

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, May 27, 2010 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (91 new fires)  
 New large fires: 4 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 8  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Nationally, there are 6 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 312 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 230 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: 7  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**New**, Carlsbad Caverns NP. IMT 2 (Cowie). Twenty miles west of White City, NM. Brush. Minimal fire activity due to higher humidity. Two structures threatened.

**H12**, Cimarron District, New Mexico State Forestry. IMT 2 (Small). Fifty miles west of Raton, NM. Mixed conifer and grass. No new information.

\* **Horseshoe**, Coronado NF. Seven miles southwest of Portal, AZ. Timber. Running fire with isolated torching and spotting. Trail closures in effect.

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	17,235	1,214	50	UNK	399	-51	9	9	4	0	2.79M	NPS
H12	NM	N2S	3,800	---	55	UNK	185	---	6	6	2	0	350K	ST
* Horseshoe	AZ	CNF	300	---	0	6/1	44	---	20	8	6	0	300K	FS

### Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11  
New large fires: 2  
Uncontained large fires: 3

**Toklat**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Limited perimeter control incident. Started on state land 25 miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Running, flanking and short range spotting. Residences and outbuildings threatened.

\* **Eagle Trail**, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. One mile south of Tanacross, AK. Spruce. Active fire behavior. Village of Tanacross evacuated and numerous structures threatened.

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

**Broken Tree**, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Thirty-two miles west of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Smoldering. Outbuildings threatened.

\* **Mississippi Impact Area**, Alaska Fire Service, Military Zone. Limited perimeter control incident. Started on military land ten miles southwest of Delta Junction, AK. Spruce and grass. Creeping with isolated torching. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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	49,624	3,553	1	UNK	114	-17	4	0	3	0	938K	ST
* Eagle Trail	AK	TAS	2,000	---	0	UNK	95	---	4	13	2	0	NR	ST
Sucker River	AK	UYD	397	0	60	5/27	67	0	3	0	1	0	422k	BLM
Broken Tree	AK	FAS	112	4	40	5/29	49	-22	4	0	0	0	362K	ST
* Mississippi Impact Area	AK	MID	100	---	NR	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	DOD

### Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

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

**Beaver**, Uncompahgre Field Office, BLM. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Pechota) back to the local unit tentatively planned for tomorrow. Five miles southeast of Norwood, CO. Timber and brush. Fire activity limited to interior burning.

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	2,610	85	60	5/28	266	-14	5	13	2	0	926K	BLM

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 36  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Iron Mountain**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land eight miles north of Marathon, TX. Brush. No further information 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
* Iron Mountain	TX	TXS	1,500	---	80	5/27	34	---	0	10	0	0	NR	PRI

**Predictive Services Discussion: Significant fire potential in the form of warm temperatures, low relative humidity, and dry thunderstorms is forecast for central and eastern Alaska. Significant fire potential is expected across the Four Corners area today with dry and windy conditions.** A large low pressure system will approach the West Coast today with winds increasing from southern California into the Rocky Mountains. Wet thunderstorms will develop across portions of the Northwest and Northern Rockies, as well as the central mountains of New Mexico. Warm temperatures are expected in the East with low relative humidity developing across the Great Lakes and New England.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Fireline Safety Category.

### COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mop-up stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

#### References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg 4  
[Fireline Handbook](#)  
[Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		3			7	1	11
	ACRES		80			532	0	612
Northwest	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					2	0	2
Northern California	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					2		2
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	1				3	7
	ACRES	1	2				400	403
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					15	3	18
	ACRES					6	1	7
Southern Area	FIRES			0		34	2	36
	ACRES			17		264	3	284
TOTAL	FIRES	3	4	0	0	74	10	91
	ACRES	1	82	17	0	806	404	1,310

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		5	3		167	3	178
	ACRES		709	3		50,507	1	51,220
Northwest	FIRES	9	4			60	21	94
	ACRES	193	1			119	1	314
Northern California	FIRES	1	1			315	34	351
	ACRES	0	0			835	9	844
Southern California	FIRES	4	26	2	2	414	67	515
	ACRES	2	4,881	6	2	2,502	123	7,516
Northern Rockies	FIRES	284	4	0		84	52	424
	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	175	74	4	22	166	176	617
	ACRES	1,713	989	33	69	20,320	5,205	28,329
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	119	20	3	6	78	31	257
	ACRES	2,037	660	3,051	0	10,896	2,206	18,850
Eastern Area	FIRES	609		19	8	6,808	407	7,851
	ACRES	2,706		3,920	4	70,034	4,224	80,888
Southern Area	FIRES	493		42	20	12,837	398	13,790
	ACRES	32,015		1,575	108	170,725	16,691	221,114
TOTAL	FIRES	1,699	167	76	60	21,007	1,200	24,209
	ACRES	41,150	7,291	9,364	183	327,185	28,631	413,804

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>30,573</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>967,256</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				0		0	0
	ACRES				2		10	12
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						28	28
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					500		500
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				0		2	2
	ACRES				14		2,350	2,364
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			240				240
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			158				158
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						116	116
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	4	0	0	5	9
	ACRES	0	0	398	16	500	2,506	3,420

### 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	6	1		96	150
	ACRES	2,582	6,786	1,867	11		17,061	28,307
Northern California	FIRES	1	20	10	18		195	244
	ACRES	10	347	20,625	31		6,570	27,583
Southern California	FIRES		7	9		3	213	232
	ACRES		1,157	1,313		25	1,801	4,296
Northern Rockies	FIRES	68	21	97	8	25	156	375
	ACRES	2,296	3,860	25,030	1,240	920	17,231	50,577
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		17	6	3	23	37	86
	ACRES		1,689	2,745	290	1,194	7,488	13,406
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	1		5	11
	ACRES		68	1,395	83		118	1,664
Southwest	FIRES	19	17	5	5		87	133
	ACRES	1,333	18,276	131	882		36,190	56,812
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	34	55	102	17	46	150	404
	ACRES	1,727	6,315	22,501	2,464	6,059	20,651	59,717
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		233	24	1,101	150	1,555
	ACRES	62,783		36,836	5,511	74,640	57,328	237,098
Southern Area	FIRES	15		179	64	8,755	1,101	10,114
	ACRES	2,705		73,108	56,838	241,829	1,098,836	1,473,316
TOTAL	FIRES	190	183	649	141	9,964	2,190	13,317
	ACRES	73,436	41,498	185,551	67,350	346,164	1,263,274	1,977,273

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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	233	1,905
Yukon Territory	0	0	8	51
Alberta	368	687	687	1,736
Northwest Territory	0	0	3	2
Saskatchewan	65	1,808	150	13,345
Manitoba	106	3,993	151	26,408
Ontario	248	903	388	7,448
Quebec	130	84	264	2,399
Newfoundland	8	23	12	23
New Brunswick	63	84	96	107
Nova Scotia	171	415	218	439
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	5
National Parks	12	11	12	11
Total	1,333	9,098	2,223	53,879

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