

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, May 18, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (97 new fires)  
 New large fires: 3 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 11  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

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

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

**Southwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 9  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

**Gladiator**, Prescott NF. IMT 1 (Reinarz). Started on state land one mile east of Crown King, AZ. Timber. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Community of Crown King evacuated.

**Bull Flat**, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Philbin). Twenty miles northwest of Cibecue, AZ. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

\* **Whitewater**, Gila NF. IMT 2 (Pierson). Fifteen miles east of Glenwood, NM. Timber. Active fire behavior.

**Sunflower**, Tonto NF. IMT 2 (Templin). Thirty miles north of Mesa, AZ. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**Elwood**, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Thirty-six miles northeast of San Carlos, AZ. Timber. Active fire behavior.

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
Gladiator	AZ	PNF	8,166	2,745	5	UNK	640	103	16	18	7	4	2.7M	ST
Bull Flat	AZ	FTA	2,145	245	50	5/20	352	24	7	8	1	0	1.9M	BIA
* Whitewater	NM	GNF	350	---	0	6/1	47	---	2	0	1	0	10K	FS
Sunflower	AZ	TNF	14,465	1,965	15	UNK	601	73	15	17	7	0	2.6M	FS
Elwood	AZ	SCA	1,600	0	50	5/23	143	-2	4	4	1	0	737K	BIA

### **Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 9  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Hewlett**, Arapaho & Roosevelt NF. IMT 2 (Richardson). Twenty miles northwest of Fort Collins, CO. Timber. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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
Hewlett	CO	ARF	5,090	4,108	12	UNK	550	221	26	32	7	0	1.2M	FS

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

New fires: 2  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Wall**, Carson City District, BLM. Seventy miles northeast of Fallon, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

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
Wall	NV	CCD	16,500	12,000	50	5/20	178	120	6	3	1	0	100K	BLM

### **Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 10  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Just Missed Again**, Merritt Island, NWR. Five miles east of Kennedy Space Center, FL. Grass. 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
Just Missed Again	FL	MIR	533	---	60	6/22	12	14	0	5	1	0	50K	FWS

### **Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 13  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **73**, Northwest Area, Utah DNR. Twenty-one miles southwest of Tooele, UT. Juniper and grass. Active fire behavior.

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
* 73	UT	NWS	400	---	20	UNK	39	---	0	9	0	0	50K	ST

### **Eastern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 21  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Holy Carp**, Minnesota DNR. Nine miles southwest of Baudette, MN. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity.

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
* Holy Carp	MN	MNS	385	---	70	5/18	30	---	0	8	1	0	60K	ST

### **Northwest Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 1  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Hickey**, Lakeview District, BLM. Twelve miles east of Lakeview, OR. Logging slash. Moderate fire activity.

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
Hickey	OR	LAD	300	200	25	5/20	167	163	5	11	1	0	NR	BLM

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Strong, drying southwest winds will continue over most of Arizona and portions of New Mexico today. Temperatures will be hot, resulting in low daytime relative humidity over most of the Southwest. Some light wetting rains will be possible across the eastern Great Basin into the northern Rockies. Widespread shower activity will occur over Florida.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>

Today's discussion is from the  
Fireline Leadership Category.



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Fireline Safety Category.

### **COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES**

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mop-up stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

#### **References:**

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 4

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northern California	FIRES					13	3	16
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES		3			10		13
	ACRES		0			0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						6	6
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6			5	2	13
	ACRES		56			402	1	459
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		12,000			0		12,000
Southwest	FIRES	6				1	2	9
	ACRES	2				0	1,965	1,967
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			4	4	9
	ACRES		0			5	4,135	4,140
Eastern Area	FIRES	4				14	3	21
	ACRES	4				10	29	43
Southern Area	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					28		28
TOTAL	FIRES	10	11	0	0	59	17	97
	ACRES	6	12,056	0	0	445	6,136	18,643

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					69	1	70
	ACRES					144	0	144
Northwest	FIRES	24	5		3	75	7	114
	ACRES	1,219	9,365		3	762	2	11,351
Northern California	FIRES	2	1	1	2	495	71	572
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	745	64	810
Southern California	FIRES	7	43	1	6	721	129	907
	ACRES	9	164	0	2	962	102	1,239
Northern Rockies	FIRES	473	10	10	4	76	38	611
	ACRES	23,658	2,617	751	620	2,180	744	30,570
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	56		3	129	15	212
	ACRES	103	419		0	1,563	160	2,245
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	73		4	44	7	131
	ACRES	12	31,820		0	2,832	537	35,201
Southwest	FIRES	264	61	9	4	189	174	701
	ACRES	6,894	3,031	14	2,228	9,329	27,960	49,456
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	360	47	19	4	451	95	976
	ACRES	17,342	409	1,238	818	33,150	15,074	68,031
Eastern Area	FIRES	641		32	11	5,358	275	6,317
	ACRES	1,612		1,334	397	64,560	5,249	73,152
Southern Area	FIRES	207		17	21	9,087	292	9,624
	ACRES	30,768		14,916	3,443	118,093	47,211	214,431
TOTAL	FIRES	1,990	296	89	62	16,694	1,104	20,235
	ACRES	81,617	47,825	18,253	7,512	234,320	97,103	486,630

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>27,023</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,032,631</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	1				7	8
	ACRES	54	23				323	400
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						70	70
Southern California	FIRES			1			0	1
	ACRES			256			93	349
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				5		325	330
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						31	31
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	600						600
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	1	1	0	9	14
	ACRES	654	23	256	5	0	842	1,780

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					2,270		2,270
Northwest	FIRES	3	47	3			111	164
	ACRES	851	5,130	900			18,615	25,496
Northern California	FIRES	2	13	12	21		141	189
	ACRES	107	203	20,880	151		10,933	32,274
Southern California	FIRES		6	5		1	152	164
	ACRES		1,521	381		550	4,040	6,492
Northern Rockies	FIRES	15	12	61	4	28	177	297
	ACRES	1,716	4,640	15,396	238	1,515	19,330	42,835
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	18	2	4	23	42	91
	ACRES	736	1,331	188	269	340	18,662	21,526
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	4		13	4	29
	ACRES		2,261	419		279	221	3,180
Southwest	FIRES	14	11	6	15		120	166
	ACRES	539	7,706	2,591	109		35,775	46,720
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	23	74	21	12	58	210
	ACRES	2,022	2,537	13,328	2,492	1,256	10,152	31,787
Eastern Area	FIRES	35		416	40	894	141	1,526
	ACRES	22,098		71,780	9,054	57,209	55,740	215,881
Southern Area	FIRES	22		117	52	6,761	821	7,773
	ACRES	4,743		47,264	37,384	415,387	791,517	1,296,295
TOTAL	FIRES	115	138	700	157	7,739	1,767	10,616
	ACRES	32,812	25,329	173,127	49,697	478,806	964,985	1,724,756

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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	7	14	174	1,111
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	1
Alberta	13	38	330	3,353
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	0
Saskatchewan	7	16	84	846
Manitoba	0	0	80	13,412
Ontario	0	0	233	4,048
Quebec	1	0	182	244
Newfoundland	0	0	25	1,464
New Brunswick	0	0	226	323
Nova Scotia	0	3	210	685
Prince Edward Island	0	0	5	9
National Parks	0	0	3	0
Total	28	70	1,555	25,496

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

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