

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 54 new fires reported yesterday. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southwest and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

A BAR, Coronado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Sierra Vista, AZ. No fire spread occurred yesterday, and engines and crews will continue mopup operations today.

BOILER, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles northwest of Poverty Creek, NM and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Active fire behavior was observed in the north and west portions of the fire with backing and occasional individual tree torching observed. Continued monitoring and mapping of fire spread is planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
A BAR	AZ	CNF	457	85	5/14	220	6	3	2	0	320K
BOILER	NM	GNF	19,825	0	UNK	44	2	1	0	0	186K
WALKER	NM	LNF	3,434	100	---	379	13	10	1	19	496K

LNF = Lincoln National Forest

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BERNARD	LA	BBR	157	100	---	26	13	3	1	0	8K

BBR = Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A low pressure trough moving into Southern California will lead to increasing winds for the Southwest states. High pressure over the Southeast should produce another day of low humidity from Florida through the Carolinas. Clouds and scattered showers will continue over Alaska as an upper trough remains parked over the area.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers.	54-72 Mountains 62-72 Valleys 78-88 Deserts	30-45% Mountains 40-60% Valleys 20-30% Deserts	SW 10 to 15 mph



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

ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

● If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

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- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.

● In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

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	4				7	1	12
	ACRES	1				158	0	159
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	1					2	3
Eastern Area	FIRES	5				2		7
	ACRES	20				0		20
Southern Area	FIRES					32		32
	ACRES					61		61
TOTAL	FIRES	10	0	0	0	41	3	54
	ACRES	22	0	0	0	219	2	243

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	138		142
	ACRES	20			672	437		1,129
Northwest	FIRES	4	1	1		8	11	25
	ACRES	1	0	1		4	1	7
Northern California	FIRES				4	111	16	131
	ACRES				2,210	23	11	2,244
Southern California	FIRES	1	6	1	1	261	56	326
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	30	100	132
Northern Rockies	FIRES	420	1	13		69	20	523
	ACRES	2,782	0	690		16,321	1,372	21,165
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11		1	17	3	32
	ACRES		20		0	314	0	334
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12			5		17
	ACRES		14			17		31
Southwest	FIRES	94	30	12	1	250	108	495
	ACRES	113	2,810	1,288	1	5,989	792	10,993
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	11	11	34	1	43	18	118
	ACRES	124	2	2,060	200	233	465	3,084
Eastern Area	FIRES	781		77	16	6,280	302	7,456
	ACRES	51,398		4,006	685	97,789	5,219	159,097
Southern Area	FIRES	90		8	11	9,047	274	9,430
	ACRES	20,250		914	756	134,193	7,975	164,088
TOTAL	FIRES	1,403	72	146	37	16,229	808	18,695
	ACRES	74,688	2,848	8,959	4,524	255,350	15,935	362,304

Eight Year Average Fires	31,734
Eight Year Average Acres	658,880

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	1					3	4
	ACRES	400					296	696
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						111	111
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						10	10
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						20	20
Eastern Area	FIRES	5		6		10	3	24
	ACRES	90		1,113		5,989	21	7,213
Southern Area	FIRES			4	1		2	7
	ACRES			1,817	57		4,310	6,184
TOTAL	FIRES	6	0	10	1	10	11	38
	ACRES	490	0	2,930	57	5,989	4,768	14,234

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	25	73	146	1		74	319
	ACRES	2,578	8,750	4,675	7		3,890	19,900
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	93	13		78	194
	ACRES	31	128	15,369	700		4,049	20,277
Southern California	FIRES		2	2	2		74	80
	ACRES		27	99	12		8,983	9,121
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	9	38	3	17	133	209
	ACRES	487	3,788	6,468	510	766	8,862	20,881
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	11	3		5	14	34
	ACRES	18	1,232	300		130	2,644	4,324
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	5	36	4	4		208	257
	ACRES	985	11,654	816	4,877		25,256	43,588
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	70	6	8	67	188
	ACRES	1,718	1,160	10,374	446	113	4,188	17,999
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		223	15	336	161	765
	ACRES	10,660		47,553	1,796	58,889	24,110	143,008
Southern Area	FIRES	50		239	41	11,445	1,073	12,848
	ACRES	8,979		84,540	59,782	705,160	833,028	1,691,489
TOTAL	FIRES	148	151	818	85	11,811	1,883	14,896
	ACRES	25,456	26,839	170,194	68,130	765,058	915,240	1,970,917

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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						1	1
	ACRES						20,125	20,125
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	20,125	20,125

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	38	488	147	1,137
Yukon Territory	2	1	6	11
Alberta	29	42	93	203
Northwest Territory	1	0	1	0
Saskatchewan	11	407	77	709
Manitoba	16	80	223	13,737
Ontario	24	30	217	943
Quebec	13	14	117	225
Newfoundland	0	0	7	18
New Brunswick	0	0	47	51
Nova Scotia	1	2	80	196
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	0	0
Total	135	1,051	1,015	17,231

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		5						7	
Northern California										
Southern California									23	311
Northern Rockies			1							
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	14	3	5	23	3				91	41
Rocky Mountain									1	
Eastern Area	1	1		4					9	1
Southern Area	13		16		1	1			5	
Total	29	4	27	27	4	1	0	0	136	353

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