

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2003 1000 MST**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 725 new fires reported for the week ending February 6<sup>th</sup>. Twenty large fires were reported in the Southern Area, nineteen of which were contained. Very high to extreme indices were reported in Oklahoma and California.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the recent outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a unified command. No new information was received.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. State and Federal resources are aiding in the shuttle material collection.

HOMINY COMPLEX, Osage Agency. This fire, near Hominy, OK, is burning in timber and grass. Fire behavior is minimal as light snow was received on the fire yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HOMINY COMPLEX	OK	OKS	3,500	30	NR	29	0	5	1	0	75K
CAMPFIRE	OK	OKS	150	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	20K
ROSE RIDGE	AR	BUP	500	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	3K
ROW FIRE	OK	NEU	233	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
SHERRY	OK	OKS	200	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
CHECKERBOARD	OK	OKS	100	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
LITTLE HELLHOLE	SC	FMF	1,834	100	---	11	0	2	0	0	31.5K
REDHILL	OK	OKS	640	100	---	5	0	3	0	0	NR
REDWINE	OK	OKS	500	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
TOWER	OK	OKS	175	100	---	5	0	3	0	0	NR
SEABEE	MS	MNF	1,000	100	---	3	0	0	1	0	1.5K
OIL FIELD	OK	ANA	225	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	3K
CUTHAND	TX	TXS	600	100	---	12	0	2	0	0	NR
LATTA COMPLEX	OK	CHA	150	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
LOTS OF HELP	OK	MIA	163	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

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RAMSEY ROAD	MS	MNF	152	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	3.5K
RIDGE COMPLEX	OK	CHA	605	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
CENTERPOINT	OK	OKS	2,825	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	NR
COGBURN	OK	OKS	110	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR
MIDDLE MTN.	OK	OKS	1,500	100	---	12	0	0	0	0	NR

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

BUP = Buffalo National River

MNF = National Forest s Mississippi

CHA = Chickasaw Agency

NEU = Northeast Area, Oklahoma Division of Forestry

FMF = Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest

ANA = Anadarko Agency

MIA = Miami Agency

## OUTLOOK:

The Southern Area can expect wet weather to continue for coastal areas and the Northern half of FL as a low-pressure center off the South Carolina coast continues to produce rains and snow in Tennessee and Virginia. Rain and showers will continue to affect south and southeast Texas and coastal areas from Houston to north Florida into the weekend. In addition, another fast moving system on Sunday will produce higher minimum relative humidity and a chance of precipitation for most areas on Sunday.

A low-pressure area will bring cooler temperatures, higher humidity and scattered showers to southern California. Winds will be northeast to southeast at 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts over central California and southeast to southwest at 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts over southern California. Minimum relative humidity will be 15 to 30 percent over southern California and 30 to 45 percent over central California. Temperatures will be in the 30s to low 40s in the Sierras, upper 30s and 40s in other mountains, mid 40s to mid 50s in high deserts, and mid 50s to mid 60s in coastal areas and lower deserts.



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

### REFUSING RISK ( TURNDOWN PROTOCOL)

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A "turndown" is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A "turndown" must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a "turndown" if:
  - There is a violation of safe work practices.
  - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
  - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
  - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
  - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
  - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
  - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
  - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

**FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					3		3
Southern California	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					5		5
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4			25	5		34
	ACRES	23			248	3		274
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					1		1
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	24		1	1	646	15	687
	ACRES	5,348		400	500	13,188	199	19,635
TOTAL	FIRES	28	1	1	1	671	23	725
	ACRES	5,371	0	400	500	13,436	211	19,918

**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				13	2		15
	ACRES				2	3		5
Southern California	FIREs	1			51	20		72
	ACRES	1			54	10		65
Northern Rockies	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES					29		29
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	2						2
	ACRES	0						0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs	5	1		33	17		56
	ACRES	23	1		259	28		311
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	2	1				2	5
	ACRES	0	0				15	15
Eastern Area	FIREs					98	5	103
	ACRES					694	65	759
Southern Area	FIREs	36		5	2	2,447	63	2,553
	ACRES	6,474		755	530	33,752	2,378	43,889
TOTAL	FIREs	43	5	5	2	2,643	109	2,807
	ACRES	6,497	2	755	530	34,790	2,499	45,073
<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>								<b>1,706</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>								<b>25,049</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the last reporting period in January\*\*\*

and

\*\*\*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		2				1	3
	ACRES		75				30	105
Northern California	FIREs			1	1		5	7
	ACRES			3,000	0		40	3,040
Southern California	FIREs		1				4	5
	ACRES		5				194	199
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		2					2
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs	1	1		1		18	21
	ACRES	115	2		1,000		914	2,031
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		2	2	1	1	5	11
	ACRES		65	20	1	1	46	133
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs			10	3	16	45	74
	ACRES			3,205	153	183	33,586	37,127
TOTAL	FIREs	1	7	13	6	17	78	122
	ACRES	115	149	6,225	1,154	184	34,810	42,637

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs	3	52	1			29	85
	ACRES	4	2,563	200			1,057	3,824
Northern California	FIREs		3	2	1		15	21
	ACRES		16	3,212	0		548	3,776
Southern California	FIREs		1				24	25
	ACRES		5				4,463	4,468
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1					1
	ACRES		2					2
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs	2	1		1		57	61
	ACRES	135	2		1,000		1,618	2,755
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		2	3	1	1	10	17
	ACRES		65	120	1	1	131	318
Eastern Area	FIREs					2	9	11
	ACRES					1,200	905	2,105
Southern Area	FIREs	13		62	6	35	320	436
	ACRES	1,126		18,949	8,278	19,641	245,802	293,796
TOTAL	FIREs	18	60	68	9	38	464	657
	ACRES	1,265	2,653	22,481	9,279	20,842	254,524	311,044

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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					3		3
	ACRES						0	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	3	3
	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					104					104
Northern California										
Southern California					7					64
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			3	4	2	6			228	1831
Total	0	0	3	115	2	6	0	0	228	1999

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