

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2003 – 1000 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light to moderate nationally, with 240 new fires reported April 4th through April 6th. Eight new large fires were reported, seven in the Southern Area and one in the Southwest Area. 14 large fires were contained, 13 in the Southern Area and one in the Rocky Mountain Area.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Stuebaker, Gelobter, and Bennett) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill, and Palestine, Texas. Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Houseman and Gray) are assigned in Longview and Nacogdoches, 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.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

SAN FRANCISCO, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is burning in salt cedar and cottonwoods, north of Bernardo, NM. Wind speeds of 20-25 mph contributed to the spread adjacent to the Rio Grande River.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SAN FRANCISCO	NM	N3S	2,080	60	04/07	30	0	0	0	0	\$65K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WEASEL	OK	OKS	500	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
TOMAHAWK	AR	ARS	375	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
SHORT MT	AR	ARS	173	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
HALL MT	AR	ARS	775	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BOWATERS	TN	TNS	300	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
GILES HILLS	TX	TXS	300	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BIG POND	OK	OKS	150	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
NECHES HIGHLINE	TX	TXS	100	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
INGERSOLL	OK	OKS	1,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG PASTURE	OK	OXS	248	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
SE TUCKER KNOB	OK	OXS	150	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BLAYLOCK MOUNTAIN	AR	OUF	1,550	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
BOULDER FIRE	OK	OXS	1,470	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

ARS = Arkansas Forestry Commission TNS = Tennessee Division of Forestry TXS = Texas State Forest Service
 OUF = Ouachita National Forest

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
Fitch Hill	KS	FLR	203	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR

FLR = Flattery Rocks National Wildlife Refuge

OUTLOOK:

RED FLAG WARNINGS: None

FIRE WEATHER WATCH: None

Widespread rain in the Southeast today as a frontal system stretches from the Carolinas across the Gulf Coast states into southern Texas. In the Southwest Area, a cold front has backed into northeastern New Mexico while an upper trough passes through northern New Mexico. High pressure building into Arizona will start a warming trend.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Min. Relative Humidity	Wind
Southwest Partly cloudy. Slight chance showers northeast New Mexico.	40s and 50s mountains and north, 60s to near 80 lower elevations south.	25-50% northeast NM and TX panhandle, 10-25% elsewhere.	NW to N 10-15 mph



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FALLING SNAGS

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
 - Strong winds
 - Night operations
 - Steep slopes
 - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
 - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
 - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
 - Numerous downed trees
 - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead
 - Accumulation of downed limbs
 - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
 - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
 - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
 - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
 - Establish lookouts.

FIRES AND ACRES April 4 – April 6:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					36		36
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		2	3		1	2	8
	ACRES		0	0		2,080	1	2,081
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			22				22
Eastern Area	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						16	16
Southern Area	FIRES	1				209	10	220
	ACRES	160				3,751	53	3,964
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	3	0	218	17	240
	ACRES	160	0	22	0	5,859	70	6,119

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	1		1				2
	ACRES	0		1				1
Northern California	FIRES				4	90	14	108
	ACRES				2,210	19	5	2,234
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			209	48	262
	ACRES	0	1			21	14	36
Northern Rockies	FIRES	34	1			5	4	44
	ACRES	203	0			35	1,240	1,478
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			4	1	11
	ACRES		1			20	0	21
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	11	11	4		83	36	2,224
	ACRES	33	1,320	274		2,466	34	2,048
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	4	1	1	35	3	48
	ACRES	9	0	203	200	219	15	646
Eastern Area	FIRES	245		4	10	788	114	1,161
	ACRES	1,581		301	399	24,598	1,918	28,797
Southern Area	FIRES	65		6	8	6,714	209	7,002
	ACRES	7,461		755	695	86,352	5,618	100,881
TOTAL	FIRES	361	26	16	24	7,976	429	8,832
	ACRES	9,287	1,322	1,534	3,936	111,869	8,844	138,872
Eight Year Average Fires								18,848
Eight Year Average Acres								375,382

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

and

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

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES April 4 – April 6:

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						3	3
	ACRES						112	112
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					1	0	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					495	29	524
Southern Area	FIRES				1	6	10	17
	ACRES				1,000	900	7,328	9,228
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	10	15	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,000	1,396	7,469	9,865

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	72	85			50	210
	ACRES	4	8,690	3,794			1,288	13,776
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	5	10		63	87
	ACRES	31	110	12,139	496		3,589	16,365
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	1		62	66
	ACRES		22	37	2		7,566	7,627
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				5	6
	ACRES		13				131	144
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	6	1		4		12
	ACRES	18	371	200		121		710
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	7	4	3		174	191
	ACRES	460	7,023	816	3,367		6,092	17,758
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	13	3	4	5	3	17	45
	ACRES	763	160	125	349	40	1,933	3,370
Eastern Area	FIRES	6		19	3	74	62	164
	ACRES	4,922		7,554	1,108	12,388	6,804	32,776
Southern Area	FIRES	43		183	31	5,615	903	6,775
	ACRES	7,367		64,101	47,698	368,920	707,457	1,195,543
TOTAL	FIRES	71	98	302	53	5,696	1,336	7,556
	ACRES	13,565	16,389	88,766	53,020	381,469	734,860	1,288,069

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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										
Southern California									19	320
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									2	21
Southwest									2	18
Rocky Mountain			4							
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	75	86		2					366	1704
Total	75	86	4	2	0	0	0	0	389	2063

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