

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2003 – 1000 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light to moderate nationally, with 211 new fires reported from April 25th through April 27th. Two new large fires were reported and contained in the Eastern Area, and one large fire was contained in southern California. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Minnesota, New Mexico and Wisconsin.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Chrisman, Dietrich and Morcom) are assigned in Longview, Nacogdoches and Corsicana, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials. Approximately 85 percent of the current assigned area, or 625,963 acres, has been searched and 36 percent of the total shuttle weight has been recovered. Ground searches in Hemphill, Texas have been completed.

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 continue in Arizona and California.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOILER, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles northwest of Poverty Creek, NM and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fuel types involved include ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper and grass. The fire became more active yesterday due to hotter and drier weather. Continued monitoring and mapping of fire spread is planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOILER	NM	GNF	3,400	NR	UNK	21	1	3	0	0	5K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LUNDY	CA	INF	600	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	NR

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FLUFFER'S FIRE	MN	MNS	1,020	100	---	10	0	3	1	0	3K
28 TH STREET	MI	HMF	104	100	---	21	1	3	0	0	NR

MNS = Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

HMF = Huron-Manistee National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Portions of central and northeastern Arizona for gusty afternoon winds low humidity and high fire danger.

Weather Discussion: Low pressure system along the West coast bringing rain and mountain snow to California, Oregon and portions of the interior West. This low will also bring some gusty winds to the Southwest. A frontal system with scattered showers will stretch from the Great Lakes down the central plains into Texas. Another front with showers will be located over Florida. High pressure with dry weather will prevail over the East.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHWEST AREA Partly to mostly sunny with a breezy afternoon, chance for a thunderstorm across the plains	50s to the 60s mountains and far north, 70s to near 90 lower elevations east and south.	15-30% portions of west Texas, 5-20% remainder.	SW 10-25 mph in Arizona and western 2/3 New Mexico, S to SE 10-20 mph remainder.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Showers north half. Partly cloudy south half..	35-55 mountains 55-70 valleys 65-80 deserts	50-70% N half and 30-45% S half	SW 15 to 25 mph over the deserts and mountains, otherwise SW to W 5 to 15 mph.
EASTERN AREA Partly cloudy across New England where elevated fire potential is expected	63 to 73	32 to 42 percent	Southwest winds at 15 to 25 with gusts over 30 mph



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SPOT WEATHER FORECAST

Spot weather forecasts should be requested for those fires that have potential for extreme fire behavior, exceed initial attack, or are located in areas where Red Flag Warnings have been issued.

● Basic elements needed for a spot weather forecast include:

- Name of fire and management agency
- Request time and date
- Location by ¼ section
- Drainage name
- Exposure
- Size
- Elevation (top and bottom)
- Fuel type
- Fire character (ground, crown, etc.)
- Weather conditions (place, elevation, observation time, wind direction, wind velocity, dry bulb, wet bulb, remarks)

FIRES AND ACRES FOR APRIL 25TH – APRIL 27TH:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	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	1	1			1	4	7
	ACRES	1	1			20	12	34
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		1		116	14	151
	ACRES	41		250		4,717	151	5,159
Southern Area	FIRES					50	1	51
	ACRES					105	4	109
TOTAL	FIRES	21	1	1	0	167	21	211
	ACRES	42	1	250	0	4,842	167	5,302

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	48		49
	ACRES				432	219		651
Northwest	FIRES	3	1	1			5	10
	ACRES	1	0	1			1	3
Northern California	FIRES				4	90	16	110
	ACRES				2,210	19	12	2,241
Southern California	FIRES	1	4		1	249	53	308
	ACRES	0	1		0	28	19	48
Northern Rockies	FIRES	102	1	4		60	12	179
	ACRES	1,381	0	161		16,316	1,361	19,219
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		8			10	3	21
	ACRES		18			286	0	304
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	56	20	3		151	70	300
	ACRES	59	2,796	274		4,103	239	7,471
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	9	11	1	40	12	82
	ACRES	123	2	800	200	225	469	1,819
Eastern Area	FIRES	628		56	14	3,818	239	4,755
	ACRES	51,039		3,420	614	76,429	4,181	135,683
Southern Area	FIRES	88		7	11	8,282	256	8,644
	ACRES	20,160		757	756	122,928	7,779	152,380
TOTAL	FIRES	887	46	82	32	12,748	666	14,461
	ACRES	72,763	2,819	5,413	4,212	220,553	14,061	319,821

Eight Year Average Fires	28,661
Eight Year Average Acres	616,393

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

and

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

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES FOR APRIL 25TH – APRIL 27TH:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						116	116
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						570	570
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			6			0	6
	ACRES			186			3	189
Eastern Area	FIRES	0		7	1	2	25	35
	ACRES	23		2,703	38	474	1,848	5,086
Southern Area	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					900	625	1,525
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	13	1	3	32	49
	ACRES	23	0	2,889	38	1,374	3,163	7,487

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	8	73	146	1		66	294
	ACRES	679	8,750	4,675	7		3,327	17,438
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	6	11		73	100
	ACRES	31	121	16,866	499		3,872	21,389
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		66	71
	ACRES		25	38	12		7,876	7,951
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	8	3		4	93	115
	ACRES	287	2,838	518		102	6,803	10,548
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	9	3		4	5	22
	ACRES	18	899	300		121	262	1,600
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4	22	4	4		182	216
	ACRES	485	9,634	816	4,877		15,509	31,321
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	27	5	4	23	96
	ACRES	1,718	973	1,236	349	46	2,986	7,308
Eastern Area	FIRES	13		109	9	180	114	425
	ACRES	10,057		27,377	1,630	27,485	22,022	88,571
Southern Area	FIRES	49		215	33	5,631	1,000	6,928
	ACRES	8,812		75,372	49,606	374,852	784,765	1,293,407
TOTAL	FIRES	110	133	514	65	5,823	1,622	8,267
	ACRES	22,087	23,240	127,198	56,980	402,606	847,422	1,479,533

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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						1	1
	ACRES						3,400	3,400
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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3,400	3,400

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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										
Southern California									19	299
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1		3							
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area	1		10	6		1			72	
Southern Area	21	47							286	816
Total	23	47	13	6	0	1	0	0	377	1115

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