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**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2002- 1000 MST**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Three new large fires were reported in the Southern Area, two in the Eastern Area and two in Southern California. Four large fires were contained in the Southern Area, two in the Eastern Area, one in the Southwest and one in Southern California. Prescribed burning projects continued in Northern California, Southern California, the Northwest, Southwest, Rocky Mountain, Eastern and Southern Areas.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

ALISO, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, Department of Defense. This fire is located at Camp Pendleton, north of Oceanside, CA. Fire activity decreased overnight, and a backfiring operation has assisted in containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ALISO	CA	MCP	2,800	60	3/22	128	3	13	0	0	NR
CAJALCO	CA	RRU	575	100		0	0	0	0	0	NR

RRU = Riverside Ranger Unit, CDF

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

NUMBER ONE ISLAND, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 14 miles southwest of Folkton, GA. The fire received rain yesterday causing activity to be minimal. The fire is currently being monitored.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NUMBER ONE ISLAND	GA	OKR	1,200	NR	UNK	5	0	2	1	0	1K
BEEF CREEK	TX	TXS	225	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
LITTLE CLEAR CREEK	OK	OKS	210	100		0	0	0	0	0	NR
POTATO PEAK	OK	OKS	120	100		0	0	0	0	0	NR

TXS = Texas State Forest Service

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WEST POOL 2	MN	MNS	300	100		0	0	0	0	0	NR
GRYGLA CRP	MN	MNS	480	100		0	0	0	0	0	NR

MNS = Minnesota State Forestry

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
OVERSITE	AZ	CNF	2,189	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	1M

CNF = Coronado National Forest

### OUTLOOK:

The Southeast Area should see generally colder than normal temperatures and dry conditions for the upcoming 10 days. Fire risk will increase through Sunday in areas from Florida north to the Carolinas, and on the lee side of the southern Appalachians. Expect relative humidities to drop into the low teens to the 20 percent range. The following week will bring a lower fire danger to the area, as a cold front will spread rain from the Mississippi Valley to the East Coast from Monday to Wednesday. The rain will be heaviest in the Mississippi and Tennessee Valleys.

A couple of weak Pacific troughs will bring cooler temperatures and higher humidities to all parts of Southern California over the weekend. There is a slight chance of showers, except for the desert areas for tonight and early Saturday, although no significant precipitation is expected. These troughs will also bring gusty winds to the mountains and deserts, but no significant winds to the coast or valley areas. A weak ridge of high pressure will bring warmer and drier conditions back to the area early next week.



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

### **COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES**

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.

Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mopup stage.

Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.

Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.

Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

**NEW FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK :**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
NORTHWEST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
CA-NORTH	<u>FIRES</u>					9		9
	<u>ACRES</u>					0		0
CA-SOUTH	<u>FIRES</u>	17				24	5	46
	<u>ACRES</u>	4				2,802	3	2,809
NORTHERN	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
GB-EAST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
GB-WEST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
SOUTHWEST	<u>FIRES</u>	20				18	11	49
	<u>ACRES</u>	10				142	7	159
ROCKY MTN	<u>FIRES</u>	1		1		51	2	55
	<u>ACRES</u>	0		178		1,587	45	1,810
EASTERN	<u>FIRES</u>				3	12	4	19
	<u>ACRES</u>				19	17	52	88
SOUTHERN	<u>FIRES</u>	7		1		499	20	527
	<u>ACRES</u>	38		441		4,870	283	5,632
TOTAL	<u>FIRES</u>	45	0	2	3	613	42	705
	<u>ACRES</u>	52	0	619	19	9,418	390	10,498

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Refer to Year to Date Tables\*\*\*

