

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2003 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 149 new fires reported yesterday. One new large fire was reported in the Southern Area. One large fire was contained in the Southern Area. Very High fire indices were reported in Arizona.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center has been established in Lufkin, Texas. Four Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey, Oltrogge, Anderson and Ferguson) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill, Palestine and Nacogdoches, Texas. One Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Hildreth) is assigned in Longview, Texas. Forty-eight 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, and Nevada.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SIZEMORE CREEK FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in hardwood, grass and logging slash eleven miles south of Tahlequa, OK. The fire burned actively yesterday, with ten to fifteen foot flame lengths observed at the head. Completion of control lines and burn out operations are planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SIZEMORE CREEK FIRE	OK	NEU	255	78	3/18	16	0	4	0	0	NR
JANUARY HOLLOW FIRE	OK	NEU	200	100	---	1	0	1	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Unstable weather with broad areas of showers and thunderstorms will continue again today in the Southern Area. Oklahoma and Texas will see showers and thunderstorms ahead of a cold front entering the area from the Rocky Mountains, and the rest of the south will see widespread rain and afternoon convective activity associated with a warm front and moist southerly flow.

Weather in the Columbia recovery area will be partly to mostly cloudy with rain showers and thunderstorms, and southerly winds at 10 to 15 mph.



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COMMUNICATIONS

Effective communication is a critical backbone of safe and successful operations.

- Discuss the factors that can affect radio communication at the incident.
 - Knowledge of the radio issued to the individuals
 - Net control, frequencies
 - Line-of-sight restrictions
 - Antenna polarization effect (direction of the antenna)
 - Minimizing noise interference

- How can you mitigate potential problems?
 - Implement effective communication procedures--be brief, clear, concise, and to-the-point.
 - Give a good comprehensive briefing (Refer to the Briefing Checklist inside the back cover of the Incident Response Pocket Guide.).
 - Confirm that relayed information is received, acknowledged, and understood.
 - Keep a continuous information flow (e.g., updates on weather, fire behavior, work progress; changes in strategy/tactics; arrival of additional resources; solicit feedback).
 - Establish emergency check-in procedures.
 - Provide a minimum of 4 radios per 20-person firefighter crew.

- The Five Communication Responsibilities for All Firefighters
 - Brief others
 - Debrief your actions
 - Communicate hazards to others
 - Acknowledge messages
 - Ask if you don't know

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					1	1	2
	ACRES					2	18	20
Southern Area	FIRES					140	7	147
	ACRES					1,429	18	1,447
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	141	8	149
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,431	36	1,467

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	6	54
	ACRES				2,165	10	2	2,177
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			151	38	194
	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	8	8	1		55	31	103
	ACRES	25	1,318	200		352	31	1,926
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	3		1	6	3	17
	ACRES	9	0		200	121	15	345
Eastern Area	FIRES	4			3	155	40	202
	ACRES	12			2	2,030	573	2,617
Southern Area	FIRES	56		5	3	4,780	130	4,974
	ACRES	6,881		755	530	49,906	3,073	61,145
TOTAL	FIRES	74	17	6	10	5,194	248	5,549
	ACRES	6,927	1,319	955	2,897	52,468	3,706	68,272

Eight Year Average Fires	11,487
Eight Year Average Acres	224,917

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

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
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			1	1		8	10
	ACRES			20	20		2,553	2,593
Southern Area	FIRES			1	3		19	23
	ACRES			290	712		9,405	10,407
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	4	0	27	33
	ACRES	0	0	310	732	0	11,958	13,000

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			38	101
	ACRES	4	3,356	725			1,241	5,326
Northern California	FIRES	1	7	3	6		36	53
	ACRES	31	101	5,147	495		2,936	8,710
Southern California	FIRES		1		1		54	56
	ACRES		5		2		5,433	5,440
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				118	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			4		6
	ACRES		4			121		125
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	2	1	1		149	156
	ACRES	460	197	550	1,000		4,871	7,078
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	2	4	5	2	14	31
	ACRES	145	110	125	349	39	566	1,334
Eastern Area	FIRES			1	2	2	46	51
	ACRES			20	258	1,200	5,159	6,637
Southern Area	FIRES	27		135	19	5,577	657	6,415
	ACRES	5,122		45,188	32,151	339,097	517,974	939,532
TOTAL	FIRES	38	73	146	34	5,585	996	6,872
	ACRES	5,762	3,786	51,755	34,255	340,457	538,298	974,313

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

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		5	4	2					5	7
Southern California									22	297
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									8	73
Southwest	20								10	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			10		1				100	1
Southern Area	114	37		8					517	1625
Total	134	42	14	10	1	0	0	0	662	2003

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