

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 04, 2003 – 1000 MST**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light to moderate nationally, with 127 new fires reported yesterday. Four new large fires were reported yesterday; two in the Southern Area and one each in the Eastern Area and Rocky Mountain Area. 13 large fires were contained; 11 in the Southern Area and one each in the Eastern Area and Rocky Mountain Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Missouri and Oklahoma, extreme fire indices were reported in Colorado.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Studebaker, 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.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BOULDER FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is two miles west of Moyers, OK and is burning in hardwoods and tall grass. Winds of 20 mph caused active fire behavior with spotting and some torching.

SE TUCKER KNOB, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire burning in pine and residual slash is seven miles north of Wilburton, OK. Personnel are constructing fireline.

BLAYLOCK MOUNTAIN, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is located on the Caddo Ranger District, Montgomery County, AR and is burning in timber. Personnel are mopping up.

BIG PASTURE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in slash and hardwood litter is four miles south of Antlers, OK. No new information reported.

INGERSOLL, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles north of Stringtown, OK and is burning in hardwoods, cedar and tall grass. No new information reported.

NECHES HIGHLINE, Texas State Forest Service. The fire is 20 miles north of Palestine, TX and is burning in a pine plantation. No new information reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOULDER FIRE	OK	OKS	1,470	85	04/04	12	0	3	1	0	NR
SE TUCKER KNOB	OK	OKS	140	40	04/04	4	0	2	0	0	NR
BLAYLOCK MOUNTAIN	AR	OUF	1,550	90	04/05	42	2	2	0	0	NR
BIG PASTURE	OK	OKS	248	85	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR
INGERSOLL	OK	OKS	1,000	85	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR
LITTLE ROUND MT. FIRE	OK	OKS	332	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
NECHES HIGHLINE	TX	TXS	100	70	UNK	28	0	7	0	0	NR
BOLIN HOLLOW FIRE	OK	OKS	1,002	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR
WEST HANA	AR	OUF	515	100	---	55	3	0	0	0	NR
OSAGE COUNTY COMPLEX	OK	OSA	25,760	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	\$20K
PUCKETT BEND FIRE	AR	OUF	123	100	---	38	1	3	0	0	NR
ROCKY TOP	OK	OKS	5,200	100	---	14	0	6	0	0	NR
HAIRPIN CURVE FIRE	OK	OKS	4,080	100	---	27	0	12	0	0	\$4K
BUZZARD HOLLOW FIRE	OK	OKS	200	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR
BEN SMITH FIRE	OK	OKS	800	100	---	4	0	1	0	0	NR
CHICKEN HOLLOW FIRE	OK	OKS	320	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
WYCHIE MTN. FIRE	OK	OKS	120	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	NR

OUF = Ouachita National Forest      OSA = Osage Agency

### EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG OAKS	IN	BOR	300	100	---	0	0	3	0	0	NR

BOR = Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

FITCH HILL, Flattery Rocks National Wildlife Refuge, KS. This fire burning in timber is 15 miles east of Burlington, KS. Personnel continue to hold fireline and mop up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FITCH HILL	KS	FLR	181	90	04/04	17	0	4	0	0	NR
PUMA	WY	BKF	590	100	---	132	3	10	0	0	\$55K

BKF = Black Hills National Forest

## OUTLOOK:

An area of low pressure extending from western Illinois to central Oklahoma will move northeast today. A cold front stretching from Oklahoma to southwest Texas will begin to move slowly east today. This front will be the focus for showers and thunderstorms this morning in north Texas, then moving into extreme southern Arkansas as the day progresses. As the front continues to push east, more significant rain will occur east of the Mississippi River where .50 to 1.25 inch is expected from Kentucky southward to the Gulf Coast by daybreak Saturday. Another low is expected to develop in western Oklahoma during the predawn hours of Sunday, and this system will bring significant rain to Oklahoma, Arkansas, and northern Texas. Widespread rains of .50 to 1.0 inch are expected across Arkansas on Sunday.

