

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2005 – 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate nationally with 204 new fires reported. Seventeen new large fires were reported, three in the Southwest Area, three in Southern California Area, three in Western Great Basin Area, seven in Eastern Great Basin Area, and one in the Southern Area. Five large fires were contained, one in the Southwest Area, three in the Eastern Great Basin Area, and one in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

**SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

CAVE CREEK COMPLEX, Tonto National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Command Team (Whitney) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Bronco and Humboldt fires is six miles northeast of Carefree, AZ in chaparral, oak, and grass. Camp Creek Summer Home Area, Desert Hills Subdivision, the Humboldt Electronic Site, powerlines, and Seven Springs riparian areas are threatened. Rapid rates of spread with extreme fire behavior were observed.

PERKINS COMPLEX, Phoenix Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is 34 miles north of Kingman, AZ in grass. A communications tower on Mount Perkins was destroyed. Scattered residences in the urban interface have been evacuated. The town of Dolan Springs, Highway 93, power lines and wildlife habitat are threatened. Extreme rates of spread were reported.

COTTONWOOD, Coronado National Forest. This fire is five miles east of Catalina, AZ in mesquite and grass. Downdrafts from thunderstorm activity and rocky terrain are safety concerns. Ground fire with occasional flare-ups was reported.

GOLDWATER, Phoenix Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 16 miles north of Ajo, AZ in grass and brush. Native cultural resources and wildlife habitat remain threatened. Active fire behavior with running and crowning was observed.

AZTEC, Coronado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This fire is four miles south of Patagonia, AZ in grass and brush. Creeping and smoldering were reported.

NORTH GILA COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Fork and Johnson fires, is 13 miles southeast of Reserve, NM in timber and grass. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CAVE CREEK COMPLEX	AZ	TNF	12,800	0	UNK	227	7	27	0	0	NR	FS
PERKINS COMPLEX	AZ	PHD	23,000	30	UNK	77	3	5	0	1	NR	BLM
COTTONWOOD	AZ	CNF	400	25	6/23	58	3	1	2	0	NR	FS
GOLDWATER	AZ	PHD	45,000	15	UNK	23	0	6	0	0	NR	BLM
AZTEC	AZ	CNF	1,300	80	6/24	358	6	16	4	0	1.21M	FS
NORTH GILA COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	11,159	N/A	N/A	86	2	2	0	0	584K	FS
BLACK RANGE COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	12,500	N/A	N/A	40	1	3	0	0	185K	FS
SUNSET POINT	AZ	PHD	6,847	100	---	71	2	2	0	0	368K	BLM

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

PARADISE, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, San Bernardino Unit. A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Paul) has been ordered. This fire is one mile southwest of Morongo Valley, CA in chaparral, juniper, and sagebrush. Joshua Tree National Park is threatened. Windy conditions caused extreme fire behavior with 80 foot flame lengths and spotting.

SOBOBA, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Riverside Unit. A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Henson) has been ordered. This fire is nine miles northeast of San Jacinto, CA in grass. Rapid rates of spread caused by steep terrain and upslope winds were reported. Rain-damaged truck trails have limited road access and containment efforts. Road closures and evacuations have been lifted.

HACKBERRY, Mojave National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) has been ordered. This fire is 15 miles south of Essex, CA in chaparral and grass. Steep terrain is hindering containment efforts. Extreme fire behavior was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PARADISE	CA	BDU	4,500	10	UNK	573	15	50	3	6	NR	ST
SOBOBA	CA	RRU	2,000	10	6/24	465	18	56	4	0	NR	ST
HACKBERRY	CA	MNP	8,000	0	0	70	2	7	1	0	NR	NPS

### WESTERN GREAT BASIN INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

MEADOW, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 30 miles southeast of Alamo, NV in grass. Endangered species habitat is threatened. Low relative humidity, high gusty winds and extreme fire behavior are limiting containment efforts.

TOQUOP, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 22 miles northwest of Mesquite, NV in grass. Rugged terrain, erratic winds, and extreme fire behavior is hampering containment efforts. Weather permitting, burnout operations are scheduled.

TULE, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 25 miles northwest of Mesquite, NV in grass. Erratic winds and low relative humidity are hampering containment efforts. Extreme fire behavior was observed.

BADGER, Carson City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Linardos) is assigned. This fire is 50 miles south of Reno, NV in pinyon, juniper, grass and brush. Wildlife habitat is threatened. Significant progress on line construction was attained. Flare-ups and torching due to hot spots inside the fire perimeter were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MEADOW	NV	ELD	3,000	20	6/26	36	2	7	0	0	NR	BLM
TOQUOP	NV	ELD	2,500	10	6/26	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	BLM
TULE	NV	ELD	300	10	6/26	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	BLM
BADGER	NV	CCD	736	90	6/23	252	5	6	3	0	200K	BLM

**EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

RED, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 33 miles from St. George, UT in grass. Wildlife habitat is threatened. Running fire behavior was reported.

MAGIC WATERS, Twin Falls District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is eight miles southwest of Hagerman, ID in grass and sagebrush. Extreme fire behavior with flare-ups and running fronts were reported.

