

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate nationally with 160 fires reported. Six new large fires were reported, three in the Southwest Area, and one each in the Eastern Great Basin, Alaska and Northwest Areas. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Southwest Area, the Western Great Basin and the Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Minnesota, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas and Utah.

**SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

CAVE CREEK COMPLEX, Tonto National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Lousy, Broad and Cave Creek fires is six miles northeast of Carefree, AZ in chaparral, oak, and grass. Riparian areas, endangered species habitat, and archeological resources remain threatened. Steep topography, extreme fire behavior, flashy fuels and poor access are contributing to control problems. The fire made an intense run towards the Bloody Basin Road.

THREE FIRE COMPLEX, Tonto National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Three and Four fires, is eight miles northwest of Tonto Basin, AZ in chaparral and grass. Isolated torching with interior islands burning out occurred. Fire did not have any reported movement.

PERKINS COMPLEX, Phoenix Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Reinarz) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. This complex, comprised of the Salt, Pepper, Union and Chuey fires, is 34 miles north of Kingman, AZ in grass and shrubs. The Salt fire remains staffed with crews. Minimal fire activity was reported.

HUMBUG, Arizona State. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is eight miles south of Crown King, AZ in grass and brush. Pockets of heat continue to smolder.

SNAKE RIDGE, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is 12 miles northeast of Clifton, AZ in grass. Steep terrain and limited road access is hindering structure protection operations for Hickey Cabin. Upslope runs with rapid rates of spread and backing fire on grass slopes were reported.

MATUCK, Truxton Canon Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 25 miles northeast of Peach Springs, AZ in pinyon, juniper, grass and yucca. Wind and difficult terrain are slowing containment progress. Fire was active with spotting and torching observed.

HINDU, Truxton Canon Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 20 miles northwest of Peach Springs, AZ in pine, juniper, grass and brush. Fire is being monitored by ground and air. No further information was received.

PLAIN TANK, Truxton Canon Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 25 miles northwest of Peach Springs, AZ in brush. High winds were reported. No further information was received.

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. Fire behavior remains minimal.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CAVE CREEK COMPLEX	AZ	TNF	92,145	20	UNK	803	22	28	8	11	2.59M	N/A
PERKINS COMPLEX	AZ	PHD	21,600	95	6/29	238	4	5	4	0	1.34M	N/A
THREE FIRE COMPLEX	AZ	TNF	19,370	20	6/30	402	8	25	5	1	1M	N/A
HUMBUG	AZ	AZS	3,136	80	UNK	232	7	1	0	0	250K	ST
SNAKE RIDGE	AZ	ASF	750	NR	7/31	15	0	0	1	0	5K	ST
MATUCK	AZ	TCA	888	60	6/29	63	3	0	2	0	NR	BIA
HINDU	AZ	TCA	1,000	90	6/27	71	3	0	2	0	NR	BIA
PLAIN TANK	AZ	TCA	398	90	6/27	20	1	0	0	0	NR	BIA
NORTH GILA COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	13,313	N/A	N/A	48	0	1	0	0	789K	FS
BLACK RANGE COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	17,150	N/A	N/A	36	2	3	0	0	200K	FS
BIGHORN	AZ	PHD	4,000	100	---	23	1	1	0	0	NR	BLM
DRAIN	AZ	PHD	600	100	---	43	1	6	0	0	NR	BLM

### WESTERN GREAT BASIN INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

GOOD SPRINGS, Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Krugman) is assigned. This fire is 11 miles northwest of Jean, NV in juniper, brush and grass. Poor access to higher elevation fuels is slowing mopup operations. Minimal fire activity was reported.

SOUTHERN NEVADA COMPLEX, Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the South Desert Complex and the Mesquite Complex is near Mesquite, NV in grass, pinyon and juniper. Historic structures in Elgen, Caliente municipal watershed, a railroad, and wildlife habitat are threatened. Duzak, Meadow Valley, Halfway and Tramp fires are active, exhibiting extreme fire behavior. Anchor points have been established and crews continue to construct line and perform burnout operations.

