GULCH	CO	ARF	500	90	4/26	25	1	0	0	0	50K
ANDRIX #3	CO	PSF	620	100	—	25	0	6	0	0	NR

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

MILLS, Cibola National Forest. This fire is near Magdalena, NM. Good progress was made yesterday with mopup operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MILLS	NM	CIF	366	75	UNK	147	6	8	1	0	NR
CENTER	AZ	BAR	1,117	100	---	169	3	1	2	0	NR

BAR = Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge

### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

WHITE OAK ROAD, National Forests in North Carolina. This fire is near Newport, NC. Significant progress was made towards containment yesterday due to light precipitation.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WHITE OAK ROAD	NC	NCF	615	99	UNK	67	1	3	1	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

### **\*\*\*FIRE WEATHER WATCH FOR NORTHERN AND SOUTHEASTERN NEW MEXICO, AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA BELOW 6000 FEET ELEVATION, FOR HIGH WINDS\*\*\***

The Rocky Mountain Area can expect scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Colorado and southern Wyoming, with increasing winds Friday afternoon over Colorado and western Wyoming. Precipitation could be more widespread over southeast Wyoming. Wind speeds will range from 10 to 20 mph over the mountains, with gusts to 30 mph over the Colorado mountains and western Wyoming.

The Southwest Area will see an approaching upper level system bring high winds to much of the area and spotty showers and thunderstorms. New Mexico will see drier storms west of the central mountain chain, and scattered thunderstorms to the east. Northern and central Arizona can expect cooler temperatures, with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, and some snow above 7500 feet. Relative humidity values will be generally 15 to 40 percent across the area. Winds will be generally 15 to 40 mph, with gusts as high as 45 to 55 mph in New Mexico.

The Southern Area can expect showers and thunderstorms across Oklahoma, northern Texas and northeast to Kentucky. Further east over the James River Valley, high pressure will keep conditions dry and seasonably cool. High temperatures will be in the 50's and 60's across most of the area, except for 70's in the Carolinas to the 80's along the Gulf Coast and in Florida. Winds will be 5 to 10 mph, except 10 to 20 mph in Oklahoma and Arkansas. Relative humidities will be as low as 25 to 30 percent east of the Appalachian Mountains, but generally above 40 percent elsewhere.

The Southern California Area can expect conditions to be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms early in the day. Coastal areas will see patchy morning low clouds and fog. Winds will be 15 to 25 mph over the mountains and deserts, with onshore afternoon winds at 8 to 15 mph in the coastal areas. Temperatures will be in the 50's and 60's in the mountains, mid 60's to mid 70's in the valleys and 70's to low 80's in the deserts. Relative humidities will range from 30 to 40 percent in the valleys, 50 to 70 percent in the mountains and 20 to 30 percent in the deserts.



## DISENGAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Whenever the intensity of a fire exceeds the ability of the forces to control it, we are left with no alternative but to “disengage” and either wait for better circumstances or change tactics. Whatever happens, it is always safer and more advantageous from an operational perspective if you have a plan for the disengagement. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion:

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Preplan the disengagement.

Discuss establishing trigger points based on measurable factors such as:

- RH
- Winds
- Fire behavior
- Topographical boundaries
- Time/distance to safety zones
- Loss of support resources (airtankers, helicopters, etc.)
- Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication)

When disengagement occurs, go through the Risk Management Process (see the Incident Response Pocket Guide):

- θ Situational Awareness
- θ Hazard Assessment
- θ Hazard Controls
- θ Decision Points
- θ Evaluate

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When disengagement occurs, determine the disengagement type:

- θ Hold in place—order additional resources or wait for the fire to take its run.
  - θ Change tactics—direct to indirect.
  - θ Pull back—shorten the distance/time to the safety zone.
  - θ Retreat—halt operations and move rapidly to the safety zone.
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When disengagement occurs, define reengagement criteria:

- θ Winds die down
  - θ Fire behavior decreases
  - θ Additional resources arrive
  - θ Fire reaches barriers or fuel breaks
  - θ Tactics are agreed upon and relayed to forces.
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Command/Leadership responsibilities resulting from changes in engagement plans include:

- θ Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command.
  - θ Account for all your people.
  - θ Make sure everyone follows the disengagement plan.
  - θ Make sure an experienced person with a radio is the last person out during a retreat.
- θ Use the Risk Management Process (see the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to reassess the situation before reengaging the fire.