DESERT MOUNTAIN, Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 20 miles northwest of Delta, UT in grass, sagebrush, pinyon and juniper. Running and backing fire were observed.

POT HOLE, Twin Falls District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Glens Ferry, ID in grass and sagebrush. Fire behavior was minimal with smoldering observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
RED	UT	CCD	3,000	40	6/23	74	1	12	0	0	50K	BLM
MAGIC WATERS	ID	TFD	2,300	20	6/23	92	0	20	2	0	NR	BLM
DESERT MOUNTAIN	UT	RID	1,400	50	6/23	27	0	40	0	0	NR	BLM
POT HOLE	ID	TFD	3,500	85	UNK	54	0	15	0	0	NR	BLM
NORTH HAM	ID	BOD	2,800	100	---	24	1	4	0	0	NR	PRI
EAST HORSE	ID	BOD	1,390	100	---	34	0	9	0	0	NR	BLM
MM 64	UT	SLD	350	100	---	34	0	7	1	0	NR	BLM

BOD = Boise District, Bureau of Land Management

SLD = Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

### ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

SHEENJEK RIVER, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 12 miles northeast of Ft. Yukon, AK in birch, aspen, black and white spruce. Cabins and outbuildings remain threatened. No new information was received.

CHAPMAN CREEK, Alaska Fire Service, Tanana Zone. This fire is eight miles south of Coldfoot, AK in black spruce and tundra. Steep terrain is hindering containment efforts. Extreme fire behavior was observed in light and flashy fuels on steep slopes.

BILLY HAWK CREEK 1, Alaska Fire Service, Galena Zone. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 30 miles northwest of Huslia, AK in black spruce and tundra. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SHEENJEK RIVER	AK	UYD	64,000	15	UNK	283	9	0	5	0	1.35M	FWS
CHAPMAN CREEK	AK	NOD	47,000	0	UNK	73	2	0	3	0	368K	BLM
BILLY HAWK CREEK 1	AK	GAD	1,950	35	UNK	57	3	0	1	0	313K	FWS

### SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
HORSE PEN	TX	TXS	1,200	100	---	15	0	6	0	0	NR	PRI

TXS = Texas Forest Service

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** An upper trough will be moving across the Canadian border while high pressure remains firmly entrenched over the rest of the West. Drier air will be filtering into Nevada with most of the thunderstorm activity expected from the Southwest states northward into Utah, Colorado and Wyoming. In Alaska, weak high pressure covers the interior except for troughs over the southwest and northeast corners of the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Partly to mostly sunny west. Isolated to scattered wet and dry thunderstorms across eastern Nevada.	North Valleys: 85 to 100. South Valleys: 85 to 100. Mountains: 70 to 86.	North Valleys: 5 to 20%. South Valleys: 5 to 20%. Mountains: 10 to 30%.	West to southwest at 5 to 10 mph across western Nevada. South to southwest at 10 to 20 mph, gusts 25 to 30 mph elsewhere.
<b>Southern California</b> Mostly sunny.	Mountains: 70 to 85. Valleys: 90 to 100. Upper deserts: 90 to 100. Lower deserts: 110 to 115.	10 to 20%.	Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> More thunderstorm activity and slightly higher relative humidity values are expected.	Eastern plains: mid to upper 90s. Higher elevations: 70s to lower 80s. Elsewhere upper 80s to mid 90s.	Lower elevations in Wyoming and Colorado: 15 to 20%.	South 10 to 25 mph over the eastern plains.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## ENTRAPMENT AVOIDANCE

Avoiding situations where firefighters become entrapped is the first concern when devising strategy and tactics. The following discussion points are among the things that should be considered.

- Review how LCES relates to the 10 Standard Fire Orders.
- Discuss safety zone, entrapment, and deployment area:
  - Safety zone – a preplanned area of sufficient size and suitable location that is expected to prevent injury to fire to firefighters from known hazards without using fire shelters.
  - Entrapment – when a firefighter is trapped between the oncoming fire and a safety zone, causing burnover with or without a fire shelter deployment.
  - Deployment area – a selected topographical site that must be used when retreat to a safety zone is cut off by fire, has little or no fuel to cause flame impingement on the fire shelter, which will disintegrate it.
- Discuss escape routes:
  - Escape route – the travel route or path that provides the safety margin allowing the firefighter a retreat to the safety zone before the flame front overtakes the firefighter
  - Have multiple escape routes in case of cut off
  - Scout and personally observe hazards (e.g., cliffs, loose soils, rocks, vegetation, steep slopes, etc.).
  - Precut escape lanes to safety zones.
  - Use predicted fire behavior to assess impact on escape routes.
  - Time your escape routes before needing to actually use them. Account for slowest firefighters and or equipment. Know your escape time.
  - Clearly mark escape routes.
  - Do not locate escape routes near chimneys, saddles, narrow canyons or box canyons.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0	1	0		1
	ACRES		12,667	4,428	661	3,565		21,321
Northwest	FIRES		1			1	13	15
	ACRES		1			0	3	4
Northern California	FIRES					12	1	13
	ACRES					37	0	37
Southern California	FIRES	3					5	8
	ACRES	24					11	35
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2	1			4	5	12
	ACRES	1	0			1	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11			7	14	32
	ACRES		12,950			309	6	13,265
Western Great Basin	FIRES		29	1		1	1	32
	ACRES		12,941	3,000		1	40	15,982
Southwest	FIRES	1	10	1	1	9	21	43
	ACRES	0	38,000	200	0	218	10	38,428
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	17			4	1	23
	ACRES	0	10			0	0	10
Eastern Area	FIRES					11	1	12
	ACRES					3	1	4
Southern Area	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					56		56
TOTAL	FIRES	7	69	2	2	62	62	204
	ACRES	25	76,569	7,628	661	4,190	71	89,144

