

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, May 24, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (59 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires: ** 5
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Nationally, there are 5 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

** Uncontained large fires includes only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.**

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

Department of Interior personnel are assigned to several locations in the Gulf of Mexico to assess and mitigate impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

- A total of 260 Fish and Wildlife Service personnel are assigned to Delta, Breton and Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuges, as well as Houma, LA and Mobile, AL.

- A total of 195 National Park Service personnel are assigned to Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jean Lafitte Park and Preserve, Everglades National Park, Dry Tortugas, Biscayne National Park, De Soto National Memorial and Big Cypress National Preserve.

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

New, Carlsbad Caverns NP. IMT 2 (Cowie). Twenty miles west of White City, NM. Brush. Rapid rates of spread. Commercial property threatened.

* **H12**, Cimarron District, New Mexico State Forestry. Fifty miles west of Raton, NM. Mixed conifer and grass. Wind driven fire behavior. A residence and outbuilding are threatened.

| 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| New | NM | CCP | 8,100 | 2,100 | 10 | 5/28 | 257 | 147 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 750K | NPS |
| * H12 | NM | N2S | 850 | --- | 30 | 5/24 | 41 | --- | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 50K | ST |

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 2
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

* **Beaver**, Uncompahgre Field Office, BLM. IMT 2 (Pechota). Five miles southwest of Norwood, CO. Timber and brush. Crown fire with torching and spotting. Residences and outbuildings threatened.

| 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 |
|---------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| * Beaver | CO | UPD | 3,100 | --- | 10 | 6/3 | 153 | --- | 6 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 400K | BLM |

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 8
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Toklat, Tanana Zone, BLM. Limited perimeter control incident. Started on state land 25 miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Moderate flanking and backing fire. Residences and outbuildings threatened.

Sucker River, Upper Yukon District, BLM. Two miles southeast of Ft. Yukon, AK. Spruce, hardwoods and grass. Creeping and smoldering. Two cabins threatened.

| 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 |
|---------------|----|------|--------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Toklat | AK | TAD | 45,036 | 17,036 | 1 | UNK | 130 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 550K | ST |
| Sucker River | AK | UYD | 400 | 0 | 30 | 5/27 | 67 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 319K | BLM |

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 9
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Meridian Boundary Complex, Michigan DNR. Ten miles east of Roscommon, MI. Pine and mixed hardwoods. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

| 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 |
|---------------------------|----|------|-------|------------------|-------|---------|-----------|------------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Meridian Boundary Complex | MI | MIS | 8,790 | --- | 75 | UNK | 68 | --- | 0 | 19 | 1 | 68 | 65K | ST |

Predictive Services Discussion: The large low pressure system over the West will move into the Rocky Mountains today with a surface cold front sweeping across the Four Corner states. Windy conditions will develop

across the central U.S. A large high pressure ridge will extend across the eastern U.S. with warm temperatures and light winds. A chance for isolated thunderstorms continues across the interior of Alaska.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Hazard Tree Category.**

FALLING SNAGS

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
 - Strong winds
 - Night operations
 - Steep slopes
 - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green trees:
 - Trees have been burning for an extended period.
 - High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area.
 - Numerous downed trees
 - Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead
 - Accumulation of downed limbs
 - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
 - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
 - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
 - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
 - Establish lookouts.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 80
[Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | 0 | | | 8 | | 8 |
| | ACRES | | 200 | | | 4,704 | | 4,904 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | 13 | | 13 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 0 | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| | ACRES | 0 | | | | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 8 | | 8 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 1 | | | | | 5 | 6 |
| | ACRES | 1 | | | | | 6 | 7 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | ACRES | | 620 | | | | 2,480 | 3,100 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | 9 | | 9 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 4 | | 4 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | 14 | 2 | 16 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 578 | 187 | 765 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 9 | 59 |
| | ACRES | 1 | 820 | 0 | 0 | 5,303 | 2,673 | 8,797 |

