

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2003 1000 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 70 new fires reported yesterday. One new large fire was reported in the Southwest Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico and Connecticut.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. Four Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Chrisman, Dietrich, Morcom and Raley) are assigned in Longview, Nacogdoches, Corsicana, and Hemphill, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials. Approximately 85 percent of the current assigned area, or 625,963 acres, has been searched and 36 percent of the total shuttle weight has been recovered. Ground searches in Palestine, Texas, have been completed and the camp has been closed.

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.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BOILER, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is east of the Beaverhead Work Center, and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fuel types involved include ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Minimal fire activity was observed yesterday, and continued monitoring and mapping of fire spread are planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOILER	NM	GNF	383	NR	UNK	8	0	2	0	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warnings:** Florida for low relative humidity. West-central and southwest Texas, and the southern two-thirds of New Mexico below 8,500 feet for low relative humidity and high wind.

**Fire Weather Watches:** Thursday in parts of central Texas for low relative humidity and strong wind.

**Weather Discussion:** Low pressure will move across southern Colorado today, generating showers and thunderstorms from the eastern part of the Great Basin to the Midwest. Some thunderstorms will be severe today in Texas, eastern Colorado and western Kansas. In the east, a low will exit New England this evening, with a ridge of high pressure dominating the eastern Plains, Mid Atlantic and Southeast. Most of Florida today will experience very low relative humidity today under the eastern ridge. Another front draping from a north Pacific low will move into the Northwest today, with showers long the coast from the Bay Area northward. Alaska will be mainly dry.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Windy to breezy with partly cloudy skies. Slight chance rain or snow showers northern mountains, with a chance for thunderstorms portions west Texas.	40s & 50s mountains, 60s to mid 80s lower elevations.	8-20% southeast half of area, 20-40%+ northwest half.	S to W 15-30 mph with stronger gusts mountains and east, becoming W all areas late.



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## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ENCOUNTERS**

Employees who may encounter hazardous materials in the field should be trained as mandated by OSHA 1910.120 (q), First Responder Awareness Level. However, employees should always recognize that hazmat encounters require special precautions.

● Hazardous materials in the field include, but are not limited to:

- Clandestine drug waste – waste as a result of “meth” labs, etc., which may look like common household trash at first glance. Drug lab waste can be identified by the presence of gallon plastic jugs, large plastic bags, 5-gallon buckets, and laboratory equipment (tubes and beakers).
- Midnight dumping – may be recognized by the presence of barrels or other containers, discoloration of land, plants, or water, and/or dead vegetation and animals.
- Transportation accidents – truck, rail, or pipeline accidents may result in the spillage or release of hazardous materials that may result in danger to life, property, or resources.

● In all instances, self-protection is your primary responsibility.

● Respond to all encounters by implementing the Three Rs:

- Recognize: Attempt to identify the substance using the North American Emergency Response Guide, occupancy/location, placards/labels, container shapes/colors, and/or MSDS shipping papers.
- Retreat: Move upwind, upgrade, or upstream; isolate the material; and deny entry to the site. Guidelines for isolation distances include: 150 feet for a minor incident (1 drum, 1 bag, etc.); 500 feet for a major incident (more than 1 drum, etc.); 300 feet for a residential and light commercial incident; 1,000 feet for an open area; 2,500 feet for an incident with BLEVE potential; 2,500 feet for the staging area (must be upwind with vehicles in a headed-out position)
- Report: Notify your supervisor and agency dispatcher. Request hazmat assistance via a safe route.

**FIRES AND ACRES FOR 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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3						3
	ACRES	32						32
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1				3	4
	ACRES		1				0	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIRES	9						9
	ACRES	24						24
Southern Area	FIRES			1		51	1	53
	ACRES			2		536	36	574
TOTAL	FIRES	12	2	1	0	51	4	70
	ACRES	56	1	2	0	536	36	631

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	48		49
	ACRES				432	219		651
Northwest	FIRES	3	1	1			4	9
	ACRES	1	0	1			1	3
Northern California	FIRES				4	90	16	110
	ACRES				2,210	19	12	2,241
Southern California	FIRES	1	4		1	236	52	294
	ACRES	0	1		0	26	19	46
Northern Rockies	FIRES	86	1	3		54	9	153
	ACRES	1,193	0	32		16,298	1,342	18,865
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		8			8	2	18
	ACRES		3			284	0	287
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	40	19	3		145	64	271
	ACRES	48	2,795	274		4,081	210	7,408
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	9	7	1	40	7	69
	ACRES	123	2	195	200	225	16	761
Eastern Area	FIRES	544		55	14	2,936	207	3,756
	ACRES	50,968		3,170	614	67,238	3,604	125,594
Southern Area	FIRES	82		7	11	8,131	247	8,478
	ACRES	7,839		757	756	121,862	6,224	137,438
TOTAL	FIRES	761	45	76	32	11,688	608	13,210
	ACRES	60,172	2,803	4,429	4,212	210,252	11,428	293,296

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>28,661</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>616,393</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the fourth reporting period in April\*\*\*

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							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				2	3
	ACRES		500				30	530
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			4		1		5
	ACRES			251		3		254
Eastern Area	FIRES	2		1		15	2	20
	ACRES	38		320		485	166	1,009
Southern Area	FIRES			5		1	7	13
	ACRES			2,069		250	4,880	7,199
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	10	0	17	11	41
	ACRES	38	500	2,640	0	738	5,076	8,992

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	8	73	145			61	287
	ACRES	679	8,750	4,640			3,145	17,214
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	5	10		70	95
	ACRES	31	121	16,865	499		3,861	21,377
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		64	69
	ACRES		25	37	12		7,859	7,933
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	7	3			34	46
	ACRES	162	418	518			2,605	3,703
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	9	3		4	3	20
	ACRES	18	899	300		121	62	1,400
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4	13	4	4		207	232
	ACRES	485	9,719	816	4,877		14,747	30,644
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	10	21	5	4	22	88
	ACRES	1,718	883	1,050	349	46	2,860	6,906
Eastern Area	FIRES	10		71	7	145	97	330
	ACRES	9,975		14,370	1,556	15,852	19,942	61,695
Southern Area	FIRES	46		204	33	5,628	982	6,893
	ACRES	7,494		70,612	49,606	373,632	776,654	1,277,998
TOTAL	FIRES	99	122	457	61	5,781	1,540	8,060
	ACRES	20,562	20,815	109,208	56,899	389,651	831,735	1,428,870

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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						1	1
	ACRES						383	383
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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	383	383

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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									4	
Northern California										
Southern California				3					18	297
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			2							
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			10	1					70	1
Southern Area	22	52	11		1				367	918
Total	22	52	23	4	1	0	0	0	459	1216

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