

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, July 4, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (126 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 3
 Uncontained large fires: ** 8
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally, there are 47 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.

Interagency personnel are assigned to a number of locations in the Gulf of Mexico to assess and mitigate impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

- Support to the Fish and Wildlife Service include these areas: Delta, Breton and Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuges, as well as Houma, LA and Mobile, AL.

- Support to the National Park Service include these areas: 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.

BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	USFS
1	3	688	189	17

Southwest Area (PL 4)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2

South Fork, Santa Fe NF. Twenty miles west of Espanola, NM. Timber. Smoldering in heavy fuels.

Horseshoe, Coronado NF. Five miles south of Portal, AZ. Timber. No new information.

* **Saffron**, Grand Canyon NP. Limited perimeter control incident. Twenty miles northeast of Supai, AZ. Timber and hardwood litter. Backing fire 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
South Fork	NM	SNF	17,086	0	90	7/7	137	-43	2	0	1	0	8.7M	FS
Horseshoe	AZ	CNF	3,401	---	95	7/10	2	---	0	0	0	0	9.8M	FS

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* Saffron	AZ	GCP	175	---	N/A	N/A	44	---	1	4	0	0	50K	NPS
Tecolote	NM	SNF	812	0	100	---	3	-25	0	0	0	0	5.4M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Big Trails II, Wind River/Bighorn Basin District, BLM. Twenty miles south of Tensleep, WY. Pine, juniper and brush. Moderate fire activity with isolated torching. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Medano, Great Sand Dunes National Monument. IMT2 (Lowe). Confine/contain incident. Nineteen miles southeast of Crestone, CO. Timber and brush. Backing and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over portions of the fire area yesterday.

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
Big Trails II	WY	WBD	440	-360	50	7/4	115	53	4	5	2	0	140K	BLM
Medano	CO	GSP	6,231	23	N/A	N/A	210	-56	4	8	3	0	4M	NPS

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 14
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 4

Pat Creek, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Fifteen miles north of Stevens Village, AK. Black spruce, hardwood slash and tundra. Smoldering. Residences threatened.

Louie Creek, Galena Zone, BLM. Started on private land 8 miles southwest of Huslia, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Active fire behavior with torching and spotting. Structures threatened.

* **Fiasco Lake**, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Ten miles north of Circle City, AK. Black spruce and brush. Moderate fire activity.

Peavey Creek, Tanana Zone, BLM. Fifteen miles southwest of Bettles, AK. Black spruce. 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
Pat Creek	AK	UYD	11,807	0	17	UNK	231	-20	10	0	5	0	2.1M	BLM
Louie Creek	AK	GAD	11,349	2,149	10	UNK	197	25	8	0	2	0	3M	PRI

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* Fiasco Lake	AK	UYD	400	---	0	UNK	41	---	1	0	0	0	NR	BLM
Peavey Creek	AK	TAD	200	---	0	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Moapa, Southern Nevada District Office, BLM. Five miles west of Moapa, NV. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity with isolated interior torching. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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Moapa	NV	SND	601	-83	24	7/5	221	10	6	9	1	18	250K	BLM
Rye Grass	NV	ELD	305	0	100	---	25	-20	1	0	0	0	70K	BLM

ELD – Ely District, BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires: 3
 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
Bluewater	MT	SOS	274	-326	100	---	0	-54	0	0	0	0	30K	ST

SOS – Southern Land Office, Montana DNR

Predictive Services Discussion: Gusty winds will be diminishing today over the Intermountain West. Gusty winds are also expected in northern California’s Sacramento Valley. Thunderstorm activity in the West will decrease and be confined to mainly Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico. Scattered wet thunderstorms will continue today over the Alaska Interior.

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



**Today's discussion is from
"This Day in History"**

"Lessons Learned" serve as brief summaries of powerful learning opportunities. You can use these summaries as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, and your unit.

Part II - South Canyon Fire, Colorado, 1994 (A Four-Part Series)

Incident Summary: On July 2, 1994, seven miles west of Glenwood Springs, Colo., lightning ignites a Bureau of Land Management fire in piñon-pine and juniper on a ridge at the base of Storm King Mountain. The fire, paralleled by two deep canyons, is initially believed to have "little chance" to spread. The past two days, lightning has started 40 new fires on this BLM District. The entire general area, in a one-year drought, is experiencing low humidities and record-high temperatures. Over the next two days, the South Canyon Fire increases in size. Visible from Interstate 70 and nearby residential areas, the public becomes concerned. Some initial attack resources are assigned. Between July 3-6, the fire grows to approximately 2,000 acres. On July 6, a dry cold front moves into the fire area. As winds and fire activity increases, the fire makes several 100-foot flame-length rapid runs within the existing burn—in dense, highly flammable Gambel oak. Fourteen firefighters perish as they try to outrun the flames. The remaining 35 firefighters survive either by escaping down a deep drainage or by seeking a safety area and deploying their fire shelters.

July 4 – Summary of Activities

Today this BLM District has five new fire starts. Two exceed 100 acres. In addition, 31 existing fires remain uncontrolled.

Across the district, fire danger continues to be high to extreme. More lightning is forecast for this evening. Red flag warnings have been issued.

For this area's current intense, multiple fire load, radio communication is inadequate. It is recognized that this could pose a problem for the safe and effective use of aircraft.