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-----|---------|--------|---------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | 2 | 3 | | 146 | 2 | 153 |
| | ACRES | | 214 | 3 | | 32,235 | 0 | 32,452 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 9 | 4 | | | 59 | 19 | 91 |
| | ACRES | 193 | 1 | | | 117 | 1 | 312 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 1 | 1 | | | 290 | 34 | 326 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | | | 832 | 9 | 841 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 4 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 382 | 67 | 482 |
| | ACRES | 2 | 4,741 | 6 | 2 | 2,491 | 123 | 7,365 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 283 | 4 | 0 | | 83 | 49 | 419 |
| | ACRES | 2,470 | 17 | 760 | | 707 | 149 | 4,103 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 5 | 17 | 2 | | 67 | 11 | 102 |
| | ACRES | 14 | 16 | 1 | | 494 | 22 | 547 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 16 | 1 | 2 | 11 | | 30 |
| | ACRES | | 18 | 15 | 0 | 46 | | 79 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 159 | 69 | 4 | 22 | 158 | 166 | 578 |
| | ACRES | 1,693 | 858 | 33 | 69 | 20,076 | 4,802 | 27,531 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 119 | 20 | 3 | 6 | 71 | 26 | 245 |
| | ACRES | 2,037 | 858 | 3,051 | 0 | 10,884 | 2,495 | 19,325 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 609 | | 19 | 8 | 6,727 | 395 | 7,758 |
| | ACRES | 2,706 | | 3,920 | 4 | 70,053 | 4,204 | 80,887 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 493 | | 42 | 20 | 13,657 | 393 | 14,605 |
| | ACRES | 32,015 | | 1,558 | 108 | 178,633 | 16,685 | 228,999 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 1,682 | 158 | 76 | 60 | 21,651 | 1,162 | 24,789 |
| | ACRES | 41,130 | 6,723 | 9,347 | 183 | 316,568 | 28,490 | 402,441 |

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| Ten Year Average Fires | 30,073 |
| Ten Year Average Acres | 933,717 |

*** 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 | | | | | | 4 | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 11 | 11 |
| 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 | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 600 | 600 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | 2 | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 2,000 | | 2,000 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 | 611 | 2,611 |

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | 2 | | | 11 | | 13 |
| | ACRES | | 3,000 | | | 21,497 | | 24,497 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 6 | 41 | 10 | 1 | | 96 | 154 |
| | ACRES | 2,582 | 6,786 | 1,986 | 11 | | 17,061 | 28,426 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 1 | 20 | 10 | 18 | | 192 | 241 |
| | ACRES | 10 | 347 | 19,018 | 28 | | 6,520 | 25,923 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | 7 | 9 | | | 213 | 229 |
| | ACRES | | 1,157 | 1,313 | | | 1,764 | 4,234 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 68 | 21 | 97 | 8 | 25 | 150 | 369 |
| | ACRES | 2,296 | 3,860 | 25,030 | 1,240 | 920 | 17,204 | 50,550 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 17 | 6 | 3 | 23 | 37 | 86 |
| | ACRES | | 1,689 | 2,745 | 290 | 694 | 7,485 | 12,903 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 3 | 2 | 1 | | 5 | 11 |
| | ACRES | | 68 | 1,395 | 83 | | 118 | 1,664 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 17 | 17 | 5 | 5 | | 82 | 126 |
| | ACRES | 421 | 18,276 | 131 | 840 | | 32,835 | 52,503 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 34 | 54 | 99 | 17 | 42 | 150 | 396 |
| | ACRES | 1,727 | 6,175 | 21,781 | 2,464 | 5,810 | 20,651 | 58,608 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 47 | | 231 | 24 | 1,109 | 146 | 1,557 |
| | ACRES | 62,783 | | 36,678 | 5,511 | 74,003 | 57,110 | 236,085 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 15 | | 179 | 64 | 8,753 | 1,088 | 10,099 |
| | ACRES | 2,705 | | 73,108 | 56,838 | 241,069 | 1,086,230 | 1,459,950 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 188 | 182 | 648 | 141 | 9,963 | 2,159 | 13,281 |
| | ACRES | 72,524 | 41,358 | 183,185 | 67,305 | 343,993 | 1,246,978 | 1,955,343 |

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

Canada Fires and Hectares

| Provinces | Fires Yesterday | Hectares Yesterday | Fires Year-To-Date | Hectares Year-To-Date |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| British Columbia | 162 | 1,089 | 228 | 1,823 |
| Yukon Territory | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Alberta | 368 | 687 | 554 | 1,731 |
| Northwest Territory | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Saskatchewan | 65 | 1,808 | 149 | 13,345 |
| Manitoba | 106 | 3,993 | 147 | 8,600 |
| Ontario | 248 | 903 | 362 | 2,826 |
| Quebec | 130 | 84 | 225 | 2,123 |
| Newfoundland | 8 | 23 | 10 | 23 |
| New Brunswick | 63 | 84 | 87 | 95 |
| Nova Scotia | 171 | 415 | 215 | 437 |
| Prince Edward Island | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| National Parks | 12 | 11 | 12 | 11 |
| Total | 1,333 | 9,098 | 1,998 | 31,019 |

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