

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, June 23, 2010 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (106 new fires)
New large fires:	2 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	13
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	9

Nationally, there are 38 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

\*\* Uncontained large fires include 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 510 personnel are assigned to the Fish and Wildlife Service at Delta, Breton and Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuges, as well as Houma, LA and Mobile, AL.

- A total of 88 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 4)**

New fires:	11
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	8
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	7

**Schultz**, Coconino NF. IMT1 (Hughes). Four miles north of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**South Fork**, Santa Fe NF. IMT 2 (Templin). Twenty miles west of Espanola, NM. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with profuse spotting and long duration runs. Municipal watershed impacted.

**Long Canyon**, Las Cruces District, BLM. IMT2 (Cowie). Four miles east of Las Cruces, NM. Brush and grass. Running fire. Residences threatened. Decrease in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Horseshoe**, Coronado NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (McBratney) to IMT2 (Hutton) will occur today. Five miles south of Portal, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire activity with isolated interior torching.

**Hardy**, Flagstaff District, Arizona Dept. of Lands. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Hall) back to local unit will occur today. Two miles southeast of Flagstaff, AZ. Timber. Interior smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Eagle Rock**, Kaibab NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Nelson) back to local unit will occur tomorrow. Eleven miles northeast of Williams, AZ. Timber. Smoldering.

**Paradise**, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. IMT 2 (Small). Limited perimeter control incident. Sixteen miles southeast of Alpine, AZ. Timber. Moderate fire activity with torching, upslope runs and short-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened.

**Tecolote**, Santa Fe NF. Fifteen miles northwest of Las Vegas, NM. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

**Aspen**, Gila NF. Twenty-six miles northwest of San Lorenzo, NM. Timber. Backing fire.

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
Schultz	AZ	COF	14,000	4,000	20	UNK	947	275	24	62	7	0	1.8M	FS
South Fork	NM	SNF	14,310	420	40	7/7	445	-1	10	12	6	0	5.9M	FS
Long Canyon	NM	LCD	1,340	-2,160	20	6/25	171	136	5	3	3	0	150K	BLM
Horseshoe	AZ	CNF	3,401	1	25	7/10	143	12	2	2	3	0	9.1M	FS
Hardy	AZ	A2S	282	0	80	6/26	216	-3	6	10	0	0	717K	ST
Eagle Rock	AZ	KNF	3,420	0	80	6/23	319	-44	5	18	1	0	3.1M	FS
Paradise	AZ	ASF	4,330	330	N/A	N/A	234	209	6	8	1	0	162K	FS
Tecolote	NM	SNF	812	0	70	UNK	111	-220	3	2	1	0	5.3M	FS
Aspen	NM	GNF	3,300	0	80	UNK	51	0	1	0	0	0	NR	FS

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

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

**Parkdale Canyon**, Pueblo County. IMT2 (Pechota). Seven miles northwest of Canon City, CO. Pinyon pine, juniper and brush. Smoldering with isolated torching. Numerous residences, power lines and communications facility threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

**Medano**, Great Sand Dunes Monument, NPS. IMT 2 (Hahnenberg). Confine/contain incident. Nineteen miles southeast of Crestone, CO. Timber and brush. Backing and flanking fire with short duration crown runs.

**Water Creek**, Glenwood Springs Field Office, BLM. Eight miles northwest of Rifle, CO. Dead and down timber. Isolated interior torching. Structures threatened. 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
Parkdale Canyon	CO	PBX	700	50	15	6/24	175	-103	3	27	3	1	325K	CNTY
Medano	CO	GSP	4,772	59	N/A	N/A	216	-16	7	7	2	0	824K	NPS
Water Creek	CO	GWD	109	-66	20	UNK	138	0	3	1	0	0	NR	BLM

### Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 21  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Fine**, Fresno-Kings Unit, Cal Fire. Five miles northeast of Friant, CA. Mixed oak, pine and grass. Moderate fire activity. Evacuation advisory 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
* Fine	CA	FKU	250	---	20	UNK	200	---	9	20	4	0	100K	ST

### Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Sheklukshuk Range**, Galena Zone, Alaska Fire Service. Twenty miles south of Ambler, AK. Tundra and 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
* Sheklukshuk Range	AK	GAD	400	---	0	UNK	8	---	0	0	0	0	11K	BLM

### Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 28  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Fathers Day**, Texas Forest Service. Thirty-two miles northwest of Fort Davis, TX. Timber and grass. 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
Fathers Day	TX	TXS	4,300	300	90	UNK	39	-16	2	3	0	0	NR	ST
Chiplote	TX	TXS	500	0	100	---	13	0	0	6	0	0	NR	ST

**Predictive Services Discussion: Significant fire potential is forecast for southeast Arizona and western New Mexico due to possible dry thunderstorms.** Winds will decrease today across the West, in between storm systems. Alaska will continue to see warm and dry conditions, with dry thunderstorms possible across the interior.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, and  
Safety Zones) Category.

### SAFETY ZONES (part 1)

A safety zone is a location where the threatened firefighter can find adequate refuge from an approaching fire.

- What is the difference between a safety zone and a deployment site?
  - The safety zone is the area where a firefighter can survive without using a fire shelter. The deployment site is used when fire conditions are such that escape routes and safety zones have been compromised.
  
