

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2003 – 1000 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 158 new fires reported yesterday. Eleven new large fires were reported, six in the Eastern Area, three in the Southern Area, and two in the Northern Rockies Area. Four large fires were contained, two in the Eastern Area and two in the Southern Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Arizona and North Dakota.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. One Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bennett) is assigned in Palestine, Texas. Four Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Crisman, Gray, Morcum and Raley) are assigned in Longview, Nacogdoches, Corsicana, and Hemphill, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials. Approximately 80 percent of the current assigned area, or 506,202 acres, has been searched.

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.

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

RED LAKE 304, Red Lake Agency, BIA. This fire is located 25 miles northwest of Red Lake, MN and is burning in tall grass. 20-30 foot flames lengths were observed at the head of the fire. Personnel are conducting burnout operations.

RED LAKE 257, Red Lake Agency, BIA. This fire is located 40 miles northwest of Red Lake, MN and is burning in tall grass. Good progress was made with burnout operations.

GULLY FIRE, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This fire is 4 miles south of Gully, MN. Very active fire behavior has been observed.

RED LAKE 232, Red Lake Agency, BIA. The fire is located 25 miles northwest of Red Lake, MN and is backing in grass.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RED LAKE 304	MN	RLA	7,620	75	04/11	5	0	2	0	0	\$3K
RED LAKE 257	MN	RLA	14,520	70	04/11	31	0	8	2	0	\$35K
GULLY FIRE	MN	MNS	2,100	0	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
RED LAKE 232	MN	RLA	1,800	85	04/11	13	0	4	1	0	\$5K
BIG OAKS RANGE FIRE	IN	BOR	300	100	04/04		0	0	0	0	NR
REINER 36	MN	MNS	960	100	---		0	0	0	0	\$2K

BOR=Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge

### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MALLOY HOLLOW FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire located 12 miles southwest of Stiwell, OK. The fire is burning in a stand of mixed hardwoods, with extreme fire behavior being observed due to winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MALLOY HOLLOW FIRE	OK	OKS	155	85	04/11	5	0	1	0	0	NR
MICROWAVE	OK	OKS	400	100	04/10	4	0	2	0	0	NR
PRIG MOORE RD. #1	TN	D3S	160	100	01/14	10	0	0	0	0	NR

D3S=Tennessee Division of Forestry

### NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

McCLEAN BOTTOMS, North Dakota State. The fire is located about 10 miles southeast of Bismarck, ND. This ground fire is burning in high grasses and heavy hardwood timber litter, with some internal torching/crowning. Burnout operations have improved containment lines.

CHANDLER, Montana State Southern Land Office. The fire is 13 miles southeast of Roundup, MT and is primarily burning in grasses and ponderosa pine. Low fire activity was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
McClean Bottoms	ND	NDS	3,000	75	04/11	101	0	27	2	0	\$60K
Chandler	MT	SOS	320	90	4/10	40	0	13	0	0	\$400

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** Portions of Florida for gusty winds, low humidity and an unstable air mass.  
Portions of North Dakota for gusty winds and low humidity.

**Fire Weather Watches:** Southeast South Dakota for gusty winds and low humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure is bringing warm and dry weather to much of the West except for a storm system moving onshore in the Pacific Northwest. This warm dry weather extends into the central states where a dry cold front is moving through the eastern Great Lakes. A low pressure system over the Carolinas is bringing rain to the much of the East Coast.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<b>EASTERN</b> Mostly Sunny as high pressure pushes SE into the Wrn Great Lakes	55 to 65	32 to 42% MN, Wrn WI, Nrn IA  24 to 34% SE WI, NE IL	N to NE 5 to 15 mph acrs MN, Wrn WI, Nrn IA  W 5 to 10 mph early becoming N acrs SE WI Nrn IL



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## AIRCRAFT AND PILOT CARDING

Every aircraft and pilot used in support of a Federal wildland fire mission must have a current Aircraft or pilot Card. The card must be held in the aircraft or with the pilot, and give specific authorization to do the mission being requested.

