

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, July 3, 2010 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (178 new fires)  
 New large fires: 4 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 11  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally, there are 45 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

\*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy. \*\*

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Interagency personnel are assigned to a number of locations in the Gulf of Mexico to assess and mitigate impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

- Support to the Fish and Wildlife Service include these areas: Delta, Breton and Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuges, as well as Houma, LA and Mobile, AL.

- Support to the National Park Service include these areas: Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jean Lafitte Park and Preserve, Everglades National Park, Dry Tortugas, Biscayne National Park, De Soto National Memorial and Big Cypress National Preserve.

BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	USFS
1	3	684	189	17

**Southwest Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 15  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3

**South Fork**, Santa Fe NF. Twenty miles west of Espanola, NM. Timber. Smoldering in heavy fuels.

**Horseshoe**, Coronado NF. Five miles south of Portal, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

**Tecolote**, Santa Fe NF. Fifteen miles northwest of Las Vegas, NM. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

\* **Rocky**, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Confine/contain incident. Twenty miles east of San Carlos, AZ. Grass. Backing fire. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
South Fork	NM	SNF	17,086	0	65	7/7	180	-29	3	7	1	0	8.6M	FS

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Horseshoe	AZ	CNF	3,401	0	95	7/10	2	-10	0	0	0	0	9.8M	FS
Tecolote	NM	SNF	812	0	90	UNK	28	0	1	0	0	0	5.5M	FS
* Rocky	AZ	SCA	3,827	---	N/A	N/A	10	---	0	0	0	0	2.5K	BIA

### Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 27  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Big Trails II**, Wind River/Bighorn Basin District, BLM. Twenty miles south of Tensleep, WY. Pine, Juniper and brush. Active fire behavior with running and spotting. Residences threatened. Road closure in effect.

**Medano**, Great Sand Dunes National Monument. IMT2 (Lowe). Confine/contain incident. Nineteen miles southeast of Crestone, CO. Timber and brush. Backing and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Big Trails II	WY	WBD	800	---	10	7/4	62	---	2	9	1	0	60K	BLM
Medano	CO	GSP	6,208	0	N/A	N/A	266	23	5	7	4	0	3.8M	NPS
Cow Creek	CO	RMP	914	0	100	---	189	-45	3	0	4	0	2.1M	NPS

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### Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 22  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 4

**Pat Creek**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Fifteen miles north of Stevens Village, AK. Black spruce, hardwood slash and tundra. Smoldering. Residences threatened.

**Louie Creek**, Galena Zone, BLM. Started on private land 8 miles southwest of Huslia, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

**Peavey Creek**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Fifteen miles southwest of Bettles, AK. Black spruce. No new information.

**Noatak River**, Galena Zone, BLM. Started on private land 16 miles north of Kotzebue, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Pat Creek	AK	UYD	11,807	807	15	UNK	251	-18	11	0	5	0	1.8M	BLM
Louie Creek	AK	GAD	9,200	800	10	UNK	172	-10	6	0	2	0	2.7M	PRI

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Peavey Creek	AK	TAD	200	---	0	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Noatak River	AK	GAD	103	---	70	UNK	12	---	0	0	0	1	250K	PRI

### **Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **Moapa**, Southern Nevada District Office, BLM. Five miles west of Moapa, NV. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching and short-range interior spotting.

**Rye Grass**, Ely District, BLM. Forty-three miles northeast of Ely, NV. Juniper, pinyon pine, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Moapa	NV	SND	684	---	10	7/4	211	---	6	9	3	9	150K	BLM
Rye Grass	NV	ELD	305	185	70	7/4	45	11	1	5	1	0	60K	BLM

### **Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Bluewater**, Southern Land Office, Montana DNR. Four miles east of Fromberg, MT. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with short-range spotting.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Bluewater	MT	SOS	600	---	80	7/3	54	---	0	16	2	0	30K	ST

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Dry, gusty winds are on tap today across portions of the Great Basin, Wyoming, western Colorado and Arizona. Thunderstorm activity in the Intermountain West will be decreasing today and shifting east. Scattered wet thunderstorms are expected over the Alaska Interior.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



Today's discussion is from  
"This Day in History"

"Lessons Learned" serve as brief summaries of powerful learning opportunities. You can use these summaries as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, and your unit.

## Part I - South Canyon Fire, Colorado, 1994 (A Four-Part Series)

**Incident Summary:** On July 2, 1994, seven miles west of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, lightning ignites a Bureau of Land Management fire in piñon-pine and juniper on a ridge at the base of Storm King Mountain. The fire, paralleled by two deep canyons, is initially believed to have "little chance" to spread. The past two days, lightning has started 40 new fires on this BLM District. The entire general area, in a one-year drought, is experiencing low humidities and record-high temperatures. Over the next two days, the South Canyon Fire increases in size. Visible from Interstate 70 and nearby residential areas, the public becomes concerned. Some initial attack resources are assigned. Between July 3-6, the fire grows to approximately 2,000 acres. On July 6, a dry cold front moves into the fire area. As winds and fire activity increases, the fire makes several 100-foot flame-length rapid runs within the existing burn—in dense, highly flammable Gambel oak. Fourteen firefighters perish as they try to outrun the flames. The remaining 35 firefighters survive either by escaping down a deep drainage or by seeking a safety area and deploying their fire shelters.

### July 3 – Summary of Activities

The Grand Junction BLM District is in very high to extreme fire danger. Ninety percent of its firefighting resources are committed to more than 40 new fires started in the previous 2 days.

A red flag warning is issued for dry lightning. Strong winds hamper the effective use of fire suppression aircraft.

One load—eight—smokejumpers, an air tanker, and lead plane are requested.

