

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003 1000 MST**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light to moderate nationally, with 256 new fires reported yesterday. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern and Southern Areas. Four fires were contained, three in the Southern Area and one in the Eastern Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Colorado and Indiana.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center is established in Lufkin, Texas. Four Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Studebaker, Gelobter, Anderson and Ferguson) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill, Palestine and Nacogdoches, Texas. One Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jenkins) is assigned in Longview, Texas. Forty-eight 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, and Nevada.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

COUNTY LINE FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in mixed hardwoods six miles northwest of Proctor, Oklahoma. Active fire behavior occurred yesterday in light fuels. Control lines will be completed today, as well as the burn out of adjacent fuels.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COUNTY LINE FIRE	OK	OKS	400	88	3/27	4	0	2	0	0	NR
GALCATCHER HOLLOW	OK	OKS	600	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
LANGLEY	OK	OKS	250	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR
CENIZA	TX	AMP	125	100	---	20	1	0	0	0	3.5K

AMP = Amistad National Recreation Area

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

AITKEN FIRE COMPLEX, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This complex of nine fires is burning in lowland grass and hardwoods in the area of Aitken, MN. The largest fires are located at Cedar Lake and Tamarack. No new information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
AITKEN FIRE COMPLEX	MN	MNS	300	80	UNK	20	0	6	0	1	12K
CCC FIRE	MO	MTF	202	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	1K

MTF = Mark Twain National Forest

## OUTLOOK:

**\*\*\*A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA AND NORTHERN TEXAS FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND WINDS GREATER THAN TWENTY MPH.\*\*\***

The weakening cold front from Wednesday will continue to create showers and thunderstorms from the Mid-Atlantic south to Florida today. North and central Florida will see numerous thunderstorms with precipitation accumulations as high as 1.5 . West and Central areas of the Southern Area will remain rain-free. The second of two back to back cold fronts begins to take shape in the central plains and will produce dry and very windy conditions from Oklahoma and Texas. Fire risks will be highest today in the west. This front, already into the western Oklahoma panhandle, will pull in much colder air into Oklahoma and Texas.

A cool front will continue its easterly push through the Eastern Area and is expected to move through the Mid-Atlantic and New England states on Wednesday. Showers and a few thunderstorms are likely as the front moves through producing isolated rainfall amounts of a half to three quarters of an inch. Winds will switch from the south to the west-northwest as the front passes. High pressure is expected at the surface across the Great Lakes and Big Rivers compacts creating light winds and dry conditions



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# 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				1	38	2	41
	ACRES				45	9	1	55
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	19				35	1	55
	ACRES	26				269	202	497
Southern Area	FIRES				1	154	5	160
	ACRES				10	2,189	38	2,237
TOTAL	FIRES	19	0	0	2	227	8	256
	ACRES	26	0	0	55	2,467	241	2,789

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	42		43
	ACRES				432	183		615
Northwest	FIRES	1		1				2
	ACRES	0		1				1
Northern California	FIRES				4	83	12	99
	ACRES				2,210	19	4	2,233
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			171	38	214
	ACRES	0	1			29	12	42
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					29	1,500	1,529
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			1	1	5
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	8	8	1		68	32	117
	ACRES	25	1,318	274		366	32	2,015
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	3		1	6	3	17
	ACRES	9	0		200	121	15	345
Eastern Area	FIRES	76			3	360	59	498
	ACRES	136			2	4,601	1,268	6,007
Southern Area	FIRES	56		5	4	5,439	161	5,665
	ACRES	6,881		755	540	62,106	3,285	73,567
TOTAL	FIRES	146	18	7	13	6,171	308	6,663
	ACRES	7,051	1,319	1,030	3,384	67,454	6,116	86,354

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>14,425</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>264,483</b>

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

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			2	3		9	14
	ACRES			2,386	1		47	2,434
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						1,210	1,210
Eastern Area	FIRES	2				4	1	7
	ACRES	296				735	88	1,119
Southern Area	FIRES	2		1	1	2	22	28
	ACRES	379		400	40	204	14,751	15,774
TOTAL	FIRES	4	0	3	4	6	33	50
	ACRES	675	0	2,786	41	939	16,096	20,537

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	60	20			49	132
	ACRES	4	3,410	2,180			1,287	6,881
Northern California	FIRES	1	7	5	9		58	80
	ACRES	31	110	7,533	496		2,997	11,167
Southern California	FIRES		1		1		59	61
	ACRES		5		2		5,571	5,578
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				118	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			4		7
	ACRES		56			121		177
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	5	1	1		152	162
	ACRES	460	2,827	550	1,000		4,956	9,793
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	10	2	4	5	2	15	38
	ACRES	598	110	125	349	39	1,786	3,007
Eastern Area	FIRES	2		18	3	7	56	86
	ACRES	296		7,549	1,108	1,971	6,558	17,482
Southern Area	FIRES	37		176	23	5,599	789	6,624
	ACRES	6,658		62,855	43,191	361,926	619,090	1,093,720
TOTAL	FIRES	56	79	224	42	5,612	1,180	7,193
	ACRES	8,047	6,531	80,792	46,146	364,057	642,363	1,147,936

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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				20					32	289
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									6	35
Southwest									4	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			10	12	1				90	4
Southern Area	97	62	11	6	5				422	1346
Total	98	62	21	38	6	0	0	0	567	1674

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