**NEW FIRES AND ACRES FOR 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>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>						<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>						<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>						<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					<u>6</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>					<u>107</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>122</u>
<u>GB-EAST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>13</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>34</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>106</u>		<u>60</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>366</u>
<u>GB-WEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>			<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>		<u>2</u>				<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>		<u>0</u>				<u>1,482</u>	<u>1,482</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>			<u>3</u>		<u>36</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>42</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>			<u>9</u>		<u>65</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>106</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					<u>75</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>77</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>					<u>3,691</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3,698</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>192</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>4,062</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>5,788</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>					2	2	4
	<b>ACRES</b>					700	4	704
<b>NORTHWEST</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	9	5			16	11	41
	<b>ACRES</b>	10	3			31	2	46
<b>CA-NORTH</b>	<b>FIRES</b>					58	21	79
	<b>ACRES</b>					18	12	30
<b>CA-SOUTH</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	21	11	2		499	102	635
	<b>ACRES</b>	5	367	11		7,469	571	8,423
<b>NORTHERN</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	169	3	4		18	12	206
	<b>ACRES</b>	2,015	57	360		2,135	700	5,267
<b>GB-EAST</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	12	29		4	33	7	85
	<b>ACRES</b>	72	127		60	296	18	573
<b>GB-WEST</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	4	3			1	6	14
	<b>ACRES</b>	312	2			1	275	590
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	417	44	10	3	286	283	1,043
	<b>ACRES</b>	11,289	5,763	1,145	4	10,921	46,230	75,352
<b>ROCKY MTN</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	9	12	7	2	298	41	369
	<b>ACRES</b>	113	59	247	501	6,678	5,149	12,747
<b>EASTERN</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	379		9	14	3,966	177	4,545
	<b>ACRES</b>	19,705		1,137	464	29,765	2,296	53,367
<b>SOUTHERN</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	82		31	29	15,140	529	15,811
	<b>ACRES</b>	15,527		3,999	4,714	177,732	17,264	219,236
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>FIRES</b>	1,102	107	63	52	20,317	1,191	22,832
	<b>ACRES</b>	49,048	6,378	6,899	5,743	235,746	72,521	376,335

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES FOR 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>1</u>				<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>		<u>15</u>				<u>634</u>	<u>649</u>
<u>CA-NORTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>			<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>			<u>1,837</u>	<u>80</u>		<u>8</u>	<u>1,925</u>
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>						<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>						<u>97</u>	<u>97</u>
<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>						<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>						<u>623</u>	<u>623</u>
<u>GB-EAST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>		<u>6</u>		<u>5</u>		<u>7</u>	<u>18</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>		<u>335</u>		<u>1,091</u>		<u>2,584</u>	<u>4,010</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>1,685</u>					<u>1,685</u>
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>			<u>10</u>			<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>			<u>1,267</u>			<u>55</u>	<u>1,322</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>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>55</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,035</u>	<u>3,104</u>	<u>1,171</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,001</u>	<u>10,311</u>

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<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>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>20</u>			<u>72</u>	<u>168</u>
<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>3,051</u>	<u>6,853</u>	<u>1,925</u>			<u>5,507</u>	<u>17,336</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>81</u>	<u>113</u>
<u>CA-NORTH</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>15,726</u>	<u>230</u>		<u>7,685</u>	<u>24,200</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>			<u>86</u>	<u>94</u>
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>271</u>			<u>16,063</u>	<u>16,428</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>		<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>			<u>18</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>		<u>482</u>	<u>864</u>			<u>1,612</u>	<u>2,958</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>43</u>
<u>GB-EAST</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>574</u>	<u>425</u>	<u>1,102</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>4,597</u>	<u>6,749</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>						<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>GB-WEST</u>	<u>ACRES</u>						<u>55</u>	<u>55</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>			<u>117</u>	<u>142</u>
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>11,710</u>	<u>4,577</u>			<u>11,836</u>	<u>28,213</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>80</u>
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>1,397</u>	<u>4,534</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>2,033</u>	<u>8,147</u>	<u>16,810</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>93</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>433</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>8,553</u>		<u>20,798</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>11,415</u>	<u>18,308</u>	<u>59,360</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>59</u>		<u>212</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>823</u>	<u>1,205</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>10,951</u>		<u>105,576</u>	<u>55,612</u>	<u>27,529</u>	<u>674,385</u>	<u>874,053</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>1,344</u>	<u>2,313</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>23,310</u>	<u>21,527</u>	<u>154,696</u>	<u>57,413</u>	<u>41,021</u>	<u>748,195</u>	<u>1,046,162</u>

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

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

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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>OVRH D FED</u>	<u>OVRHD ST/OT</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>										
<u>NORTHWEST</u>			<u>5</u>						<u>21</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>CA-NORTH</u>										
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>		<u>8</u>		<u>18</u>		<u>2</u>				<u>38</u>
<u>NORTHERN</u>										
<u>GB-EAST</u>			<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>						
<u>GB-WEST</u>										
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>				<u>49</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>106</u>	<u>107</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>				<u>3</u>					<u>1</u>	
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>28</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>175</u>

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