

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE CO  
Form 8-K  
October 16, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: October 15, 2003  
(Date of Earliest Event Reported)

**NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

COLORADO  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

2-17039                      84-0467208  
(Commission File Number)      (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

850 EAST ANDERSON LANE, AUSTIN, TEXAS    08752-1602  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)      (Zip code)

(512) 836-1010  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Item 5.

Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure

This current report on Form 8-K is for the purpose of filing the press release, dated October 15, 2003, which is set forth in Exhibit 99 hereto.

**Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

( c ) Exhibit No.

<u>Exhibits</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release dated October 15, 2003

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE  
COMPANY

Date: October 16, 2003

/s/ Brian M. Pribyl

Name: Brian M. Pribyl

Title: Senior Vice President

Chief Financial & Administrative Officer  
and Treasurer