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	44	28	24	210	10	318
	ACRES	3	138,011	78,940	18,254	29,476	320	265,004
Northwest	FIRES	39	27	6	8	114	127	321
	ACRES	318	16	9	5	179	61	588
Northern California	FIRES			1		389	73	463
	ACRES			0		2,065	38	2,103
Southern California	FIRES	15	26	3	7	706	137	894
	ACRES	53	1,074	15	3	11,354	70	12,569
Northern Rockies	FIRES	270	5	16		115	52	458
	ACRES	4,564	153	913		1,264	1,305	8,199
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	80		11	94	39	228
	ACRES	811	26,152		2	4,364	10	31,339
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	95	5	8	12	9	130
	ACRES	0	23,698	3,070	12	21,017	45	47,842
Southwest	FIRES	836	82	9	22	640	374	1,963
	ACRES	7,854	87,379	9,237	55	42,809	21,124	168,458
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	126	63	18	6	130	75	418
	ACRES	2,681	98	172	9	14,887	1,628	19,475
Eastern Area	FIRES	496		31	33	7,196	410	8,166
	ACRES	7,052		1,720	940	54,469	7,610	71,791
Southern Area	FIRES	159		91	9	14,129	398	14,786
	ACRES	25,807		17,317	149	150,880	10,476	204,629
TOTAL	FIRES	1,948	422	208	128	23,735	1,704	28,145
	ACRES	49,143	276,581	111,393	19,429	332,764	42,687	831,997

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>40,219</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,075,484</b>

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**PRESCRIBED 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						2	2
	ACRES						100	100
Northern Rockies	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						11	11
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						50	50
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			3				3
	ACRES			70				70
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						443	443
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	3	0	0	5	8
	ACRES	0	0	70	0	0	604	674

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	91	33	2		190	334
	ACRES	5,651	12,267	2,054	249		17,641	37,862
Northern California	FIRES	12	20	133	24		161	350
	ACRES	188	1,098	24,624	2,225		17,971	46,106
Southern California	FIRES	1	6	4	9		71	91
	ACRES	1,000	683	8	2,002		5,251	8,944
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	28	100	3	31	231	396
	ACRES	135	3,244	20,212	22	2,131	22,096	47,840
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	4	1	10	38	70
	ACRES	1	6,944	711	11	128	9,590	17,385
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	10			2	17
	ACRES		106	2,711			2,775	5,592
Southwest	FIRES	8	30	2	9		223	272
	ACRES	3,062	35,258	3,210	14,212		64,016	119,758
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	38	99	14	16	100	296
	ACRES	3,709	10,074	20,099	10,312	2,501	28,629	75,324
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		449	34	1,023	132	1,674
	ACRES	17,502		67,582	4,422	66,882	25,442	181,830
Southern Area	FIRES	34		144	38	385	1,050	1,651
	ACRES	7,180		78,578	22,959	249,547	872,704	1,230,968
TOTAL	FIRES	142	234	978	134	1,469	2,198	5,155
	ACRES	38,428	69,674	219,789	56,414	321,815	1,066,115	1,772,235

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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						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				2			2
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				0		2	2
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES				1	1	8	10
	ACRES				1,870	5	23,114	24,989
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		4		1		1	6
	ACRES		1		1		0	2
Eastern Area	FIRES			16				16
	ACRES			97				97
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	5	16	3	1	14	39
	ACRES	0	1	97	1,873	5	23,117	25,093

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	5	2	443	26,616
Yukon Territory	1	30	38	11,187
Alberta	10	0	862	58,052
Northwest Territory	0	0	46	7,135
Saskatchewan	0	0	113	36,355
Manitoba	0	0	79	3,228
Ontario	13	18	334	2,780
Quebec	2	5,967	442	614,167
Newfoundland	2	1	80	2,515
New Brunswick	1	0	199	203
Nova Scotia	0	0	196	488
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	2	36	15,056
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3,496</b>	<b>2,868</b>	<b>777,781</b>

**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	12	2			8	1			114	42
Northwest	1				2					
Northern California	2		7							
Southern California	9	39	49	71	6	3			3	62
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	7		116	22	4				29	7
Western Great Basin	9	3	38	3	7	1			16	35
Southwest	24	6	39	33	7				195	102
Rocky Mountain	1		4							
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area			10	22	1	1			4	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>253</b>

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