An area of low pressure over the mid Mississippi Valley is forecast to move northeast along a frontal boundary extending through the Big Rivers and mid Atlantic states. Brisk southwest winds ahead of the low across the southern and eastern Big River states will switch to the north and remain fairly strong on Friday. Temperatures will cool off across the southern portions of the Eastern Area from west to east as the low moves eastward. The low pressure system will also produce precipitation over mainly the central portions of the Eastern Area. It will likely fall in a frozen state over the northern tier of the Great Lakes and western New England.



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### AVIATION MISHAP RESPONSE ACTIONS

Having a written mishap response action posted and accessible to all employees is an important first step. Having a list of actions to follow will ensure that nothing is missed in a stressful, time-critical period.

- Immediate, positive action is necessary. Any delay may affect someone's chances of survival.
- Conduct rescue operations keeping the following priorities in mind:
  - Preserve life.
  - Do whatever is necessary to extricate injured occupants and to extinguish fires, keeping in mind the necessity of protecting and preserving evidence.
  - Document and/or photograph the location of any debris that must be disturbed in order to carry out rescues and/or fire suppression activities.
  - Secure the area. Treat the crash site as a crime scene. Arrange for security at the accident scene if necessary. Determine if hazardous materials were on the aircraft. Deny access except to credentialed officials and escorted media.
- Be aware that crash sites can be dangerous due to hazardous cargo, flammable and toxic fluids, sharp objects, disease, adverse terrain, hot/cold weather conditions, and fire.
- Exercise good judgment, utilize available protective devices and clothing, and use extreme caution when working near the wreckage site.
- Do not exceed your physical limitations.

**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						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	3						3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			2		5
	ACRES		0			16		16
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					3		3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			181				181
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		2	2	5
	ACRES			300		0	6	306
Southern Area	FIRES				1	108	1	110
	ACRES				1	1,976	15	1,992
TOTAL	FIRES	2	3	1	1	114	6	127
	ACRES	3	0	481	1	1,995	21	2,501

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	42		43
	ACRES				432	183		615
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			187	48	240
	ACRES	0	1			29	14	44
Northern Rockies	FIRES	26				5	4	35
	ACRES	51				35	1,509	1,595
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			4	1	11
	ACRES		1			20	0	21
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	11	9	1		80	35	136
	ACRES	33	1,320	274		386	34	2,047
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	4	1	1	7	3	20
	ACRES	9	0	181	200	135	15	540
Eastern Area	FIRES	245		4	10	785	111	1,155
	ACRES	1,581		301	399	24,656	1,915	28,852
Southern Area	FIRES	64		6	8	6,520	199	6,797
	ACRES	7,301		755	695	78,750	5,565	93,066
TOTAL	FIRES	352	23	13	24	7,720	415	8,547
	ACRES	8,975	1,322	1,512	3,936	104,213	9,057	129,015
<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>								<b>18,358</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>								<b>339,827</b>

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

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				3	7
	ACRES		193				294	487
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		9				444	453
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	2	1				4
	ACRES	18	290	200				508
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			1	2		5	8
	ACRES			565	1,127		4,147	5,839
TOTAL	FIRES	1	6	2	2	0	9	20
	ACRES	18	492	765	1,127	0	4,885	7,287

**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	2	16	43
	ACRES	763	160	125	349	39	1,933	3,369
Eastern Area	FIRES	6		19	3	71	61	160
	ACRES	4,922		7,554	1,108	11,893	6,775	32,252
Southern Area	FIRES	43		183	29	5,609	891	6,755
	ACRES	7,367		64,101	45,733	368,020	699,681	1,184,902
TOTAL	FIRES	71	98	302	51	5,686	1,322	7,530
	ACRES	13,565	16,389	88,766	51,055	380,073	727,055	1,276,903

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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									20	319
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	3		12	2					34	7
Eastern Area			13		1				86	
Southern Area	96	83	7	29		1			437	1253
Total	99	83	32	31	1	1	0	0	577	1579

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