COYOTE, Desert National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 19 miles north of North Las Vegas, NV in yucca, pinyon and juniper. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
GOOD SPRINGS	NV	LVD	31,611	60	6/28	533	16	18	5	0	673K	BLM
SOUTHERN NEVADA COMPLEX	NV	LVD	228,851	6	UNK	824	25	25	13	0	1.68M	N/A
COYOTE	NV	DSR	4,000	NR	6/28	1	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS
DEVILS PEAK	NV	LVD	567	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

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

BLUE SPRING, Dixie National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) has been ordered. This fire is three miles north of Leeds, UT in grass, pinyon pine and oak brush. Wildlife habit remains threatened. Heavy fine fuel loading, steep terrain and downed power lines are safety concerns. Interstate 15 was closed during the day. Running and crowning were observed.

WESTSIDE COMPLEX, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles northwest of St. George, UT in grass, pinyon and juniper. The evacuation for the community of Gunlock has been cancelled. Shivwits Indian Reservation, commercial communications sites, power lines, gas lines, and wildlife habitat are threatened. Highway 91 remains closed. Low winds resulted in minimal fire spread.

MT. BANGS COMPLEX, Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) has been ordered. This complex, comprised of the Lead, Elbow and Hatchet fires, is 15 miles south of Mesquite, NV in grass and brush. Lime Kiln Canyon Road remains closed. The community of Mesquite, Desert Tortoise habitat and wilderness values are threatened. High rates of spread due to gusty winds are creating extreme fire behavior.

CANAL, South Central Idaho Area Office, Department of Lands. This fire is one mile south of Leamington, UT in pinyon, juniper, and grass. Wind and sand hills are impeding containment progress. Fire was running and torching due to erratic winds.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BLUE SPRING	UT	DIF	10,000	30	UNK	180	4	28	2	3	500K	FS
WESTSIDE COMPLEX	UT	CCD	68,264	70	6/28	417	13	10	3	0	376K	BLM
MT. BANGS COMPLEX	AZ	ASD	20,000	40	UNK	121	4	6	0	0	NR	BLM
CANAL	UT	SCS	344	90	UNK	35	0	11	0	0	NR	ST
PENCE	ID	TFD	1,000	100	---	20	0	4	0	0	NR	BLM

TFD = Twin Falls District, 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 six miles northeast of Ft. Yukon, AK in birch, aspen, black and white spruce. Cabins and outbuildings remain threatened. Falling water levels in the Sheenjek and Porcupine Rivers are hampering crew movement with boats. Burnout operations were completed along the Porcupine River, and three to five foot flame lengths were observed in hardwood timber.

CHAPMAN CREEK, Alaska Fire Service, Tanana Zone. This fire is eight miles south of Coldfoot, AK in black spruce and tundra. The community of Coldfoot remains threatened. Steep terrain and extreme fire weather are impeding control efforts. Intermittent torching and crowning was reported.

LONG LAKE, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 13 miles northwest of Beaver, AK in mixed hardwoods, black spruce and brush. The community of Beaver, native corporate lands and allotments are threatened. Smoldering with some torching and runs was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SHEENJEK RIVER	AK	UYD	81,390	65	UNK	255	8	0	3	0	3.01M	FWS
CHAPMAN CREEK	AK	NOD	71,000	5	UNK	151	4	1	3	0	954K	BLM
LONG LAKE	AK	UYD	362	NR	UNK	23	0	0	0	0	NR	FWS

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HACKBERRY COMPLEX, Mojave National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) is assigned. This complex comprised of the Hackberry, Brant, Wildhorse and Ranch fires is 15 miles south of Essex, CA in grass and brush. Wildlife habitat remains threatened. Fire activity was minimal, and good progress toward containment was accomplished. Short, low intensity runs were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
HACKBERRY	CA	MNP	68,200	NR	6/27	1,065	25	57	4	11	2.30M	NPS

### NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

WALKER CANYON, Washington State. This fire is 40 miles east of Pasco, WA in grass. Significant progress made over the perimeter. Backing fire was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WALKER CANYON	WA	WFS	12,000	75	UNK	74	0	18	1	0	NR	ST

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** Monday afternoon across central and east-central Nevada, gusty winds & low relative humidity.