Due to concerns voiced from Glenwood Springs residents, the South Canyon Fire—burning up on Storm King Mountain—receives a higher priority for receiving firefighting resources.

At 6:30 p.m. an Incident Commander, BLM engine crew, and Forest Service firefighters meet at the bottom of the mountain down beneath the fire.

Due to the approaching darkness and steep terrain, the decision is made to hike up to attack the fire the next morning.

Later that evening, an aerial observer reports: *The fire is in steep and inaccessible terrain. It is actively burning in all directions. The area is too steep for crews. It has few, if any, escape routes. Helicopters with buckets would be very effective.*

From noon to 10 p.m. the fire grows from 3 to 11 acres.

**Lessons Learned
Discussion Points**

If your fire crew was assigned to hike up to the fire on Storm King Mountain, how would you:

- Address the inadequate radio communications for ground and aviation resources.
- Appropriately mitigate an unacceptable level of risk. (Reference page 1 in your IRPG for this discussion.)
- Determine when and how to refuse risk. (Reference pages 17-18 in your IRPG for this discussion.)

What would you be thinking about as a Crew Boss, Squad Boss, or Firefighter?

Resources:

[South Canyon Fire Investigation. 1994. http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S_Canyon_AIReport_1994.pdf](http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S_Canyon_AIReport_1994.pdf)
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		2	0	7	5		14
	ACRES		191	7	672	1,284		2,154
Northwest	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						3	3
Northern California	FIRES				1	32	1	34
	ACRES				0	23	0	23
Southern California	FIRES		1			23	7	31
	ACRES		0			29	3	32
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	2			1	1	5
	ACRES	0	20			1	1	22
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	2					3
	ACRES	0	5					5
Southwest	FIRES	2				3	9	14
	ACRES	9				1	4	14
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	3			4	3	14
	ACRES	1	28			11	0	40
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					2		2
TOTAL	FIRES	8	10	0	8	71	29	126
	ACRES	10	244	7	672	1,351	11	2,295

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	66	56	18	360	11	512
	ACRES	103	265,001	30,962	23,089	600,116	8	919,279
Northwest	FIRES	30	25	1	1	79	95	231
	ACRES	333	457	0	0	125	58	973
Northern California	FIRES	6	9		1	823	71	910
	ACRES	2	4		0	10,234	17	10,257
Southern California	FIRES	10	69	3	3	1,048	169	1,302
	ACRES	182	5,067	14	3	11,251	319	16,836
Northern Rockies	FIRES	316	8	0	1	105	89	519
	ACRES	2,486	83	760	0	936	152	4,417
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	10	91	2	3	146	41	293
	ACRES	15	10,741	1	0	21,281	60	32,098
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	49	1	4	23	6	84
	ACRES	0	418	15	0	652	19	1,104
Southwest	FIRES	354	145	4	41	340	489	1,373
	ACRES	7,105	14,825	33	21,167	36,932	60,701	140,763
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	248	131	3	13	166	132	693
	ACRES	2,330	2,098	3,051	5,161	11,538	2,279	26,457
Eastern Area	FIRES	614		38	19	7,499	445	8,615
	ACRES	2,707		4,883	26	73,298	4,287	85,201
Southern Area	FIRES	513		45	21	14,812	431	15,822
	ACRES	32,278		1,579	137	203,329	18,794	256,117
TOTAL	FIRES	2,103	593	153	125	25,401	1,979	30,354
	ACRES	47,541	298,694	41,298	49,583	969,692	86,694	1,493,502

Ten Year Average Fires	41,373
Ten Year Average Acres	2,196,965

*** 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						20	20
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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	20	20

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	12	54	4	1		120	191
	ACRES	6,585	8,532	1,610	11		17,518	34,256
Northern California	FIRES	1	20	19	20	20	231	311
	ACRES	10	347	22,092	64	3,515	9,397	35,425
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	4	16	218	257
	ACRES		1,612	1,493	410	2,159	2,343	8,017
Northern Rockies	FIRES	72	23	99	8	27	159	388
	ACRES	2,325	3,873	25,262	1,240	926	17,281	50,907
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		19	6	7	31	48	111
	ACRES		1,712	2,745	520	1,874	10,264	17,115
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		7	14
	ACRES		68	1,395	546		638	2,647
Southwest	FIRES	27	18	10	4		88	147
	ACRES	1,575	19,397	8,870	163		41,732	71,737
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	38	56	113	18	49	135	409
	ACRES	5,749	8,215	25,641	2,484	6,300	19,528	67,917
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		365	26	1,348	165	1,951
	ACRES	62,783		55,268	5,514	83,158	58,033	264,756
Southern Area	FIRES	17		181	68	8,803	1,047	10,116
	ACRES	2,905		73,674	69,648	261,023	1,050,744	1,457,994
TOTAL	FIRES	214	202	809	158	10,305	2,218	13,906
	ACRES	81,932	43,756	218,050	80,600	380,452	1,227,478	2,032,268

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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	345	14,436
Yukon Territory	0	0	58	150,997
Alberta	368	687	1,058	39,410
Northwest Territory	0	0	85	94,683
Saskatchewan	65	1,808	326	716,466
Manitoba	106	3,993	287	88,561
Ontario	248	903	654	13,383
Quebec	130	84	511	364,153
Newfoundland	8	23	28	791
New Brunswick	63	84	110	109
Nova Scotia	171	415	257	473
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	12	11	50	4,724
Total	1,333	9,098	3,771	1,488,191

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