- How do you identify a good safety zone?
  - Consider the distance from the escaped fire as well as topography, winds, fire behavior, and fuels in the area.
  - The best locations are usually “in the black;” those with a minimum of, or devoid of, ground/aerial vegetation; or large bodies of water.
  - Location is scouted and marked well for visibility at all times.
  - Location has been reassessed in relation to line work progress, fatigue, changes in fire behavior, and arrival of additional resources.
  - For radiant heat only, the distance separation between the firefighter and the flames must be at least four times the maximum flame height. This distance must be maintained on all sides, if the fire has ability to burn completely around the safety zone. Convective heat from wind and/or terrain influences will increase this distance requirement.
  - Take advantage of heat barriers such as lee side of ridges, large rocks, or solid structures.

What should you avoid in selecting a safety zone?

- Avoid locations that are downwind from the fire.
- Avoid locations that are in chimneys, saddles, or narrow canyons.
- Avoid locations that require a steep uphill escape route.

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations  
“LCES and Other Thoughts” by Paul Gleason](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		2			3		5
	ACRES		81			60		141
Northwest	FIRES		2				2	4
	ACRES		2				0	2
Northern California	FIRES		2			20	1	23
	ACRES		0			169	0	169
Southern California	FIRES					21		21
	ACRES					33		33
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					1	0	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	2	1		1	2	5	11
	ACRES	251	0		13	0	4,988	5,252
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					28		28
	ACRES					208		208
TOTAL	FIRES	2	10	0	1	84	9	106
	ACRES	251	83	0	13	471	4,988	5,806

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		43	37	6	301	10	397
	ACRES		237,727	25,572	22,389	567,397	8	853,093
Northwest	FIRES	16	11			69	47	143
	ACRES	204	71			121	49	445
Northern California	FIRES	3	3			652	60	718
	ACRES	1	0			9,595	13	9,609
Southern California	FIRES	7	59	3	2	862	137	1,070
	ACRES	2	5,063	14	2	8,964	269	14,314
Northern Rockies	FIRES	301	4	0	1	88	68	462
	ACRES	2,477	17	760	0	707	149	4,110
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	48	2	2	116	20	197
	ACRES	15	3,355	1	0	610	24	4,005
Western Great Basin	FIRES		32	1	3	16	4	56
	ACRES		21	15	0	47	1	84
Southwest	FIRES	296	121	4	40	250	371	1,082
	ACRES	2,482	12,297	33	29,184	27,116	54,674	125,786
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	157	74	3	9	116	91	450
	ACRES	2,309	783	3,051	5,000	11,422	2,260	24,825
Eastern Area	FIRES	614		19	19	7,343	448	8,443
	ACRES	2,707		3,920	26	73,010	4,285	83,948
Southern Area	FIRES	505		43	22	14,274	416	15,260
	ACRES	32,224		1,577	137	198,318	17,413	249,669
TOTAL	FIRES	1,908	395	112	104	24,087	1,672	28,278
	ACRES	42,421	259,334	34,943	56,738	897,307	79,145	1,369,888

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>37,535</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,536,678</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						1	1
	ACRES						15	15
Northern California	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					10	85	95
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				6			6
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		1					1
	ACRES		50					50
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	1	2	5
	ACRES	0	50	0	6	10	100	166

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					21,497		21,497
Northwest	FIRES	6	54	6	1		108	175
	ACRES	2,582	8,532	1,867	11		17,297	30,289
Northern California	FIRES	1	20	19	19	10	224	293
	ACRES	10	347	22,092	34	757	9,287	32,527
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	2	15	218	254
	ACRES		1,262	1,493	79	1,434	2,342	6,610
Northern Rockies	FIRES	72	23	99	8	25	158	385
	ACRES	2,325	3,873	25,262	1,240	920	17,246	50,866
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		17	6	4	26	44	97
	ACRES		1,709	2,745	505	1,384	10,185	16,528
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	1		6	12
	ACRES		68	1,395	83		238	1,784
Southwest	FIRES	27	16	10	4		95	152
	ACRES	1,575	16,094	8,870	887		56,866	84,292
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	38	56	113	18	49	135	409
	ACRES	5,749	6,365	25,028	2,484	6,300	19,528	65,454
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		240	24	1,348	159	1,818
	ACRES	62,783		36,884	5,511	83,158	57,783	246,119
Southern Area	FIRES	15		179	67	8,782	1,118	10,161
	ACRES	2,705		73,108	68,948	258,751	1,108,951	1,512,463
TOTAL	FIRES	206	198	684	148	10,266	2,265	13,767
	ACRES	77,729	38,250	198,744	79,782	374,201	1,299,723	2,068,429

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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	303	11,324
Yukon Territory	0	0	55	150,995
Alberta	368	687	965	27,526
Northwest Territory	0	0	81	89,525
Saskatchewan	65	1,808	257	287,398
Manitoba	106	3,993	224	31,157
Ontario	248	903	615	12,428
Quebec	130	84	472	265,398
Newfoundland	8	23	22	74
New Brunswick	63	84	109	109
Nova Scotia	171	415	247	466
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	12	11	26	667
Total	1,333	9,098	3,378	877,072

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