**Fire Weather Watch:** Monday afternoon across southern Nevada for gusty winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure trough will be entering the Pacific Northwest while high pressure remains over the Southwest. The combination of these two features will bring gusty winds to portions of the Great Basin. In Alaska, high pressure is building over the northern and central interior for warmer and drier weather.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southwest</b> Breezy to windy and dry in Arizona into central New Mexico. Scattered thunderstorms eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	Mountains: 65 to 90. Lower elevations: 90 to 108.	Arizona and western New Mexico: 5 to 20%. High mountains, eastern New Mexico and west Texas: 20 to 30%.	Arizona and western New Mexico: southwest 10 to 15 mph with gusts to 25 to 30 mph. Southwest to Southeast 10 to 20 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas.
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Partly to mostly sunny, with breezy to gusty afternoon winds.	North Valleys: 76 to 90. South Valleys: 86 to 106. Mountains: 68 to 82.	North Valleys: 8 to 24%. South Valleys: 5 to 15%. Mountains: 5 to 35%.	West to southwest at 5 to 20 mph with localized gusts of 30 to 40 mph.
<b>Southern California</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise partly to mostly sunny.	Mountains 75 to 90. Valleys: 85 to 95. Upper deserts: 90 to 100. Lower deserts: 100 to 110.	10 to 30%.	Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph.
<b>Alaska</b> Partly cloudy to mostly sunny. Scattered afternoon showers and dry thunderstorms in the southwest interior, Copper River Basin and Susitna Valley.	70s to low 80s.	Interior: 18 to 28%. South-Central Alaska: 25 to 35%.	North to east 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Isolated afternoon thunderstorms south, with scattered storms north.	Southeastern plains: upper 80s to mid 90s. Elsewhere: 80s to lower 90s. Mountains: mid 60s and 70s.	Lower elevations west: 15 to 20%, Mountains: 20 to 30%. East: 25 to 40%.	Southwest 15 to 25 mph in Wyoming, and 10 to 20 mph over Colorado. 15 to 30 mph southerly wind in the eastern plains.



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

## LOOKOUTS

Lookouts are often better situated to notice the cumulative changes of fire behavior.

- Fire Order #8 says, "Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations." Should you utilize lookouts at all times?
  - Lookouts should be posted at all times.
  
- What are you looking for when you are selecting a lookout location?
  - Choose a good vantage point, preferably with a good overview of the entire area where firefighters are located, including escape routes and safety zones.
  - Utilize aircraft if they are available, but only as a complement to established lookouts on the ground. Never rely exclusively on aircraft as your lookout.
  
- What are the desired qualities, capabilities, knowledge, and responsibilities of a lookout person?
  - Experienced firefighter.
  - Solid knowledge of fire behavior and ability to recognize and monitor other environmental hazards.
  - Good communicator--keeps the crew advised of fire behavior changes, tracks weather trends and relays the information, informs crew of work progress and updates from the latest strategy and tactical briefings.
  - Monitors and accounts for all individuals within his/her assigned area at all times, and will notify others if breaks are needed.
  
- What is the necessary equipment for a lookout?
  - PPE, radio with extra batteries, compass, binoculars, belt weather kit, IAP, map, food, and water.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	0	0	1		2
	ACRES		55,559	15,055	5,700	332		76,646
Northwest	FIRES					5	2	7
	ACRES					12,000	0	12,000
Northern California	FIRES		1			21	6	28
	ACRES		0			5	2	7
Southern California	FIRES			2		12		14
	ACRES			10		66		76
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2	2	5
	ACRES	0				0	4	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		12			6	1	19
	ACRES		25,162			424	5,000	30,586
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		124,217					124,217
Southwest	FIRES	31	2			4	11	48
	ACRES	465	1			23	61	550
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	2		3	5	7	20
	ACRES	3	0		0	0	9	12
Eastern Area	FIRES					15		15
	ACRES					3		3
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						18	18
TOTAL	FIRES	35	18	2	3	71	31	160
	ACRES	468	204,939	15,065	5,700	12,853	5,094	244,119

