

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2005 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Nationally, initial attack activity was light with 135 fires reported. Two new large fires were reported in the Southwest Area. Three large fire were contained, two in the Southern Area and one in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Texas, Maine, and New Hampshire.

ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES

ISLAND LAKE, Tok Area Forestry. This fire is 45 miles southeast of Northway, AK in open black spruce and dry tundra. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. No new information was reported.

TRACY AVENUE, Kenai Kodiak Area Forestry. This fire is nine miles northeast of Homer, AK in timber. Smoldering in the heavy fuels was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ISLAND LAKE	AK	TAS	1,200	10	5/22	72	6	10	2	0	363K
TRACY AVENUE	AK	KKS	5,400	95	5/16	73	5	0	2	1	NR

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOGGY BRANCH	MS	MSS	475	100	---	8	0	0	0	0	NR
COBIA	FL	FPR	610	100	---	8	0	3	0	0	NR

FPR = Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge

MSS = Mississippi Forestry Commission

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES

ST. CLAIR, Tonto National Forest. This fire is 20 miles northwest of Scottsdale, AZ in Chaparral. Moderate rate of spread due to prevailing winds and topography was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ST. CLAIR	AZ	TNF	1,218	50	5/15	175	4	12	2	0	\$110K
DOBBINS 2	AZ	PMA	488	100	---	1	0	1	0	0	NR

PMA = Pima Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A low pressure system will be moving through the Great Lakes region with high pressure over the West and East. Some moisture will be spreading into the Pacific Northwest while the Southwest remains dry. In Alaska, a series of weather systems in the Gulf of Alaska will be moving onshore.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southwest Mostly sunny and warm AZ. Partly to mostly cloudy NM and west TX, with a chance for thunderstorms across west TX and the eastern 2/3 of NM.	50s to 70s mountains and plains of eastern NM and west TX. 80s to near 100 lower elevations of AZ and southwest NM.	80 to 20% most of AZ and southwest NM, 20 to 40% remainder of NM and west TX.	W to SW 5 to 15 mph AZ and western NM, S to E 10 to 20 mph eastern NM and west TX.
Southern California Mostly sunny.	60 to 75 mountains. 78 to 90 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	12 to 25%.	Southwest to northwest 5 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?

- - 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					2		2
	ACRES					754		754
Northwest	FIRES	1				16		17
	ACRES	1				16		17
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				1			1
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					50	0	50
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	11				6	2	19
	ACRES	490				33	1,219	1,742
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					52		52
	ACRES					50		50
Southern Area	FIRES					39	1	40
	ACRES					164	4	168
TOTAL	FIRES	12	0	0	1	118	4	135
	ACRES	491	0	0	1	1,067	1,223	2,782

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	1	1		92	2	97
	ACRES	0	2	0		7,509	14	7,525
Northwest	FIRES	26	12	5		72	28	143
	ACRES	141	11	8		153	30	343
Northern California	FIRES					121	28	149
	ACRES					36	25	61
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	2	1	192	22	223
	ACRES	2	10	0	1	547	5	565
Northern Rockies	FIRES	241	3	15		74	18	351
	ACRES	4,543	136	480		1,244	1,291	7,694
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	9			7	3	20
	ACRES	790	2			55	0	847
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	2	3	2		17
	ACRES		14	70	6	0		90
Southwest	FIRES	113	30	4	4	191	89	431
	ACRES	5,819	1,208	1,501	9	20,692	2,248	31,477
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	37	11	13	2	87	19	169
	ACRES	2,427	11	148	3	14,852	1,614	19,055
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		28	31	6,034	361	6,943
	ACRES	7,037		1,518	940	49,831	7,429	66,755
Southern Area	FIRES	154		63	7	11,710	377	12,311
	ACRES	25,660		4,943	144	130,113	10,187	171,047
TOTAL	FIRES	1,063	81	133	48	18,582	947	20,854
	ACRES	46,419	1,394	8,668	1,103	225,032	22,843	305,459

Ten Year Average Fires	30,075
Ten Year Average Acres	608,144

*** 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	50					20	70
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						140	140
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					3	0	3
	ACRES					267	15	282
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1				4	5
	ACRES		649				2,000	2,649
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						201	201
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1			5	6
	ACRES			1,253			2,035	3,288
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	1	0	3	14	20
	ACRES	50	649	1,253	0	267	4,411	6,630

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					400		400
Northwest	FIRES	17	74	33	2		142	268
	ACRES	4,056	9,328	2,054	249		8,509	24,196
Northern California	FIRES	12	15	6	16		100	149
	ACRES	188	527	19,055	1,217		7,253	28,240
Southern California	FIRES	1	4	4	3		52	64
	ACRES	1,000	473	8	1,307		1,999	4,787
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	23	58	1	26	186	297
	ACRES	135	3,179	9,651	1	1,602	18,546	33,114
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12	4	1	11	13	42
	ACRES	1	3,491	711	12	371	2,491	7,077
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	10				13
	ACRES		74	2,711				2,785
Southwest	FIRES	3	23	2	7		198	233
	ACRES	631	21,911	3,210	12,175		45,168	83,095
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	36	94	12	15	86	272
	ACRES	3,709	7,962	17,784	10,309	2,476	23,737	65,977
Eastern Area	FIRES	29		369	32	953	120	1,503
	ACRES	17,410		60,408	4,272	59,040	24,357	165,487
Southern Area	FIRES	34		129	35	308	971	1,477
	ACRES	7,180		72,017	16,044	199,674	814,427	1,109,342
TOTAL	FIRES	129	190	709	109	1,315	1,868	4,320
	ACRES	34,310	46,945	187,609	45,586	263,563	946,487	1,524,500

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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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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	2	0	157	579
Yukon Territory	0	0	5	2
Alberta	14	141	357	4,372
Northwest Territory	0	0	2	301
Saskatchewan	2	0	57	1,313
Manitoba	4	130	45	1,037
Ontario	1	22	125	451
Quebec	7	3	179	197
Newfoundland	0	0	22	61
New Brunswick	0	0	153	253
Nova Scotia	0	0	129	443
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	9	18
Total	30	296	1,240	9,026

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	4	7		10	1	4			27	12
Northwest	1		7			1			4	
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	4		12		2				15	
Rocky Mountain			2							
Eastern Area		2		5		1			1	
Southern Area										2
Total	9	9	21	15	3	6	0	0	47	14

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