

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2003 1000 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 33 new fires reported yesterday.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center has been established in Lufkin, Texas. Three Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey, Martin and McCombs) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill and Palestine, Texas. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Custer) is assigned in Nacogdoches, Texas. Thirty-five agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials.

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, Maryland and Nevada.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

PANAU IKI, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Szczepanik) transitioned to a Type 3 Incident Management Team yesterday at 1800. The fire is 30 miles southwest of Hilo, HI and is burning in grass and brush. Crews are constructing fireline and mopping up along the vegetated perimeter. Crews are hampered by volcanic smog (VOG), which is influenced by northeast trade winds, and are unable to work portions of the fire. Intermittent rain moderated fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PANAU IKI	HI	HVP	2,025	50	NR	46	3	2	3	0	662K

## OUTLOOK:

A cold front will continue to influence most of the south today. Winter storm warnings and snow advisories are posted for a large part of the southeast, including Arkansas, northern Mississippi, northern Alabama, Tennessee, and southern Kentucky. Showers are expected from southeast Texas north and east into northern Georgia, with thunderstorms possible along the Gulf Coast.



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

### WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE STRUCTURE PROTECTION

The primary consideration of any operation is to assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structure.

● Factors that may make an attempt to save a structure hopeless or too dangerous include:

- The fire is making a sustained run and there is little or no clearance between the structure and the fuel.
- The fire behavior is extreme; spot fires are numerous and the spread is outpacing containment.
- Water supply will not last as long as the threat of the fire.
- The fire's intensity dictates that you leave the fire area immediately.
- The structure is constructed of wood and has a wood, shake roof.
- The roof of the structure is more than one-quarter involved.
- There is fire inside of the structure or windows are broken and there is no way to quickly repair them.
- You can't safely remain at the structure because your escape route could become unusable.

● When implementing a plan to protect structures, consider the following:

- Don't enter a burning structure unless you are trained, equipped, and authorized. Firefighter safety and survival is the number one priority.
- Always stay mobile and wear all of your PPE.
- Back in equipment to allow for a quick escape.
- Coil a short, 1 ½", charged line with fog nozzle on your engine for safety and quick knock down capability.
- Don't make long hose lays. Keep at least 100 gallons of water reserve in your tank.
- Check the road system before the fire approaches. Know bridge limits, alternate access routes, and turnarounds for your vehicle and other support vehicles.
- Determine if residents are home. Leave on the inside and outside lights, regardless of the time of day. Close the garage door.
- Place the owner's ladder at a corner of the home on the side with the least fire threat.
- Coil and charge garden hoses.
- Check and mark hazmat; e.g., LPG, pesticides, and paint storage.

# 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					1
	ACRES		0					0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1				31		32
	ACRES	75				79		154
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	0	31	0	33
	ACRES	75	0	0	0	79	0	154

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Northern California	FIRES				3	38	4	45
	ACRES				2,165	10	0	2,175
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			141	30	176
	ACRES	0	1			18	12	31
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					29		29
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	5	3			35	24	67
	ACRES	23	2			260	29	314
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1		1		3	7
	ACRES	0	0		200		15	215
Eastern Area	FIRES					112	6	118
	ACRES					702	67	769
Southern Area	FIRES	54		5	2	3,109	79	3,249
	ACRES	6,924		755	530	32,144	2,633	42,986
TOTAL	FIRES	63	10	5	6	3,437	146	3,667
	ACRES	6,947	3	755	2,895	33,163	2,756	46,519
<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>							<b>7,513</b>	
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>							<b>132,058</b>	

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

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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			5				5
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					1,946	2,124	4,070
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	1	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	5	0	1,946	2,124	4,075

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	58	2			34	97
	ACRES	4	3,110	725			1,198	5,037
Northern California	FIRES	1	4	3	1		20	29
	ACRES	31	52	3,612	475		1,736	5,906
Southern California	FIRES		1				34	35
	ACRES		5				4,657	4,662
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				118	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2		4
	ACRES		4			110		114
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	1		1		96	101
	ACRES	145	2		1,000		2,463	3,610
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2	4	1	1	7	15
	ACRES		80	125	31	26	237	499
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	10	12
	ACRES					1,200	1,004	2,204
Southern Area	FIRES	17		112	11	83	407	630
	ACRES	1,646		37,968	20,383	67,476	327,994	455,467
TOTAL	FIRES	24	69	121	14	88	610	926
	ACRES	1,826	3,266	42,430	21,889	68,812	339,407	477,630

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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	3		2		3				26	8
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									59	75
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	150				36				241	1942
Total	153	0	2	0	39	0	0	0	326	2025

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