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	<u>FIRES</u>							0
ALASKA	<u>ACRES</u>							0
	<u>FIRES</u>		2			2		4
NORTHWEST	<u>ACRES</u>		0			0		0
	<u>FIRES</u>					38	2	40
CA-NORTH	<u>ACRES</u>					12	0	12
	<u>FIRES</u>	18	8			324	59	409
CA-SOUTH	<u>ACRES</u>	5	<u>366</u>			<u>8,282</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>9,077</u>
	<u>FIRE</u>		1					1
NORTHERN	<u>ACRES</u>		10					10
	<u>FIRES</u>	1	1			1	1	4
GB-EAST	<u>ACRES</u>	2	0			4	1	7
	<u>FIRES</u>		2				2	4
GB-WEST	<u>ACRES</u>		1				<u>100</u>	<u>101</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	123	9	6		125	91	354
SOUTHWEST	<u>ACRES</u>	339	4,699	<u>1,048</u>		6,173	2,563	<u>14,822</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	2	3	3		83	6	97
ROCKY MTN	<u>ACRES</u>	35	0	<u>181</u>		<u>4,087</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>4,574</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>			2	6	1,036	95	1,139
EASTERN	<u>ACRES</u>			<u>566</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>5,643</u>	<u>813</u>	<u>7,044</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	36		26	14	<u>10,839</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>11,255</u>
SOUTHERN	<u>ACRES</u>	755		<u>2,457</u>	<u>3,041</u>	<u>120,902</u>	<u>10,021</u>	<u>137,176</u>
	<u>FIRES</u>	180	26	37	20	<u>12,446</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>13,307</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>5,076</b>	<b>4,252</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>145,103</b>	<b>14,193</b>	<b>172,823</b>

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

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIREs		1	1			5	7
	ACRES		14	67			10	91
CA-NORTH	FIREs			0			5	5
	ACRES			6			129	135
CA-SOUTH	FIREs			1			2	3
	ACRES			150			359	509
NORTHERN	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						355	355
ROCKY MTN	FIREs	5	1	3		2		11
	ACRES	321	40	457		53		871
EASTERN	FIREs					1	4	5
	ACRES					36	165	201
SOUTHERN	FIREs	1		24			29	54
	ACRES	40		10,947			17,255	28,242
TOTAL	FIREs	6	2	29	0	3	47	87
	ACRES	361	54	11,627	0	89	18,273	30,404

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AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIREs		35	5			23	63
	ACRES		3,278	372			808	4,458
CA-NORTH	FIREs	2	8	6			56	72
	ACRES	3	115	1,622			2,640	4,380
CA-SOUTH	FIREs		1	4			67	72
	ACRES		15	270			13,258	13,543
NORTHERN	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIREs		5			2		7
	ACRES		65			32		97
GB-WEST	FIREs						2	2
	ACRES						55	55
SOUTHWEST	FIREs	4	10	5			108	127
	ACRES	90	5,878	57			10,478	16,503
ROCKY MTN	FIREs	6	2	11	2	10	1	32
	ACRES	322	120	3,249	18	1,342	2,400	7,451
EASTERN	FIREs			4		141	38	183
	ACRES			265		7,875	5,164	13,304
SOUTHERN	FIREs	4		159	14	64	604	845
	ACRES	195		87,462	4,332	25,518	494,802	612,309
TOTAL	FIREs	16	61	194	16	217	899	1,403
	ACRES	610	9,471	93,297	4,350	34,767	529,605	672,100

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**WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
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	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>								

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**RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

<u>AREA</u>	<u>CREW FED</u>	<u>CREW ST/OT</u>	<u>ENGS FED</u>	<u>ENGS ST/OT</u>	<u>HELI FED</u>	<u>HELI ST/OT</u>	<u>AIRT FED</u>	<u>AIRT ST/OT</u>	<u>OVRHD FED</u>	<u>OVRHD ST/OT</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>										
<u>NORTHWEST</u>				<u>3</u>						<u>12</u>
<u>CA-NORTH</u>										
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>		<u>3</u>			<u>13</u>					<u>7</u>
<u>NORTHERN</u>										
<u>GB-EAST</u>										
<u>GB-WEST</u>										
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>										
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>										
<u>EASTERN</u>										
<u>SOUTHERN</u>				<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>				
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>

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