

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, APRIL 03, 2003 1000 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light to moderate nationally, with 193 new fires reported yesterday. Ten new large fires were reported yesterday; eight in the Southern Area and one each in the Eastern Area and Rocky Mountain Area. Five large fires were contained; four in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky and Oklahoma.

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. A total of 408,544 acres have been searched to-date.

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:

BIG PASTURE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in slash and hardwood litter is four miles south of Antlers, OK.

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

LITTLE ROUND MT. FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. The fire is located fifteen miles northeast of Muldrow, OK and is burning in hardwoods and scattered pine.

BOLIN HOLLOW FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is located eighteen miles southeast of Tahlequah, OK and is burning in hardwoods and grass. Personnel are completing burnout operations.

WEST HANA, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is in Polk County, AR and is burning in timber.

OSAGE COUNTY COMPLEX, Osage Agency. This complex of ten fires is located in Osage County, OK.

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 received.

INGERSOLL, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles north of Stringtown, OK and is burning in hardwoods, cedar and tall grass.

PUCKETT BEND FIRE, Ouachita National Forest. This fire is located in Montgomery County, AR and is burning in a mix of hardwoods and pine. Active fire behavior was observed with spotting.

ROCKY TOP, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. The fire is eight miles southeast of Hartshorne, OK and is burning in a mixed stand of hardwood and pine with heavy residual slash. Personnel are completing fireline.

HAIRPIN CURVE FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is nine miles south of Wilburton, OK and burning in ice damaged pine and hardwoods with heavy slash. Active fire behavior was observed with spotting and torching.

BUZZARD HOLLOW FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. The fire is burning in a mixed oak stand 15 miles southwest of Stilwell, OK. Personnel are completing fireline and burnout operations.

BEN SMITH FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is three miles north of Kenwood, OK and burning in mixed hardwoods. Flame lengths of 8 to 18 feet were observed.

CHICKEN HOLLOW FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. The fire is burning in a mixed oak stand three miles northwest of Kenwood, OK.

WYCHIE MTN. FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. The fire is ten miles southeast of Stilwell, OK and burning in a mixed hardwood stand with residual slash from logging and ice damage.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG PASTURE	OK	OKS	248	85	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	NR
BLAYLOCK MOUNTAIN	AR	OUF	1,550	80	UNK	35	2	0	0	0	NR
LITTLE ROUND MT. FIRE	OK	OKS	320	90	UNK	2	0	1	0	0	NR
BOLIN HOLLOW FIRE	OK	OKS	1,100	95	UNK	4	0	1	0	0	NR
WEST HANA	AR	OUF	300	80	UNK	59	4	0	0	0	NR
OSAGE COUNTY COMPLEX	OK	OSA	25,060	60	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR
NECHES HIGHLINE	TX	TXS	100	70	UNK	28	0	7	0	0	NR
INGERSOLL	OK	OKS	1,000	85	04/03	1	0	0	0	0	NR
PUCKETT BEND FIRE	AR	OUF	110	10	UNK	16	0	2	0	0	NR
ROCKY TOP	OK	OKS	10,000	60	04/05	14	0	5	0	0	\$2K
HAIRPIN CURVE FIRE	OK	OKS	5,760	60	04/05	26	0	12	0	0	\$4K
BUZZARD HOLLOW FIRE	OK	OKS	200	85	04/03	3	0	1	0	0	NR
BEN SMITH FIRE	OK	OKS	600	80	04/03	4	0	1	0	0	NR
CHICKEN HOLLOW FIRE	OK	OKS	550	65	04/03	4	0	1	0	0	NR
WYCHIE MTN. FIRE	OK	OKS	120	90	04/03	3	0	1	0	0	NR
STRAIGHT FORK MTN	TN	D2S	200	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
DELLAS HOUSTON FIRE	OK	OKS	300	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
CAMEL CREEK	OK	OKS	200	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	NR
POLECAT CREEK FIRE	OK	OKS	545	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR

D2S = Tennessee Division of Forestry

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
B HIGHWAY FIRE	MO	MOS	370	100	---	36	0	13	0	0	NR

