

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY MAY 3, 2003 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 165 new fires reported yesterday. No new large fires were reported. One large fire was contained in the Eastern Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Search operations are complete in Texas. Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Mollinex, Dietrich and Swope) are closing out operations in Longview, Nacogdoches and Corsicana, Texas. The Nacogdoches operation will close out today. 100 percent of the assigned area, 719,858 acres, has been searched and 37 percent of the total shuttle weight was recovered. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned to search operations near Modena, Utah. Approximately five percent, or 865 acres, have been covered.

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 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 was active in the north, south, and west portions of the fire where it continued to move at a minimal rate of spread throughout the day. 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	5,700	NR	UNK	37	0	5	0	0	30K

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SOUTH TOWNLINE, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The fire, burning in grass and conifers, is eight miles south of Hibbing, MN. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SOUTH TOWNLINE	MN	MNS	100	0	UNK	8	0	2	1	0	NR
SAND CREEK	MN	MNS	131	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	3.5K

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watches: Portions of central and eastern Arizona, all of New Mexico and much of west Texas for strong winds, minimum humidity < 15% and high or higher fire danger.

Weather Discussion: Storm system pushing into California will produce strong winds and low humidity in Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas. Another area of gusty winds and low humidity will be over portions of the Great Lakes area. A front stretching from New England through east Texas will bring showers over much of the East and Southeast states. High pressure over northern Alaska and lower pressure over the Aleutians will produce gusty winds and low humidity over portions of central and southern Alaska.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
EASTERN AREA Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms over the western ½ of the Great Lakes	59 to 69	20 to 30%	Southeast to south wind increasing to 15 to 30 across MN and IA, 12 to 24 mph across western WI
SOUTHWEST Partly cloudy and windy. Slight chance for a late day shower across the far northwest.	60s to near 70 mountains, 70s to low 90 lower elevations.	5-15%, except 15-30% far northwestern AZ.	SW 15-30 mph and higher gusts.



www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp

HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

“Risk management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – it is the way we do the mission.” The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

● Step 4—Decision Point (decision to accept or not accept the risk(s) associated with an action):

- Consider whether controls are in place for identified hazards, whether selected tactics are based on expected fire behavior and if instructions have been given and understood.
- Make certain the decision is made at the appropriate level; if not, then elevate to a higher level.
- Reject the action if the risk is unacceptable.

● Step 5—Evaluation:

- Ensure controls are implemented and accomplished to standards.
- Supervise/evaluate effectiveness of controls and decisions. Stay on top of the situation and adjust risk controls as necessary.
- Anticipate consequences of decisions; if controls do not work, determine problem and derive a better solution.
- Adjust actions as the situation changes; maintain situational awareness at all times.
- Maintain feedback line.

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					1		1
	ACRES					10		10
Eastern Area	FIRES					120	6	126
	ACRES					739	104	843
Southern Area	FIRES	1				37		38
	ACRES	30				49		79
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	158	6	165
	ACRES	30	0	0	0	798	104	932

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	88		90
	ACRES				437	341		778
Northwest	FIRES	4	1	1			9	15
	ACRES	1	0	1			1	3
Northern California	FIRES				4	105	16	125
	ACRES				2,210	22	11	2,243
Southern California	FIRES	1	4	1	1	249	54	310
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	28	20	49
Northern Rockies	FIRES	397	1	8		64	14	484
	ACRES	2,545	0	605		16,320	1,363	20,833
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		10		1	15	3	29
	ACRES		19		0	287	0	306
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	66	29	3		173	75	346
	ACRES	67	2,801	274		5,016	239	8,397
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	9	26	1	40	14	99
	ACRES	123	2	1,645	200	225	469	2,664
Eastern Area	FIRES	702		63	14	4,837	271	5,887
	ACRES	51,252		3,590	614	87,512	5,183	148,151
Southern Area	FIRES	89		7	11	8,976	269	9,352
	ACRES	20,190		757	756	123,382	7,856	152,941
TOTAL	FIRES	1,268	59	109	34	14,547	725	16,742
	ACRES	74,178	2,825	6,872	4,217	233,133	15,142	336,367

Eight Year Average Fires	28,425
Eight Year Average Acres	570,774

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						1	1
	ACRES						28	28
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES			4				4
	ACRES			1,800				1,800
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		4				1	5
	ACRES		300				400	700
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						60	60
Eastern Area	FIRES			2		15	3	20
	ACRES			335		1,611	99	2,045
Southern Area	FIRES			6			9	15
	ACRES			720			4,238	4,958
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	12	0	15	14	45
	ACRES	0	300	2,855	0	1,611	4,826	9,592

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	12	73	146	1		66	298
	ACRES	836	8,750	4,675	7		3,327	17,595
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	6	12		77	105
	ACRES	31	128	16,866	499		4,048	21,572
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		71	76
	ACRES		27	38	12		8,491	8,568
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	8	26	3	4	100	148
	ACRES	287	2,838	4,967	510	102	7,291	15,995
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	11	3		5	11	31
	ACRES	18	1,154	300		130	2,554	4,156
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	4	30	4	4		191	233
	ACRES	485	11,022	816	4,877		17,199	34,399
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	41	5	5	24	112
	ACRES	1,718	1,160	8,842	349	71	3,870	16,010
Eastern Area	FIRES	15		195	14	314	135	673
	ACRES	10,199		36,747	1,645	44,654	23,203	116,448
Southern Area	FIRES	49		224	33	5,635	1,037	6,978
	ACRES	8,812		76,399	49,606	376,102	821,791	1,332,710
TOTAL	FIRES	116	144	646	74	5,963	1,713	8,656
	ACRES	22,386	25,179	149,650	57,505	421,059	892,004	1,567,783

*** 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						1	1
	ACRES						5,800	5,800
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	5,800	5,800

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

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									1	
Northern California										
Southern California									22	299
Northern Rockies			3							
Eastern Great Basin	63					3			24	5
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			5						5	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area		1	2	7		1			3	1
Southern Area			11		1				115	240
Total	63	1	21	7	1	4	0	0	170	545

***** NATIONAL INTERAGENCY COORDINATION CENTER *****