

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2003 1000 MST**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 15 new fires reported.

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. Two Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Custer, Hildreth) are assigned in Nacogdoches and Longview, Texas. Forty-Two 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. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Corley) is working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California, Maryland and Nevada.

**OUTLOOK:**

Rain and showers will persist today from Florida to North Carolina as a warm frontal boundary continues to provide instability to the area. Low pressure centered over north Texas will lessen humidity under a moderate southerly flow and will produce areas of light morning drizzle and fog. An unstable and moist weather pattern will keep fire risks low into Wednesday.



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

### **ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE**

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

● If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

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- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.

● In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

# FIRES AND ACRES MARCH 03:

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					6		6
	ACRES					6		6
Southern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					36		36
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	15	0	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	42	0	42

**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	45	5	53
	ACRES				2,165	10	2,025	4,200
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			146	30	181
	ACRES	0	1			20	12	33
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	6			37	25	73
	ACRES	23	5			261	30	319
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1		1		3	7
	ACRES	0	0		200		15	215
Eastern Area	FIRES				2	131	6	139
	ACRES				1	999	67	1,067
Southern Area	FIRES	55		5	3	3,379	82	3,524
	ACRES	6,851		755	530	33,192	2,641	43,969
TOTAL	FIRES	64	13	5	9	3,740	151	3,982
	ACRES	6,874	6	755	2,896	34,511	4,790	49,832

**\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the first reporting period in March\*\*\***

**and**

**\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\***

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES MARCH 03:**

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		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							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1,500						1,500
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	1,500	1	0	0	0	0	1,501

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	57	2			34	96
	ACRES	4	3,253	725			1,198	5,180
Northern California	FIRES	1	6	3	3		23	36
	ACRES	31	61	4,729	475		1,743	7,039
Southern California	FIRES		1				35	36
	ACRES		5				4,772	4,777
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	2		1		136	142
	ACRES	413	177		1,000		4,168	5,758
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2	4	4	1	11	22
	ACRES		110	125	49	26	350	660
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	26	28
	ACRES					1,200	1,006	2,206
Southern Area	FIRES	19		115	11	84	418	647
	ACRES	4,046		38,601	20,383	68,482	335,192	466,704
TOTAL	FIRES	26	71	124	19	89	685	1,014
	ACRES	4,494	3,623	44,180	21,907	69,818	348,547	492,569

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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								13	
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest									2	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0

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