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	47	28	24	217	10	328
	ACRES	3	256,224	114,198	23,954	41,796	320	436,495
Northwest	FIRES	45	29	6	8	153	131	372
	ACRES	333	18	9	5	18,503	59	18,927
Northern California	FIRES		2	1		443	96	542
	ACRES		0	0		2,224	42	2,266
Southern California	FIRES	15	29	7	14	796	142	1,003
	ACRES	53	1,076	126	51,003	16,606	79	68,943
Northern Rockies	FIRES	271	8	16		126	58	479
	ACRES	4,564	185	913		1,620	1,318	8,600
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	138		12	124	55	333
	ACRES	811	103,249		2	4,210	120	108,392
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	102	8	11	14	17	153
	ACRES	0	276,945	6,572	47	21,017	107	304,688
Southwest	FIRES	916	97	9	23	686	438	2,169
	ACRES	13,308	106,440	9,237	213	46,207	115,024	290,429
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	133	84	19	9	153	99	497
	ACRES	2,692	113	172	9	14,914	1,641	19,541
Eastern Area	FIRES	496		32	33	7,266	415	8,242
	ACRES	7,052		1,719	940	54,492	7,614	71,817
Southern Area	FIRES	160		97	32	14,247	405	14,941
	ACRES	25,861		17,908	1,827	151,722	10,565	207,883
TOTAL	FIRES	2,043	536	223	166	24,225	1,866	29,059
	ACRES	54,677	744,250	150,854	78,000	373,311	136,889	1,537,981

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>41,212</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,189,439</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		1	1
	ACRES				140		105	245
Southern California	FIRES				1		0	1
	ACRES				6		1	7
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						16	16
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	1	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	146	0	122	268

**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	34	2		192	337
	ACRES	5,651	12,267	2,704	249		17,756	38,627
Northern California	FIRES	12	20	133	24		165	354
	ACRES	188	1,098	24,624	2,365		18,338	46,613
Southern California	FIRES	1	6	4	10		77	98
	ACRES	1,000	683	8	2,008		6,129	9,828
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	28	100	3	31	235	402
	ACRES	155	3,244	20,212	22	2,131	22,147	47,911
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	4	1	10	38	70
	ACRES	1	7,049	711	11	128	9,590	17,490
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		450	34	1,023	132	1,675
	ACRES	17,502		67,587	4,422	66,882	25,442	181,835
Southern Area	FIRES	34		144	46	385	1,063	1,672
	ACRES	7,180		78,578	27,168	249,547	877,571	1,240,044
TOTAL	FIRES	144	234	980	143	1,469	2,227	5,197
	ACRES	38,448	69,779	220,444	60,769	321,815	1,072,393	1,783,648

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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						22	22
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				0		2	2
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES				1	1	9	11
	ACRES				1,870	5	29,844	31,719
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		2		2	9
	ACRES		1		1		40	42
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				5			5
	ACRES				102			102
TOTAL	FIRES	0	6	0	9	1	16	32
	ACRES	0	1	0	1,975	5	29,908	31,889

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	4	111	457	26,729
Yukon Territory	0	7,892	41	19,079
Alberta	0	0	868	58,031
Northwest Territory	0	0	47	7,135
Saskatchewan	1	0	116	36,356
Manitoba	0	0	79	3,228
Ontario	8	10	365	16,812
Quebec	3	8,219	450	638,616
Newfoundland	3	0	84	2,690
New Brunswick	0	0	201	204
Nova Scotia	1	2	214	494
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	37	15,056
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16,234</b>	<b>2,959</b>	<b>824,431</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	8	4		1	5	1			139	44
Northwest	4		10	18	1	2			5	15
Northern California	8	1	18		3					
Southern California	31	5	59	15	8	1			117	82
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	25	2	78	27	7	3			125	13
Western Great Basin	30	12	35	18	15	6			165	60
Southwest	47	6	34	37	11	12			392	217
Rocky Mountain	2	1	14	2	1	1			12	3
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area										1
<b>Total</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>435</b>

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