

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, May 26, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (121 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain incidents. **

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 23
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Lost Horse, Joshua Tree National Monument. Twelve miles south of Twentynine Palms, CA. Grass. Creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Lost Horse	CA	JTP	450	---	80	5/26	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	NPS

Northern California Area (PL 1)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Byron	CA	SCU	324	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	25K	ST

SCU – Santa Clara Unit, Cal Fire

Predictive Services Discussion: Today should be a little warmer in most of the West with widely scattered wet thunderstorms over the Sierras, Great Basin and Southwest regions. The marine layer in southern California should diminish. Scattered thunderstorms, some of them dry, are expected across the southern interior of Alaska. New England will see another day of low humidity while showers cover much of the Great Lakes.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



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

Thunderstorm Safety

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

- Do not lie down.
 - The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
 - Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
 - Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
 - Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!

- "Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.
- Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.
- Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridge tops, etc., should be avoided.
- If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.
- Put down all tools.
- Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0		0	8		8
	ACRES		674		245	753		1,672
Northwest	FIRES	1					4	5
	ACRES	0					6	6
Northern California	FIRES	1	2			8	3	14
	ACRES	1	0			41	0	42
Southern California	FIRES				0	21	2	23
	ACRES				150	127	1	278
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		3		1	1	10	15
	ACRES		5		0	2	1	8
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					54	2	56
	ACRES					56	11	67
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	2	5	0	1	92	21	121
	ACRES	1	679	0	395	979	19	2,073

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	1	2	146	1	151
	ACRES		700	0	300	40,805	0	41,805
Northwest	FIRES	21	14			77	38	150
	ACRES	77	24			244	80	425
Northern California	FIRES	9	4	1	3	183	57	257
	ACRES	15	0	0	1	1,056	280	1,352
Southern California	FIRES	2	13	3	2	743	86	849
	ACRES	0	381	4	97	2,255	91	2,828
Northern Rockies	FIRES	148	8	2		58	42	258
	ACRES	404	263	9		15,182	126	15,984
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3	3	46	11	87
	ACRES	20	50	187	0	173	9	439
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	20		1	18	6	48
	ACRES	20	202		0	68	5	295
Southwest	FIRES	261	98	4	22	355	236	976
	ACRES	6,968	39,950	1	1,343	129,573	32,775	210,610
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	119	31	13	1	169	33	366
	ACRES	782	40	533	42	61,410	204	63,011
Eastern Area	FIRES	327		29	24	10,417	436	11,233
	ACRES	494		715	110	100,854	6,385	108,558
Southern Area	FIRES	293		145	39	25,300	470	26,247
	ACRES	35,253		25,662	62,241	749,299	24,674	897,129
TOTAL	FIRES	1,184	212	201	97	37,512	1,416	40,622
	ACRES	44,033	41,610	27,111	64,134	1,100,919	64,629	1,342,436

Ten Year Average Fires	32,013
Ten Year Average Acres	1,020,490

*** 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
	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						4	4
	ACRES						138	138
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	138	138

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					2,873		2,873
Northwest	FIRES	10	99	19			69	197
	ACRES	3,645	7,718	4,068			11,666	27,097
Northern California	FIRES	26	33	18	32	5	172	286
	ACRES	224	164	20,855	162	1,156	8,439	31,000
Southern California	FIRES		6	5			112	123
	ACRES		459	143			10,453	11,055
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6	16	47	2	14	138	223
	ACRES	184	1,549	13,323	345	1,526	13,879	30,806
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	32	2	9	28	34	106
	ACRES	8	2,923	770	317	219	8,360	12,597
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	2			5	13
	ACRES		1,268	62			219	1,549
Southwest	FIRES	13	26	2	7		179	227
	ACRES	686	34,368	251	1,043		84,059	120,407
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	37	35	101	9	31	120	333
	ACRES	3,511	4,206	17,306	5,340	944	28,549	59,856
Eastern Area	FIRES	49		394	40	1,475	131	2,089
	ACRES	72,055		57,701	9,200	73,769	41,540	254,265
Southern Area	FIRES	5		237	70	753	1,038	2,103
	ACRES	2,370		123,019	75,066	266,429	988,523	1,455,407
TOTAL	FIRES	147	253	827	169	2,315	1,998	5,709
	ACRES	82,683	52,655	237,498	91,473	346,916	1,195,687	2,006,912

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	20	26	330	5,490
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	0
Alberta	20	60	527	1,574
Northwest Territory	0	0	2	1
Saskatchewan	9	1,023	227	5,103
Manitoba	3	98	35	1,533
Ontario	2	1	116	190
Quebec	3	1	188	289
Newfoundland	10	3	74	361
New Brunswick	1	0	139	224
Nova Scotia	3	3	90	910
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	0	17	19,368
Total	73	1,214	1,747	35,042

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