

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**WEDNESDAY MAY 7, 2003 - 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 84 new fires reported yesterday. One large fire was contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned to search operations near Modena, Utah. Crews have searched approximately forty percent of the 865 acre area.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal resources have mobilized to California in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. Personnel are supporting the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
234	FL	EAQ	4900	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	30K

EAQ = Eglin Air Force Base

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** In the East, a low pressure system will bring rain to mainly the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys. In the West, another trough will enter the region bringing scattered showers over much of the area. The southern portions of Arizona and New Mexico will see dry, gusty winds. Alaska, a weak high pressure will lead to partly cloudy skies with only a few showers over the interior and southern areas.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>EASTERN AREA</b> Showers and thunderstorms likely over the eastern Big Rivers and western mid Atlantic, scattered showers over NE New England. Partly to Mostly cloudy over the rest of the EA	57 to 67 northern tier 67 to 77 southern tier	35 to 45% over NW parts of the Great Lakes	Light to moderate speeds most areas
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> Partly cloudy. Scattered showers Monterey-Merced-Yosemite NP and northward.	48-68 mountains 60-70 valleys 70-85 deserts	45-60% Mountains 45-60% Valleys 20-35% Deserts	SW-NW 10-20 mph over the mountains and deserts, and locally coastal valleys.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Southeast Colorado: Scattered showers and afternoon thunderstorms.	Mountains: 50-63 Lower elevations: 63-73	17%-27%	South 10 to 18 mph.

<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Windy. Partly cloudy with a few high elevation showers far north. Mostly sunny south.	50s and 60s mountains, 70s to 90 lower elevations.	15-30% north, 5-15% south	SW 15-30 mph, except S to SE 10-20 mph TX panhandle.
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## 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						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					2		2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	19				55		74
	ACRES	24				92		116
Southern Area	FIRES	1				4	2	7
	ACRES	60				2	32	94
TOTAL	FIRES	20	0	0	0	61	3	84
	ACRES	84	0	0	0	96	32	212

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	111		115
	ACRES	20			512	427		959
Northwest	FIRES	4	1	1			10	16
	ACRES	1	0	1			1	3
Northern California	FIRES				4	105	16	125
	ACRES				2,210	22	11	2,243
Southern California	FIRES	1	4	1	1	249	54	310
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	28	100	129
Northern Rockies	FIRES	400	1	10		64	16	491
	ACRES	2,547	0	617		16,320	1,365	20,849
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		10		1	15	3	29
	ACRES		19		0	287	0	306
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES	69	27	12		187	93	388
	ACRES	68	2,803	1,288		5,086	294	9,539
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	9	26	1	42	16	103
	ACRES	123	2	1,645	200	233	470	2,673
Eastern Area	FIRES	748		65	15	5,653	280	6,761
	ACRES	51,302		3,597	615	93,417	5,199	154,130
Southern Area	FIRES	90		7	11	9,499	272	9,879
	ACRES	20,250		757	756	132,955	7,973	162,691
TOTAL	FIRES	1,323	57	122	35	15,925	760	18,222
	ACRES	74,311	2,827	7,905	4,293	248,775	15,413	353,524

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>29,677</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>602,491</b>

\*\*\*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	0
	ACRES						50	50
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						15	15
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		75				509	584
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1	2	0	3
	ACRES				97	42	15	154
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						62	62
Southern Area	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES			494			380	874
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	1	2	7	12
	ACRES	0	75	494	97	42	1,031	1,739

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	19	73	146	1		67	306
	ACRES	1,594	8,750	4,675	7		3,488	18,514
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	6	12		77	105
	ACRES	31	128	16,866	499		4,048	21,572
Southern California	FIRES		2	1	2		71	76
	ACRES		27	38	12		8,730	8,807
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	9	31	3	8	100	160
	ACRES	487	3,788	5,486	510	425	7,291	17,987
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	11	3		5	12	32
	ACRES	18	1,154	300		130	2,569	4,171
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	4	35	4	4		197	244
	ACRES	485	11,397	816	4,877		18,345	35,920
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	41	6	8	25	117
	ACRES	1,718	1,160	8,842	446	113	3,960	16,239
Eastern Area	FIRES	15		222	14	323	151	725
	ACRES	10,199		41,486	1,718	44,991	23,466	121,860
Southern Area	FIRES	50		227	35	11,445	1,043	12,800
	ACRES	8,979		78,376	51,497	705,160	824,259	1,668,271
TOTAL	FIRES	126	150	681	77	11,789	1,744	14,567
	ACRES	23,511	26,504	156,885	59,566	750,819	896,386	1,913,671

**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						9,400	9,400
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	9,400	9,400

**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	3	0	100	637
Yukon Territory	1	20	4	21
Alberta	1	0	45	157
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	1	0	55	232
Manitoba	74	252	189	12,785
Ontario	16	52	147	692
Quebec	16	31	80	144
Newfoundland	4	3	4	3
New Brunswick	21	20	40	49
Nova Scotia	4	1	72	192
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	0	0
Total	141	370	736	14,911

**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										
Southern California									22	308
Northern Rockies			1							
Eastern Great Basin	3		1			2			27	3
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			1	11		4			7	2
Southern Area			7	1	1					2
Total	3	0	10	12	1	6	0	0	56	315

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