

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2003 – 1000 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 366 new fires reported for the period of February 14<sup>th</sup> through February 18<sup>th</sup>.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center has been established in Lufkin, Texas. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Martin and McCombs) are assigned in Hemphill and Palestine, Texas. A third Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) has been ordered for Carsicana, Texas. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Custer) is assigned in Nacogdoches, Texas. Thirty-three 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 recent outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are in Arizona, California, Maryland and Nevada.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

PANAU IKI, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass and brush. Crews are constructing fireline and mopping up along vegetated perimeter. Crews are hampered by volcanic smog (VOG) and unable to work portions of the fire. High winds are drying fuels.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PANAU IKI	HI	HVP	2,165	50		101	3	1	3	0	300K

**OUTLOOK:**

**\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO FOR HIGH WINDS\*\*\***



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

### **POWER LINE SAFETY**

Operating near or under power lines poses unique hazards, and the following precautions should be followed to reduce potential equipment damage or injury:

- If possible, the power company should deactivate lines in the fire area.
- Don't operate heavy equipment under power lines.
- Don't use right-of-ways as a jump or cargo drop spot.
- Don't drive with long antennas under power lines.
- Don't stand near power lines during retardant drops.
- Don't park under power lines. The magnetic field around energized power lines can induce an electrical charge in ungrounded vehicles or equipment. This charge can shock anyone who touches the vehicle.
- Don't apply straight stream to power lines.
- All personnel should be cautioned that smoke may become charged and conduct the electrical current. Deactivated transmission and distribution lines may continue to pose a hazard due to induction.
- If power lines fall on your vehicle, DON'T leave the vehicle until the power company arrives. If the vehicle is on fire or fire is near, jump clear, don't hang on, keep feet together, and bunny hop away.

**FIRES AND ACRES FEBRUARY 14 – 18:**

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						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	8				355	2	365
	ACRES	192				1,364	35	1,591
TOTAL	FIRES	8	0	0	0	355	3	366
	ACRES	192	0	0	0	1,364	35	1,591

**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				2	13	4	19
	ACRES				2,165	2	0	2,167
Southern California	FIRES	1	1			107	28	137
	ACRES	0	1			15	12	28
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	5	2			35	19	61
	ACRES	23	2			260	28	313
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1				3	6
	ACRES	0	0				15	15
Eastern Area	FIRES					111	6	117
	ACRES					701	67	768
Southern Area	FIRES	46		5	2	3,004	78	3,135
	ACRES	6,683		755	530	31,624	2,632	42,224
TOTAL	FIRES	55	6	5	4	3,272	138	3,480
	ACRES	6,706	3	755	2,695	32,631	2,754	45,544
<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>								<b>4,555</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>								<b>82,217</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the third reporting period in February\*\*\*

and

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

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES FEBRUARY 14 - 18:**

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						13	13
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						8	8
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			14	1	6	14	35
	ACRES			4,483	10,000	1,817	10,697	26,997
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	14	1	6	17	38
	ACRES	0	0	4,483	10,000	1,817	10,718	27,018

**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			32	95
	ACRES	4	3,110	725			1,115	4,954
Northern California	FIRES	1	4	3	1		19	28
	ACRES	31	45	3,612	475		1,725	5,888
Southern California	FIRES		1				33	34
	ACRES		5				4,633	4,638
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				118	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2		4
	ACRES		4			110		114
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	1		1		85	90
	ACRES	145	2		1,000		2,369	3,516
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2	3	1	1	7	14
	ACRES		80	120	31	26	237	494
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	10	12
	ACRES					1,200	1,004	2,204
Southern Area	FIRES	17		100	8	65	382	572
	ACRES	1,646		31,285	18,878	43,357	310,388	405,554
TOTAL	FIRES	24	69	108	11	70	570	852
	ACRES	1,826	3,259	35,742	20,384	44,693	321,589	427,493

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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	3		1		3				44	2
Southern California		2								1
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			6						64	
Southern Area	30				1				110	288
Total	33	2	7	0	4	0	0	0	218	291

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