

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, June 16, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (97 new fires)  
 New large fires: 0 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 6  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain incidents. \*\*  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Southwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 18  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**Diamond**, Gila NF. IMT 2 (McBratney). IMT also managing the Meason fire. Confine / contain management strategy. Forty-five miles northeast of Silver City, NM. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

**Meason**, Gila NF. Confine / contain management strategy. Twenty-six miles north of Mimbres, NM. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity.

**Pasco**, Socorro District, New Mexico State Forestry. Forty-two miles south of Animas, NM. Brush and grass. No new information.

**Elk Horn**, Tucson District, Arizona State Forestry. Twenty-six miles southwest of Three Points, AZ. Brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior. Residences threatened.

**Pioneer**, Tonto NF. Eight miles south of Globe, AZ. Chaparral. Moderate fire activity.

**Little Alamo**, Coronado NF. Five miles west of Nogales, AZ. Grass. No new information.

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
Diamond	NM	GNF	10,542	1,545	NR	7/30	40	-5	1	0	0	0	1.2M	FS
Meason	NM	GNF	5,593	301	NR	7/30	110	-8	1	3	2	0	1.2M	FS
Pasco	NM	N3S	97,256	---	55	6/21	83	---	2	10	0	0	220K	ST
Elk Horn	AZ	A3S	11,000	5,720	18	6/25	199	4	7	6	2	0	598K	ST
Pioneer	AZ	TNF	1,375	0	45	6/18	108	0	3	4	2	0	2.5M	FS

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Little Alamo	AZ	CNF	841	---	90	UNK	24	---	1	1	0	0	NR	FS

**Alaska Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 1  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Tonclonukna Creek**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Seven miles south of Telida, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Running and group torching. Residences threatened.

**Cobalt Creek**, Southwest Area, Alaska DOF. Twenty-three miles North of Aniak, AK. Spruce and tundra. Backing and torching. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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
Tonclonukna Creek	AK	SWS	38,040	0	NR	UNK	25	-25	1	0	1	0	527K	ST
Cobalt Creek	AK	SWS	895	-605	79	6/17	36	0	2	0	0	0	268K	ST
Holokuk	AK	SWS	323	-227	100	---	46	0	2	0	1	0	152K	ST

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 12  
 New large fires: 0  
 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
Mid Night	FL	FLS	2,864	0	100	---	0	-3	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

FLS – Florida DOF.

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Warmer and drier weather is on tap for the Alaska interior today along with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. It will be dry and breezy over most of the Southwest with scattered thunderstorms over west Texas. Scattered thundershowers continue over much of the rest of the West.

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



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

### **Backfiring or Burnout Operations**

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
  - Lookouts are posted.
  - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
  - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Northwest	FIRES	3	1			3	4	11
	ACRES	1	12			0	1	14
Northern California	FIRES					6	2	8
	ACRES					29	1	30
Southern California	FIRES					15		15
	ACRES					2		2
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	1			4	8	16
	ACRES	2	1			0	1	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	2			2	11	18
	ACRES	1	1			80	212	294
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1					3
	ACRES	0	0					0
Eastern Area	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					13		13
Southern Area	FIRES					12		12
	ACRES					556		556
TOTAL	FIRES	11	7	0	0	54	25	97
	ACRES	4	14	0	0	680	215	913

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		17	12	3	223	3	258
	ACRES		8,994	1,613	2,570	181,077	0	194,254
Northwest	FIRES	71	73	1	4	184	157	490
	ACRES	220	1,614	2	2	582	292	2,712
Northern California	FIRES	27	20	1	5	555	224	832
	ACRES	22	19	0	1	1,498	306	1,846
Southern California	FIRES	7	21	3	6	1,110	186	1,333
	ACRES	0	473	4	550	3,436	2,495	6,958
Northern Rockies	FIRES	195	11	4	1	110	91	412
	ACRES	546	433	369	0	14,924	236	16,508
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	48	3	4	69	34	160
	ACRES	20	63	187	0	169	6	445
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	56		2	30	18	109
	ACRES	20	197		0	68	6	291
Southwest	FIRES	332	142	5	32	466	377	1,354
	ACRES	8,327	64,743	13	2,048	244,490	41,710	361,331
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	166	53	13	4	209	48	493
	ACRES	854	48	533	43	61,693	226	63,397
Eastern Area	FIRES	388		27	24	10,930	456	11,825
	ACRES	1,205		767	110	101,985	6,411	110,478
Southern Area	FIRES	293		150	39	27,087	479	28,048
	ACRES	35,253		27,204	62,241	834,128	24,727	983,553
TOTAL	FIRES	1,484	441	219	124	40,973	2,073	45,314
	ACRES	46,467	76,584	30,692	67,565	1,444,050	76,415	1,741,773

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>37,393</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,304,921</b>

\*\*\* 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					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	5	5
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	10						10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		500					500
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
	ACRES	10	500	0	0	0	5	515

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					3,068		3,068
Northwest	FIRES	15	100	19	2		82	218
	ACRES	7,122	7,746	4,068	31		12,258	31,225
Northern California	FIRES	26	16	17	33	13	186	291
	ACRES	224	2,515	26,529	163	2,410	8,663	40,504
Southern California	FIRES		7	9	4		130	150
	ACRES		484	748	263		9,495	10,990
Northern Rockies	FIRES	19	21	75	2	24	175	316
	ACRES	1,112	4,034	18,310	345	2,241	17,247	43,289
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	31	2	9	28	42	113
	ACRES	8	2,980	770	317	219	9,620	13,914
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	2			5	13
	ACRES		1,268	62			219	1,549
Southwest	FIRES	17	26	3	8		186	240
	ACRES	777	36,918	501	1,054		84,295	123,545
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	37	40	102	10	35	120	344
	ACRES	3,511	4,714	17,307	5,851	876	28,549	60,808
Eastern Area	FIRES	62		402	40	1,728	161	2,393
	ACRES	72,590		63,164	9,200	81,341	45,327	271,622
Southern Area	FIRES	5		239	76	780	962	2,062
	ACRES	2,370		122,984	88,609	282,212	914,711	1,410,886
TOTAL	FIRES	182	247	870	184	2,616	2,049	6,148
	ACRES	87,714	60,659	254,443	105,833	372,367	1,130,384	2,011,400

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### Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	33	5	709	38,118
Yukon Territory	0	0	35	22,128
Alberta	45	14,789	850	21,378
Northwest Territory	2	48	14	227
Saskatchewan	38	3,018	329	13,036
Manitoba	3	11	52	1,982
Ontario	0	0	145	207
Quebec	1	0	212	309
Newfoundland	0	0	92	371
New Brunswick	0	0	151	232
Nova Scotia	0	0	128	937
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	8	0	40	21,580
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>17,872</b>	<b>2,757</b>	<b>120,503</b>

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***