

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2003 1000 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light to moderate nationally, with 186 new fires reported yesterday. Two new large fires were reported, One in Southern California and one in Southern Area. One large fire was contained in Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona and New Mexico.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Chrisman, Dietrich and Morcom) are assigned in Longview, Nacogdoches and Corsicana, 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 Hemphill, Texas have been completed.

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 continue in Arizona and California.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOILER, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles northwest of Poverty Creek, NM and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Fuel types involved include ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Active fire behavior was observed yesterday on the north, south and west portions of the fire. Continued monitoring and mapping of fire spread is planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOILER	NM	GNF	2,231	NR	UNK	18	1	2	0	0	1K

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:

LUNDY, Inyo National Forest. This fire is near Mono City, CA. No other information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LUNDY	CA	INF	500	0	UNK		4	12	0	0	NR

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DEER LEASE	MS	MNF	180	100	---	11	0	1	0	0	3K

MNF = National Forests in Mississippi

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watches: Saturday in east-central Florida for an unstable atmosphere.

Weather Discussion: Two low pressure areas will affect the nation today. In the east, a low will move over the mid-Mississippi Valley, producing strong thunderstorms in the Southeast. In the Northwest, a low will move onshore north of Cape Mendocino, providing showers with isolated thunderstorms from northern California eastward into Montana. The Southwest and west Texas will be dry under high pressure, but wind will be decreased from yesterday's readings. There could be some shower activity in central Alaska, as a weak front loses strength throughout the day.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHWEST AREA Less windy, with mostly sunny skies and warmer temperatures.	Upper 40s to the 60s mountains and far north, 70s to near 90 lower elevations east and south.	15-30% northwest Arizona and portions of west Texas, 5-20% remainder.	W to SW 10-20 mph in Arizona, W to N 5-15 mph remainder.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Showers north half. Mostly sunny south half.	35-55 mountains 55-70 valleys 65-82 deserts	50-60% north half and 30-45% south half	SW 15 to 30 mph over the deserts and mountains, otherwise SW to W 5 to 15 mph.



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NO COMMUNICATION LINK WITH CREW MEMBERS, SUPERVISORS & ADJOINING FORCES

Watchout Situation #7 is a danger that must be mitigated by maintaining good communications while working on fires. Firefighters must constantly ask themselves the following questions as situations change on the fireline:

• Can communications be established?

- Talk about how communications are set up on fires.
- Review situations where communications were a problem and what was done to fix the problem.

• Is the communication triangle complete?.

- Review the communication triangle and where it comes up in the "10 Standard Fire Orders" and the "18 Watchout Situations."
- Discuss ways that firefighters can maintain the communication triangle on the fireline.

• Reduce the risks

- If the situation is complex, wait until communications are in place.
- Talk about the fires where crews had to leave the line, didn't go out on the line, or something negative happened because communications were inadequate. Discuss what was done to establish communications.

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					13	1	14
	ACRES					2	0	2
Northern Rockies	FIREs	16		1		6		23
	ACRES	188		129		18		335
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		0			2	1	3
	ACRES		15			2	0	17
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs	1					1	2
	ACRES	2					15	17
Rocky Mountain	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIREs	20				65	3	88
	ACRES	1				833	29	863
Southern Area	FIREs	6				49	1	56
	ACRES	12,321				238	26	12,585
TOTAL	FIREs	43	0	1	0	135	7	186
	ACRES	12,512	15	129	0	1,093	70	13,819

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	249	53	308
	ACRES	0	1		0	28	19	48
Northern Rockies	FIREs	102	1	4		60	12	179
	ACRES	1,381	0	161		16,316	1,361	19,219
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		8			10	3	21
	ACRES		18			286	0	304
Western Great Basin	FIREs		3					3
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIREs	43	19	3		145	66	276
	ACRES	54	2,795	274		4,081	227	7,431
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	5	9	7	1	40	7	69
	ACRES	123	2	195	200	225	16	761
Eastern Area	FIREs	586		55	14	3,469	214	4,338
	ACRES	50,995		3,170	614	71,397	3,633	129,809
Southern Area	FIREs	88		7	11	8,223	250	8,579
	ACRES	20,160		757	756	122,519	6,431	150,623
TOTAL	FIREs	828	45	77	32	12,334	625	13,941
	ACRES	72,714	2,818	4,558	4,212	215,090	11,700	311,092

Eight Year Average Fires	28,661
Eight Year Average Acres	616,393

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			2	2
	ACRES			1			16	17
Northern Rockies	FIREs	5	1				15	21
	ACRES	125	2,420				2,158	4,703
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs					0		0
	ACRES						3	3
Eastern Area	FIREs	1		19	1	15		36
	ACRES	8		5,062	36	1,347		6,453
Southern Area	FIREs	3					8	11
	ACRES	1,318					2,137	3,455
TOTAL	FIREs	9	1	19	1	15	25	70
	ACRES	1,451	2,420	5,063	36	1,347	4,314	14,631

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	146	1		63	291
	ACRES	679	8,750	4,675	7		3,147	17,258
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	6	11		73	100
	ACRES	31	121	16,866	499		3,872	21,389
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		66	71
	ACRES		25	38	12		7,875	7,950
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7	8	3		4	93	115
	ACRES	287	2,838	518		102	6,803	10,548
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	18	4	4		208	238
	ACRES	485	10,424	816	4,877		14,767	31,369
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	10	21	5	4	22	88
	ACRES	1,718	883	1,050	349	46	2,863	6,909
Eastern Area	FIRES	13		93	8	178	102	394
	ACRES	10,034		24,202	1,592	27,011	19,927	82,766
Southern Area	FIRES	49		215	33	5,630	996	6,923
	ACRES	8,812		75,372	49,606	373,952	782,644	1,290,386
TOTAL	FIRES	110	128	492	64	5,820	1,626	8,240
	ACRES	22,064	23,940	123,837	56,942	401,232	841,960	1,469,975

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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						2,231	2,231
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	2,231	2,231

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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										5
Northern California										
Southern California	1	3	7	8					17	292
Northern Rockies				1						
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1		2							
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			10							71
Southern Area	21	47	1						292	817
Total	23	50	21	8	0	0	0	0	385	1109

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