● These missions could be all, one, or any number of, missions as follows:

- Air attack (Level I, Level II, Level III)
- Reconnaissance
- Fire surveillance
- Water bucket
- Helitorch
- Cargo
- Longline
- Others

● Every pilot who flies a properly carded aircraft must possess a current Interagency Airplane or Helicopter Pilot Qualification Card that gives specific authorization to fly the type of mission being requested and for the specific type of aircraft being used for the mission. These missions could be all, or any number of, missions as follows:

- Air attack
- Reconnaissance
- Fire surveillance
- Low-level
- Paracargo
- Mountain/Remote airstrips
- Smokejumper
- Longline
- Others

● Before the aircraft and pilot can be used for a specific mission, the aircraft must be specifically listed on a valid and current contract for the type of work being performed.

● A copy of the contract must be onboard the aircraft.

● Each user of the aircraft and pilot has the authorization to physically inspect the Aircraft Data Card, the Interagency Airplane or Helicopter Pilot Qualification Card, and the contract. If any one of these three are not available for inspection, the mission must be cancelled or at least postponed until the authorizations of the aircraft, pilot, or contract can be determined.

● Pilots have very specific and closely monitored duty time and flight time limitations that users must understand and adhere to:

- 14-hour duty day
- 8 hours flight time per day
- 2 days off in 14 calendar days

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	1						1
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					16	2	18
	ACRES					0	1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					3,320	10	3,330
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		4					4
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	52				64		116
	ACRES	23,980				3,656		27,636
Southern Area	FIRES	1				15		16
	ACRES	7				228		235
TOTAL	FIRES	55	2	0	0	97	4	158
	ACRES	23,988	5	0	0	7,204	11	31,208

**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			2	6
	ACRES	1		1			0	2
Northern California	FIRES				4	90	15	109
	ACRES				2,210	19	5	2,234
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			225	51	281
	ACRES	0	1			21	16	38
Northern Rockies	FIRES	30	1			7	5	43
	ACRES	197	0			3,355	1,250	4,802
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		9			4	1	14
	ACRES		7			20	0	27
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES	11	11	4		103	40	169
	ACRES	33	1,320	274		2,295	57	3,979
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	4	1	1	35	4	49
	ACRES	9	0	203	200	219	15	646
Eastern Area	FIRES	360		9	10	982	141	1,502
	ACRES	25,677		1,385	399	29,691	1,991	59,143
Southern Area	FIRES	66		6	9	7,149	209	7,439
	ACRES	7,468		755	705	104,717	5,613	119,258
TOTAL	FIRES	475	30	21	25	8,643	468	9,662
	ACRES	33,385	1,329	2,618	3,946	140,556	8,947	190,781
<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>								<b>21,284</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>								<b>406,899</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the second reporting period in April\*\*\*

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	4	1	2			3	10
	ACRES	528	60	44			635	1,267
Northern California	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		7					7
Southern California	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		3				63	66
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				4	5
	ACRES		70				800	870
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			50			1	51
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1		1		4	6
	ACRES		300		1,510		107	1,917
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	3	6			2	15
	ACRES	325	43	283			495	1,146
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		15	2	18
	ACRES			0		706	184	890
Southern Area	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						11,521	11,521
TOTAL	FIRES	8	6	10	1	15	23	63
	ACRES	853	483	377	1,510	706	13,806	17,735

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	7	73	144			54	278
	ACRES	532	8,750	4,639			1,989	15,910
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	5	10		67	92
	ACRES	31	119	16,865	499		3,857	21,371
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		62	67
	ACRES		25	37	12		7,829	7,903
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2				9	11
	ACRES		83				931	1,014
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	6	3		4	2	16
	ACRES	18	371	300		121	2	812
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	8	4	4		184	203
	ACRES	460	7,323	816	4,877		10,734	24,210
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	17	6	13	5	3	20	64
	ACRES	1,088	253	408	349	43	2,430	4,571
Eastern Area	FIRES	8		33	4	113	66	224
	ACRES	9,937		8,406	1,113	13,599	7,558	40,613
Southern Area	FIRES	44		183	32	5,617	914	6,790
	ACRES	7,487		64,101	48,638	369,120	720,418	1,209,764
TOTAL	FIRES	82	105	386	57	5,737	1,378	7,745
	ACRES	19,553	16,924	95,572	55,488	382,883	755,748	1,326,168

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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	1		3						17	
Northern California									7	
Southern California									16	304
Northern Rockies			16	32	1	2			3	2
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									2	12
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain			3							
Eastern Area	1		21	6	3	1			77	
Southern Area	56	91		3					451	1528
Total	58	91	43	41	4	3	0	0	573	1846

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