

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2005 – 1000 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern Area and light elsewhere. Nationally, 846 new fires were reported for the week. Nine new large fires were reported, eight in the Southern Area, and one in the Eastern Area. Twelve large fires were contained, ten in the Southern Area, and one each in the Eastern and Southwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Texas, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Vermont, and Connecticut.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FRAKES	KY	KYS	350	100	---	14	0	1	0	0	NR
TWO SET	FL	FLS	1,400	100	---	1	0	0	0	0	NR
AIRPORT	FL	FLS	250	100	---	9	0	5	1	0	NR
HIGHWAY 129	TN	TNS	150	100	---	0	15	5	0	0	NR
STONE MOUNTAIN	TN	TNS	150	100	---	15	15	0	0	0	NR
DALLAS 109	AR	ARS	153	100	---	5	2	0	0	0	NR
MILL CREEK	AR	ARS	184	100	---	3	2	0	0	0	NR
LAY SPRING	AR	ARS	133	100	---	4	2	0	0	0	NR
COSTAPIA	MS	MNF	104	100	---	3	0	1	0	0	8K
LELY PALMS	FL	FLS	213	100	---	4	0	0	0	0	4K

FLS = Florida Division of Forestry
KYS = Kentucky Division of Forestry
MNF = National Forests in Mississippi

TNS = Tennessee Division of Forestry
ARS = Arkansas Forestry Commission

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COMO 2	MN	MNS	600	100	---	10	0	5	0	0	2K

MNS = Minnesota Division of Natural Resources

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FOSTER	AZ	SAD	1,200	100	---	5	0	1	0	0	200K

SAD = Safford Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

...Red Flag Warning today for interior portions of central Florida due to low humidity...

...Red Flag Warning today for portions of southeast New Mexico as well as central and southern Texas due to gusty winds and low humidity...

Weather Discussion: In the Southwest and Texas, an upper trough will bring dry, windy weather today with decreasing winds over the weekend. Some precipitation is expected next week over Texas and northern portions of Arizona and New Mexico. A frontal system will move across the South and East today through Sunday with unsettled weather expected for the remainder of next week.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Partly cloudy.	50 to 65 mountains. 65 to 75 valleys. 68 to 75 upper deserts. 78 to 88 lower deserts.	30 to 45%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Fire Not Scouted and Sized Up

Watchout Situation #1 comes up during initial attack and every time resources arrive at a fire.

● Before taking action on the fire, the following considerations must be addressed:

- Can you personally observe the fire or must you use scouts? Describe ways you can scout and size up a fire.
- Do you know the location of the fire perimeter? Discuss situations in which the fire perimeter may not be obvious. (Spotty fires, etc.)
- Do you know the direction of fire spread? When isn't the direction of fire spread obvious? (Wind shifts, spotty fires, etc.)
- Does the direction of fire spread increase risk? Talk about situations where you may have to approach the head of the fire. (Hiking down from a helispot, approaching from an existing road, switching winds, etc.)
- Do you know the fuels and their condition? What kind of information will you assume from what you already know about fuel types? (Spot fires in fir, extreme fire potential in flashy fuels, etc.)

● Continued from above...

- Do topographic hazards exist? What can you assume from what kind of terrain the fire covers? (Slope, chimneys, aspect, etc.)
- Does enough information exist to establish a plan of attack? When do you have enough information to begin fighting fire? What do you need to know?
- Do other dangers exist? Have you talked about factors specific to the area you are working in? (Hunters in the woods, drought, snag patches, etc.)

● To reduce the risks:

- Post lookouts until the fire is sized up and escape routes and safety zones are established.
- Retreat if the situation is too complex. Review fires where you had to wait until the area in which you were assigned to work was scouted and sized up before you were allowed onto the fireline.

FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	4	2	1		2	6	15
	ACRES	3	1	1		0	2	7
Northern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7				5	1	13
	ACRES	4				15	0	19
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					5		5
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				6			6
Southwest	FIRES	18	1	2		13	7	41
	ACRES	149	720	1		11	5	886
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		0				5	5
Eastern Area	FIRES	67			1	288	2	358
	ACRES	363			1	615	3	982
Southern Area	FIRES	1		11		381	12	405
	ACRES	1		195		4,143	201	4,540
TOTAL	FIRES	97	5	14	2	693	35	846
	ACRES	520	721	197	7	4,789	216	6,450

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	23	12	5		54	25	119
	ACRES	135	11	8		133	29	316
Northern California	FIRES					94	19	113
	ACRES					34	22	56
Southern California	FIRES		2	2			17	21
	ACRES		0	0			3	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES	65	1	9		56	13	144
	ACRES	2,460	136	444		1,109	1,285	5,434
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			4	1	11
	ACRES		2			5	0	7
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	2	2	2		12
	ACRES		12	70	6	0		88
Southwest	FIRES	67	20	4	2	140	71	304
	ACRES	4,962	1,202	1,501	6	16,026	655	24,352
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	27	5	13		29	15	89
	ACRES	2,481	11	306		14,096	1,614	18,508
Eastern Area	FIRES	423		24	18	4,939	334	5,738
	ACRES	6,958		1,401	684	38,493	6,825	54,361
Southern Area	FIRES	154		62	6	11,138	352	11,712
	ACRES	25,660		4,425	114	123,968	9,602	163,769
TOTAL	FIRES	759	52	121	28	16,456	847	18,263
	ACRES	42,656	1,374	8,155	810	193,864	20,035	266,894

Ten Year Average Fires	27,175
Ten Year Average Acres	450,700

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	5	1	3	1		19	29
	ACRES	966	89	92	49		2,071	3,267
Northern California	FIRES			0			8	8
	ACRES			1,195			796	1,991
Southern California	FIRES			1			5	6
	ACRES			1			494	495
Northern Rockies	FIRES			2			23	25
	ACRES			625			2,890	3,515
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1				10	11
	ACRES		1				2,183	2,184
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	6	2		0	7	16
	ACRES	1	2,800	296		55	2,527	5,679
Eastern Area	FIRES	2		12		48	4	66
	ACRES	320		3,997		1,516	112	5,945
Southern Area	FIRES			8		3	29	40
	ACRES			458		2,283	28,368	31,109
TOTAL	FIRES	8	8	28	1	52	105	202
	ACRES	1,287	2,890	6,664	49	3,855	39,441	54,186

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	14	74	29	1		87	205
	ACRES	3,258	9,328	1,558	49		7,525	21,718
Northern California	FIRES	12	15	4	15		90	136
	ACRES	188	478	18,352	1,217		5,136	25,371
Southern California	FIRES		3	4	2		51	60
	ACRES		453	8	1,305		1,889	3,655
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	23	37	1	12	121	197
	ACRES	135	3,179	5,747	1	501	12,922	22,485
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	10	4	1	7	13	36
	ACRES	1	2,365	711	12	92	1,639	4,820
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	10				11
	ACRES		1	2,711				2,712
Southwest	FIRES	3	20	2	6		172	203
	ACRES	631	20,355	3,210	12,155		40,883	77,234
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	26	67	7	15	80	221
	ACRES	3,525	7,161	13,508	145	2,239	22,547	49,125
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		249	31	526	91	917
	ACRES	17,120		34,737	4,271	34,140	23,392	113,660
Southern Area	FIRES	34		115	35	256	921	1,361
	ACRES	7,180		60,034	16,044	169,127	772,049	1,024,434
TOTAL	FIRES	113	172	521	99	816	1,626	3,347
	ACRES	32,038	43,320	140,576	35,199	206,099	887,982	1,345,214

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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	1		7			1			5	
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area				5					3	
Southern Area	1		4	8	1				6	6
Total	2	0	11	13	1	1	0	0	14	6

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