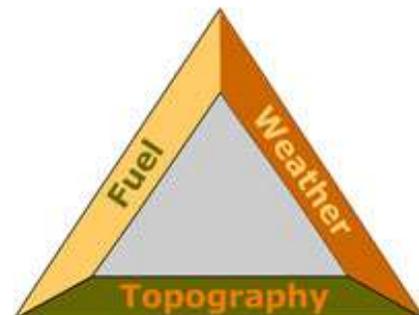
An engine crew arrives on scene. Its foreman's initial size-up informs: fire is inaccessible; two flaming trees visible, low spread potential, steep slopes. Until more resources can be obtained, it is recommended that the fire be observed.

Fire Control Officer requests more South Canyon Fire resources from the Western Slope Fire Coordination Center.

### Lessons Learned Discussion Points

Your fire crew is now dispatched to the South Canyon Fire. Given the following circumstances, what would you do to ensure that everyone is safe:

- Extreme fire danger due to condition of the fuels,
- Limited resources,
- Difficult terrain,
- Red flag warning for dry lightning and high winds.



Resources:

[South Canyon Fire Investigation. 1994. http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S\\_Canyon\\_AIReport\\_1994.pdf](http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S_Canyon_AIReport_1994.pdf)  
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		7	6		9		22
	ACRES		56	207		227		490
Northwest	FIRES	8					3	11
	ACRES	129					0	129
Northern California	FIRES					16		16
	ACRES					16		16
Southern California	FIRES				1	16	4	21
	ACRES				1	17	4	22
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	2			1	2	7
	ACRES	0	14			600	0	614
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			16	3	25
	ACRES		1,351			37	17	1,405
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4			3	1	8
	ACRES		366			601	18	985
Southwest	FIRES	6	1			3	5	15
	ACRES	3,720	0			51	1	3,772
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	9		1	11	4	27
	ACRES	0	846		0	57	3	906
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					22		22
	ACRES					104		104
TOTAL	FIRES	18	29	6	2	101	22	178
	ACRES	3,849	2,633	207	1	1,710	43	8,443

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	72	56	9	361	11	510
	ACRES	103	264,866	32,199	22,417	598,969	8	918,562
Northwest	FIRES	30	25	1	1	79	87	223
	ACRES	333	457	0	0	125	54	969
Northern California	FIRES	6	9			795	70	880
	ACRES	2	4			10,222	17	10,245
Southern California	FIRES	10	68	3	3	1,025	165	1,274
	ACRES	182	5,067	14	3	11,222	318	16,806
Northern Rockies	FIRES	316	8	0	1	102	88	515
	ACRES	2,486	33	760	0	1,610	152	5,041
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	87	2	3	147	39	287
	ACRES	15	10,701	1	0	21,315	58	32,090
Western Great Basin	FIRES		45	1	4	23	6	79
	ACRES		408	15	0	652	19	1,094
Southwest	FIRES	350	145	4	39	338	479	1,355
	ACRES	7,088	14,825	33	21,166	36,916	60,668	140,696
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	236	127	3	12	162	129	669
	ACRES	2,326	2,437	3,051	5,120	11,527	2,279	26,740
Eastern Area	FIRES	614		38	19	7,484	444	8,599
	ACRES	2,707		4,883	26	73,293	4,286	85,195
Southern Area	FIRES	513		45	21	14,777	431	15,787
	ACRES	32,278		1,579	137	203,096	18,794	255,884
TOTAL	FIRES	2,085	586	153	112	25,293	1,949	30,178
	ACRES	47,520	298,798	42,535	48,869	968,947	86,653	1,493,322

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>41,028</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>2,113,270</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	6						6
	ACRES	4,003						4,003
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				60			60
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						1	1
	ACRES						50	50
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	6	0	0	0	0	1	7
	ACRES	4,003	0	0	60	0	50	4,113

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					21,497		21,497
Northwest	FIRES	12	54	4	1		119	190
	ACRES	6,585	8,532	1,610	11		17,498	34,236
Northern California	FIRES	1	20	19	20	20	231	311
	ACRES	10	347	22,092	64	3,515	9,397	35,425
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	4	16	218	257
	ACRES		1,612	1,493	410	2,159	2,343	8,017
Northern Rockies	FIRES	72	23	99	8	25	159	386
	ACRES	2,325	3,873	25,262	1,240	920	17,281	50,901
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		19	6	7	31	48	111
	ACRES		1,712	2,745	520	1,874	10,264	17,115
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		7	14
	ACRES		68	1,395	546		638	2,647
Southwest	FIRES	27	18	10	4		88	147
	ACRES	1,575	19,397	8,870	163		41,732	71,737
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	38	56	113	18	49	135	409
	ACRES	5,749	8,215	25,641	2,484	6,300	19,528	67,917
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		365	26	1,348	163	1,949
	ACRES	62,783		55,268	5,514	83,158	58,013	264,736
Southern Area	FIRES	17		181	68	8,803	1,047	10,116
	ACRES	2,905		73,674	69,648	261,023	1,050,744	1,457,994
TOTAL	FIRES	214	202	809	158	10,303	2,215	13,901
	ACRES	81,932	43,756	218,050	80,600	380,446	1,227,438	2,032,222

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	162	1,089	345	14,436
Yukon Territory	0	0	58	150,997
Alberta	368	687	1,053	39,409
Northwest Territory	0	0	85	93,793
Saskatchewan	65	1,808	320	714,634
Manitoba	106	3,993	276	88,553
Ontario	248	903	643	13,175
Quebec	130	84	511	366,047
Newfoundland	8	23	28	791
New Brunswick	63	84	109	109
Nova Scotia	171	415	257	473
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	12	11	50	4,724
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,333</b>	<b>9,098</b>	<b>3,737</b>	<b>1,487,147</b>

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***