

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2006 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 88 new fires reported. No new large fires were reported. Two large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, and Pennsylvania.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

CARDINAL, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Custer) is assigned. This fire is five miles south of Luray, VA in hardwood litter. Numerous structures remain threatened. Heavy fuels in steep, rocky terrain are hampering suppression efforts. Moderate rates of spread with one foot flame lengths were reported. Good progress was made on the north flank.

36 LINCOLN AND E 6TH STREET, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Lee County, FL in palmetto and timber. Twenty-five residences have been lost or damaged, and a power line has also been damaged, cutting power to nearby residences. No further information was received.

ACERA, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles northwest of Sharpes, FL in southern rough. Increased fire activity with spotting was reported. Interstate 95 and Beachline 528 road were closed due to smoke.

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Team (Rogers) is assigned in Midland, TX. The Team is assisting local jurisdictions with managing initial and extended attack fires within the 140 million acre fire management response area. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

CORBETT TRAIL, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is four miles south of Indiantown, FL in grass. Five outbuildings remain threatened. No further information was received.

FAR REACH II, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is two miles southeast of Tavares, FL in grass. Burn out operations are ongoing. No further information was received.

HI-CACTUS HILL, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Highland County, FL in grass. Creeping fire activity was reported. The fire is being monitored.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CARDINAL	VA	VAF	1,042	25	UNK	201	6	6	3	0	150K	FS
36 LINCOLN AND E. 6TH STREET	FL	FLS	1,875	40	5/15	0	0	0	0	25	5.1K	NR
ACERA	FL	FLS	5,304	80	5/28	0	0	0	0	0	4.8K	ST
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	4,928	NR	UNK	188	0	20	4	0	14.4M	TX
CORBETT TRAIL	FL	FLS	4,200	70	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	2.4K	ST
FAR REACH II	FL	FLS	650	95	5/15	0	0	0	0	0	6.2K	NR
HI-CACTUS HILL	FL	FLS	470	95	5/10	0	0	0	0	0	21K	ST
SIX PACK	FL	BCP	650	100	---	0	0	0	1	0	196K	NPS
SINK MOUNTAIN	TN	CNF	190	100	---	26	2	2	0	0	17K	FS

BCP - Big Cypress National Preserve

CNF - Cherokee National Forest

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

HUGHES LAKE, Huron-Manistee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mannelin) is assigned. This fire is five miles south of Luzerne, MI in timber and brush. Slow moving ground fire and smoldering were observed.

CHERRYTOWN, New York Forest Rangers. This fire is near Rochester, NY in timber. Moderate rates of spread and spotting across containment lines were reported.

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HUGHES LAKE	MI	HMF	6,000	95	5/5	237	5	14	5	23	620K	FS
CHERRYTOWN	NY	NYS	845	65	UNK	50	7	3	0	0	NR	ST

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watches: Southeast Arizona for strong southwest winds and low humidity. Most areas of interior Florida on Friday for continued low afternoon humidity.

Red Flag Warnings: In effect for most of Florida for long durations of humidities less than 35%.

Weather Discussion: A dry northwest flow aloft will result in low humidity over the mid Atlantic states southward to Florida. A developing upper trough in the Great Basin will bring low humidity and gusty winds to portions of the Southwest.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern Area Northern Virginia: Partly cloudy with thunderstorms (less than 0.1"). Florida: Mostly sunny.	Upper 70s. 80s to low 90s.	Near 40%. Mid 20% to 40%.	Light and variable. West 5 to 15 mph.
Eastern Area Areas of showers and thunderstorms across far eastern Illinois, Indiana, the southern part of the lower peninsula of Michigan, West Virginia, and western parts of Pennsylvania and New York. Fair elsewhere.	45 to 55 over the northern Great Lakes. 55 to 65 across the southern Great Lakes. 65 to 75 over the rest of the Eastern Area.	35 to 45% across much of the Eastern Area. Greater than 45% near any showers and thunderstorms over far eastern Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia, Ohio, and western portions of Pennsylvania and New York.	West to northwest wind at 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts possible over the Great Lakes and northern Indiana. Southwest at 8 to 13 mph over the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast states.
Southwest Area Mostly sunny, breezy to windy and dry much of Arizona and western New Mexico. Partly cloudy with a chance for thunderstorms and showers eastern New Mexico and parts of west Texas.	70s to mid 90s most lower elevations. 50s to 70s higher terrain and also northeast New Mexico and the Texas panhandle.	8 to 20% Arizona, much of New Mexico and southwest Texas. 20% to over 30% northeast New Mexico and the remainder of west Texas.	Southwest 15 to 25 mph and gusty, except east to southeast 10 to 20 mph across parts of eastern New Mexico and west Texas.
Southern California Area Night and morning low clouds and fog to the lower coastal slopes, otherwise sunny, except becoming partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon over the Sierra.	60 to 75 mountains. 65 to 75 valleys. 75 to 85 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	4 to 60% coastal areas and valleys. 20 to 40% mountains and deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.
Rocky Mountain Area No information was reported.			