MOS = Missouri State Forestry

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PUMA, Black Hills National Forest. This fire is 15 miles northeast of Sundance, WY and is burning in ponderosa pine and grass. Winds of 25 mph were recorded.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PUMA	WY	BKF	500	40	04/04	113	3	10	0	0	\$25K

OUTLOOK:

*****A RED FLAG WARNING IS IN EFFECT FOR OKLAHOMA AND TEXAS FOR LOW MINIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND WINDS*****

High pressure off the Georgia and Florida coast combined with an area of low pressure moving from Kansas into Iowa will produce strong southwest winds in the Southern Plains today. A cold front associated with this system will move very slowly from west Texas today to east Texas Friday evening. Very little rain is expected with the front until the predawn hours of Saturday. Kentucky, Tennessee as well as northern portions of Alabama, Mississippi and extreme southeast Arkansas should be moistened by numerous showers. This system is expected to produce widespread rainfall over the Southern Area. This system will not produce much rain in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. Another low is expected to develop in western Oklahoma during the predawn hours of Sunday, this system will bring some rain to Oklahoma, northwest Arkansas, and northern Texas. Widespread rains up to one inch is forecast for Arkansas on Sunday.

A frontal boundary will remain nearly stationary from the northern Big Rivers states extending eastward into the Mid-Atlantic states. Southwest winds of 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 30 will persist across the southern Big Rivers states into Thursday afternoon. Red Flag Warnings which were in effect on Wednesday, were allowed to expire over southern Missouri due to higher forecast minimum relative humiditys on Thursday. Along the front, an area of low pressure is expected to develop over the mid Mississippi Valley. This will create precipitation across the Great Lakes states. The precipitation will fall as snow, sleet or freezing rain over northern portions of this area with rain in the south. Precipitation is also likely in the western New England states along and north of the front. Brisk northeast winds will keep the northern tier states on the cool side.



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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				7	2		9
	ACRES				0	1		1
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			1				1
	ACRES			0				0
Eastern Area	FIRES	25		5	9	15		54
	ACRES	13		196	773	148		1,130
Southern Area	FIRES	1		1		110	17	129
	ACRES	75		0		2,882	2,164	5,121
TOTAL	FIRES	26	0	2	5	126	34	193
	ACRES	88	0	0	196	3,655	2,313	6,252

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	44	236
	ACRES	0	1			29	14	44
Northern Rockies	FIREs	20				5	3	28
	ACRES	42				31	1,500	1,573
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs			3		2	1	6
	ACRES			1		4	0	5
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs	11	9	1		78	34	133
	ACRES	33	1,320	274		383	33	2,043
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	4	4	1	1	7	3	20
	ACRES	9	0	0	200	133	15	357
Eastern Area	FIREs	245		3	10	744	102	1,104
	ACRES	1,581		1	399	24,588	1,909	28,478
Southern Area	FIREs	64		6	7	6,380	197	6,654
	ACRES	7,301		755	694	76,778	5,549	91,077
TOTAL	FIREs	346	20	12	23	7,535	398	8,334
	ACRES	8,966	1,322	1,031	3,935	102,148	9,025	126,427

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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES	1		2	1		7	11
	ACRES	0		4,686	0		592	5,278
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	1				2		3
	ACRES	500				263		763
Southern Area	FIRES			3		2	5	10
	ACRES			460		1,828	5,513	7,801
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	5	1	4	12	24
	ACRES	500	0	5,146	0	2,091	6,105	13,842

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	60	82			50	195
	ACRES	4	3,410	3,684			1,288	8,386
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		13	37	2		7,122	7,174
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				120	133
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			4		8
	ACRES		81			121		202
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	7	4	3		170	187
	ACRES	460	7,023	816	3,367		5,980	17,646
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		182	28	5,609	873	6,735
	ACRES	7,367		63,536	44,733	368,020	686,866	1,170,522
TOTAL	FIRES	70	84	297	50	5,686	1,297	7,484
	ACRES	13,547	10,810	87,891	50,055	380,073	713,673	1,256,049

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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	1								9	
Southern California								22		313
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin								3		22
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	2	1	10	2					16	4
Eastern Area			10	13	1				77	2
Southern Area	90	83	17	25	3				422	1253
Total	93	84	37	40	4	0	0	0	549	1594

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