

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2003 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 27 new fires reported yesterday.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center has been established in Lufkin, Texas. Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey, Martin and McCombs) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill and Palestine, Texas. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Custer) is assigned in Nacogdoches, Texas. Thirty-five agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California, Maryland and Nevada.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PANAU IKI, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. This fire, 30 miles southwest of Hilo, HI is burning in grass and brush. Crews are constructing fireline and mopping up along the vegetated perimeter. Crews continue to be hampered by volcanic smog (VOG), which is being influenced by northeast tradewinds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PANAU IKI	HI	HVP	2,025	60	NR	76	3	2	1	0	702K

OUTLOOK:

A high pressure over New England combined with a developing low pressure along the Texas Gulf Coast will continue to bring cool air and a wintry mix of precipitation over the southeast today. A band of freezing rain and sleet are expected across Arkansas and western Tennessee. Snow is expected to the north of the band, to the south a significant amount of rain is expected to fall.



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CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT A SAFE ANCHOR POINT

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					24	3	194
	ACRES					93	8	101
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	24	3	27
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	93	8	101

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Northern California	FIRES				3	38	4	45
	ACRES				2,165	10	0	2,175
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			141	30	176
	ACRES	0	1			18	12	31
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					29		29
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	5	3			35	24	67
	ACRES	23	2			260	29	314
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1		1		3	7
	ACRES	0	0		200		15	215
Eastern Area	FIRES					121	6	127
	ACRES					904	67	971
Southern Area	FIRES	53		5	2	3,374	82	3,486
	ACRES	6,849		755	530	33,144	2,641	43,919
TOTAL	FIRES	62	10	5	6	3,490	149	3,913
	ACRES	6,872	3	755	2,895	33,560	2,764	47,654

Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the fourth reporting period in February

and

Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		20				10	30
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			8		1	11	20
	ACRES			763		1,006	8,810	10,579
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	8	0	1	11	20
	ACRES	0	20	763	0	1,006	8,820	10,609

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	58	2			34	97
	ACRES	4	3,110	725			1,198	5,037
Northern California	FIRES	1	4	3	1		20	29
	ACRES	31	52	3,612	475		1,736	5,906
Southern California	FIRES		1				34	35
	ACRES		5				4,657	4,662
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				118	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2		4
	ACRES		4			110		114
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	1		1		96	101
	ACRES	145	2		1,000		2,463	3,610
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2	4	1	1	7	15
	ACRES		100	125	31	26	247	529
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	26	28
	ACRES					1,200	1,006	2,206
Southern Area	FIRES	17		115	11	84	416	643
	ACRES	1,646		38,601	20,383	68,482	334,326	463,438
TOTAL	FIRES	24	69	124	14	89	635	955
	ACRES	1,826	3,286	43,063	21,889	69,818	345,751	485,633

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California	3		2		1				26	8
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									55	64
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	151		6		40				230	1984
Total	154	0	8	0	41	0	0	0	311	2056

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