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HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

“Risk management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – it is the way we do the mission.” The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

- Step 4—Decision Point (decision to accept or not accept the risk(s) associated with an action):
 - Consider whether controls are in place for identified hazards, whether selected tactics are based on expected fire behavior and if instructions have been given and understood.
 - Make certain the decision is made at the appropriate level; if not, then elevate to a higher level.
 - Reject the action if the risk is unacceptable.

- Step 5—Evaluation:
 - Ensure controls are implemented and accomplished to standards.
 - Supervise/evaluate effectiveness of controls and decisions. Stay on top of the situation and adjust risk controls as necessary.
 - Anticipate consequences of decisions; if controls do not work, determine problem and derive a better solution.
 - Adjust actions as the situation changes; maintain situational awareness at all times.
 - Maintain feedback line.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					92		92
Northwest	FIRES					15	2	17
	ACRES					53	61	114
Northern California	FIRES	3					1	4
	ACRES	1					1	2
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					1		1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1			1	4	4	10
	ACRES	0			1	154	202	357
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	4	6
	ACRES					0	21	21
Southern Area	FIRES			2		40	2	44
	ACRES			32		291	166	489
TOTAL	FIRES	4	0	2	1	68	13	88
	ACRES	1	0	32	1	591	451	1,076

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					16		16
	ACRES					95		95
Northwest	FIRES	12		2		25	5	44
	ACRES	15		3		68	62	148
Northern California	FIRES	3			1	174	11	189
	ACRES	1			0	1,552	1,239	2,792
Southern California	FIRES		4				27	31
	ACRES		10				11,096	11,106
Northern Rockies	FIRES	152	2	8	1	45	9	217
	ACRES	949	101	975	223	3,748	256	6,252
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	10	7			13		30
	ACRES	156	12			740		908
Western Great Basin	FIRES		18		2		1	21
	ACRES		105		1		0	106
Southwest	FIRES	270	63	1	40	568	216	1,158
	ACRES	1,710	2,055	431	3,498	259,626	14,167	281,487
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	56	10	26	3	253	42	390
	ACRES	823	56	1,605	0	128,666	7,535	138,685
Eastern Area	FIRES	405		39	45	7,790	387	8,666
	ACRES	5,716		937	247	62,041	12,921	81,862
Southern Area	FIRES	385		140	47	24,200	669	25,451
	ACRES	42,882		14,703	5,683	1,665,315	33,702	1,762,285
TOTAL	FIRES	1,283	103	132	137	33,074	1,299	36,175
	ACRES	51,863	2,339	10,615	9,151	2,121,047	87,054	2,292,081

Five Year Average Fires	26,095
Five Year Average Acres	522,900

*** 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				12	12
	ACRES		200				2,625	2,825
Northern California	FIRES			3				3
	ACRES			652				652
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						145	145
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					0	2	2
	ACRES					3	1,453	1,456
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		1,800				3,358	5,158
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		10				2	12
Eastern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			3				3
Southern Area	FIRES					11	3	14
	ACRES					5,080	2,028	7,108
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	4	0	11	21	37
	ACRES	0	2,010	655	0	5,083	9,611	17,359

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	15	110	51	1		73	250
	ACRES	2,986	7,427	6,602	98		6,479	23,592
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	6	3		59	83
	ACRES	101	222	18,557	14		744	19,638
Southern California	FIRES		5	2			50	57
	ACRES		285	24			1,723	2,032
Northern Rockies	FIRES		18	50	1	11	123	203
	ACRES		3,344	8,743	128	1,254	16,718	30,187
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	11	6	2	2	30	54
	ACRES	1,391	1,848	1,549	1,845	10	9,162	15,805
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	1				3
	ACRES		15	10				25
Southwest	FIRES	23	12	3	1		75	114
	ACRES	3,682	6,505	6,856	87		40,787	57,917
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	19	60	12	31	87	231
	ACRES	2,033	5,460	13,688	8,957	1,767	25,241	57,146
Eastern Area	FIRES	33		381	34	980	132	1,560
	ACRES	14,322		45,924	5,081	55,477	26,112	146,916
Southern Area	FIRES	21		138	45	221	608	1,033
	ACRES	5,839		63,227	13,442	112,174	456,774	651,456
TOTAL	FIRES	129	180	698	99	1,245	1,237	3,588
	ACRES	30,354	25,106	165,180	29,652	170,682	583,740	1,004,714

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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				4			4
	ACRES				1			1
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	4	0	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES LAST WEEK	HECTARES LAST WEEK	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	71	1,727	202	1,844
Yukon Territory	1	1	1	1
Alberta	97	3,180	365	3,181
Northwest Territory			0	0
Saskatchewan	32	720	61	720
Manitoba	26	319	44	339
Ontario	54	158	95	159
Quebec	63	75	106	75
Newfoundland	9	64	12	64
New Brunswick	77	246	186	247
Nova Scotia	33	1,519	151	1,520
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	5	474	7	475
Total	71	8,487	1,230	8,624

*** Canada fires and hectares are updated weekly. ***

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			1				
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies	1		4							
Eastern Great Basin			2		1				10	
Western Great Basin					1		1			
Southwest			6		1		5			
Rocky Mountain				2					2	
Eastern Area	10	14	20	12	5	3	1		148	94
Southern Area	7	1	28	16	9	2	3		158	60
Total	18	15	61	30	17	6	10		318	154

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