

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2003 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 15 new fires reported.

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. Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Custer, Hildreth) are assigned in Nacogdoches and Longview, Texas. Forty-Two 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. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Corley) is working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California, Maryland and Nevada.

OUTLOOK:

Rain and showers will persist today from Florida to North Carolina as a warm frontal boundary continues to provide instability to the area. Low pressure centered over north Texas will lessen humidity under a moderate southerly flow and will produce areas of light morning drizzle and fog. An unstable and moist weather pattern will keep fire risks low into Wednesday.



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ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

● If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

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- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.

● In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

FIRES AND ACRES MARCH 03:

| 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 | | | | | 6 | | 6 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 6 | | 6 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | 9 | | 9 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 36 | | 36 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 15 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 42 |

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 | 45 | 5 | 53 |
| | ACRES | | | | 2,165 | 10 | 2,025 | 4,200 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 1 | 4 | | | 146 | 30 | 181 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 1 | | | 20 | 12 | 33 |
| 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 | 6 | | | 37 | 25 | 73 |
| | ACRES | 23 | 5 | | | 261 | 30 | 319 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 3 | 7 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | | 200 | | 15 | 215 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | 2 | 131 | 6 | 139 |
| | ACRES | | | | 1 | 999 | 67 | 1,067 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 55 | | 5 | 3 | 3,379 | 82 | 3,524 |
| | ACRES | 6,851 | | 755 | 530 | 33,192 | 2,641 | 43,969 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 64 | 13 | 5 | 9 | 3,740 | 151 | 3,982 |
| | ACRES | 6,874 | 6 | 755 | 2,896 | 34,511 | 4,790 | 49,832 |

*****Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the first reporting period in March*****

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

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES MARCH 03:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| 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 | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | ACRES | 1,500 | | | | | | 1,500 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | ACRES | 1,500 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,501 |

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 3 | 57 | 2 | | | 34 | 96 |
| | ACRES | 4 | 3,253 | 725 | | | 1,198 | 5,180 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 | | 23 | 36 |
| | ACRES | 31 | 61 | 4,729 | 475 | | 1,743 | 7,039 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | 1 | | | | 35 | 36 |
| | ACRES | | 5 | | | | 4,772 | 4,777 |
| 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 | 2 | | 1 | | 136 | 142 |
| | ACRES | 413 | 177 | | 1,000 | | 4,168 | 5,758 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 22 |
| | ACRES | | 110 | 125 | 49 | 26 | 350 | 660 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | 2 | 26 | 28 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 1,200 | 1,006 | 2,206 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 19 | | 115 | 11 | 84 | 418 | 647 |
| | ACRES | 4,046 | | 38,601 | 20,383 | 68,482 | 335,192 | 466,704 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 26 | 71 | 124 | 19 | 89 | 685 | 1,014 |
| | ACRES | 4,494 | 3,623 | 44,180 | 21,907 | 69,818 | 348,547 | 492,569 |

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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 | 1 | | | | | | | | 13 | |
| Southern California | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Rockies | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Western Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| Rocky Mountain | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Area | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern Area | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 |

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