

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2003 – 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 24 new fires reported February 21st through the 23rd.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center has been established in Lufkin, Texas. Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey, Martin and McCombs) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill and Palestine, Texas. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Custer) is assigned in Nacogdoches, Texas. Thirty-five 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, 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 the vegetated perimeter. Crews are hampered by volcanic smog (VOG) and are 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	2,025	50	NR	110	3	1	2	0	390K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKTAIL	SD	WCP	200	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

WCP = Wind Cave National Park

OUTLOOK:

***** A RED FLAG WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR SOUTHEAST GEORGIA AND NORTHEAST FLORIDA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES*****

A strong cold front moving through north central Texas will bring much colder temperatures, cloudy skies and a chance of precipitation to North Texas by Monday afternoon.



www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp

DISENGAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Whenever the intensity of a fire exceeds the ability of the forces to control it, we are left with no alternative but to “disengage” and either wait for better circumstances or change tactics. Whatever happens, it is always safer and more advantageous from an operational perspective if you have a plan for the disengagement. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion:

- Preplan the disengagement.
- Discuss establishing trigger points based on measurable factors such as:
 - RH
 - Winds
 - Fire behavior
 - Topographical boundaries
 - Time/distance to safety zones
 - Loss of support resources (airtankers, helicopters, etc.)
 - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication)
- When disengagement occurs, go through the Risk Management Process (see the Incident Response Pocket Guide):
 - Situational Awareness
 - Hazard Assessment
 - Hazard Controls
 - Decision Points
 - Evaluate
- When disengagement occurs, determine the disengagement type:
 - Hold in place—order additional resources or wait for the fire to take its run.
 - Change tactics—direct to indirect.
 - Pull back—shorten the distance/time to the safety zone.
 - Retreat—halt operations and move rapidly to the safety zone.

● When disengagement occurs, define reengagement criteria:

- Winds die down
- Fire behavior decreases
- Additional resources arrive
- Fire reaches barriers or fuel breaks
- Tactics are agreed upon and relayed to forces.

● Command/Leadership responsibilities resulting from changes in engagement plans include:

- Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command.
- Account for all your people.
- Make sure everyone follows the disengagement plan.
- Make sure an experienced person with a radio is the last person out during a retreat.
- Use the Risk Management Process (see the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to reassess the situation before reengaging the fire.

FIRES AND ACRES FEBRUARY 21-23:

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	5				18	1	24
	ACRES	140				48	1	189
TOTAL	FIRES	5	0	0	0	18	1	24
	ACRES	140	0	0	0	48	1	189

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				3	38	4	45
	ACRES				2,165	10	0	2,175
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			141	30	176
	ACRES	0	1			18	12	31
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	24	66
	ACRES	23	2			260	29	314
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1		1		3	7
	ACRES	0	0		200		15	215
Eastern Area	FIRES					112	6	118
	ACRES					702	67	769
Southern Area	FIRES	53		5	2	3,067	79	3,206
	ACRES	6,849		755	530	31,902	2,633	42,669
TOTAL	FIRES	62	9	5	6	3,395	146	3,623
	ACRES	6,872	3	755	2,895	32,921	2,756	46,202
Eight Year Average Fires								7,513
Eight Year Average Acres								132,058

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

and

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

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES FEBRUARY 21 - 23:

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			12	3	4	4	23
	ACRES			7,464	1,505	4,784	1,983	15,736
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	12	3	4	4	23
	ACRES	0	0	7,464	1,505	4,784	1,983	15,736

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			34	97
	ACRES	4	3,110	725			1,198	5,037
Northern California	FIRES	1	4	3	1		20	29
	ACRES	31	45	3,612	475		1,736	5,899
Southern California	FIRES		1				34	35
	ACRES		5				4,657	4,662
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		96	101
	ACRES	145	2		1,000		2,463	3,610
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		112	11	82	403	625
	ACRES	1,646		37,968	20,383	65,530	323,392	448,919
TOTAL	FIRES	24	69	120	14	87	606	920
	ACRES	1,826	3,259	42,425	21,889	66,866	334,805	471,070

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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				3				50	8
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									62	76
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	145				35				244	470
Total	148	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	356	554

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