

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, May 15, 2015 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity: Light 510 (new fires)
 New large incidents: 8 (*)
 Large fires contained: 13
 Uncontained large fires: ** 4
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

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

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

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 92
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

* **Mud Lake Complex (3 fires)**, Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS. IMT 1 (Dueitt). Fifteen miles northeast of Ochopee, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior with running, backing and creeping. Residences threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Mud Lake Complex	FL-BCP	7,689	---	5	Comp	UNK	86	---	1	2	9	0	800K	NPS
* Triple G	FL-FLS	750	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Whippoorwill	VA-VAS	326	51	100	Ctn	---	2	-46	0	1	0	0	12K	PRI

FLS – Florida Forest Service

VAS – Virginia DOF

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 107
 New large incidents: 4
 Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Coleman Hollow**, Maryland DNR. Three miles southeast of Bloomington, MD. Hardwood Litter. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing. Trail closures in effect.

* **Lower Hill Road**, Maryland DNR. Two miles south of Fairmount, MD. Timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running torching. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Coleman Hollow	MD-MDS	100	---	50	Ctn	UNK	29	--	0	0	0	0	20K	ST
* Lower Hill Road	MD-MDS	275	---	90	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Roosa Gap	NY-NYS	2,759	142	100	Ctn	---	2	-233	0	0	0	0	230K	ST
Carty	MO-MTF	2,146	136	100	Ctn	---	0	-10	0	0	0	0	750K	FS
Agassiz	MN-MNS	1,148	-52	100	Ctn	---	47	0	0	5	1	0	10K	PRI
Atison	NJ-NJS	710	0	100	Ctn	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	12K	ST
Bayle Mountain	NH-NHS	275	125	100	Ctn	---	0	-45	0	0	3	0	75K	PRI
Heights	PA-PAS	220	60	100	Ctn	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	20K	PRI
Jackson Creek	WI-MEA	133	0	100	Ctn	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	20K	BIA
* Heavenly Valley Road	NY-NYS	133	---	100	Ctn	---	12	---	0	0	0	0	4K	PRI
* Hyspie Creek	PA-PAS	122	---	100	Ctn	---	41	---	0	12	1	0	5K	ST

NYS – New York Forest Rangers MTF – Mark Twain National Forest MNS – Minnesota DNR

NJS – New Jersey Forest Fire Service NHS – New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands

PA-PAS – Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection MEA – Menominee Tribe

Alaska (PL 1)

New fires: 23

New large incidents: 2

Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Stuart Inert 2**, Military Zone, BLM. Twenty miles east of Moose Creek, AK. Tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with running. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Stuart Inert**, Military Zone, BLM. Seventeen miles east of Moose Creek, AK. Tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with running. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Stuart Inert 2	AK-MID	1,650	---	90	Comp	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	10K	DOD
* Stuart Inert	AK-MID	743	---	90	Comp	NR	2	---	0	0	0	0	14K	DOD

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 4

New large incidents: 0

Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Red Hill	NM-N3S	421	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-14	0	0	0	0	80K	PRI

N3S – New Mexico State Forestry

Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 18
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Peavine Creek	OR-732S	148	0	100	Ctn	---	47	-47	2	0	0	0	230K	PRI

732S – Douglas Forest Protection Association

Active Incident Resource Summary

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	1	148	2	0	0	47
ON	0	0	0	0	0	0
OS	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	0	0	0	0	0	0
GB	1	0.1	0	1	0	11
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	11	8,094	0	18	2	132
SA	16	16,304.3	3	6	15	190
Total	29	24,546.4	5	25	17	380

[*This table is updated daily and includes the total count of active incidents and acres with resources assigned that have been reported in the SIT-209 program within the last seven days. This includes what has been reported in the Geographic Area summary tables above.](#)

Fires and Acres Last Week (By Protection)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Interagency	FIRES	0	9	0	0	13	1	23
	ACRES	0	1,003	0	0	9	0	1,012
Northwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	12	6	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	13	1	14
Northern California	FIRES	1	0	0	0	82	21	104
	ACRES	4	0	0	0	50	4	58
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	1	2	93	7	103
	ACRES	0	0	1	0	820	3	824
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	0	0	0	8	2	14
	ACRES	31	0	0	0	17	4	52
Great Basin	FIRES	3	0	1	8	2	14	3
	ACRES	3	0	1	24	0	28	3
Southwest	FIRES	4	0	0	14	9	33	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	24	1	25	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	2	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern	FIRES	0	0	1	0	100	6	107
	ACRES	0	0	1	0	901	3	905
Southern	FIRES	0	0	0	1	85	6	92
	ACRES	0	0	0	10	262	60	332
TOTAL	FIRES	11	17	2	4	415	61	510
	ACRES	35	1,006	2	11	2,120	76	3,250

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (By Protection)

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	23	0	0	77	1	101
	ACRES	0	2,836	0	0	227	1	3,064
Northwest	FIRES	19	12	6	3	134	48	222
	ACRES	357	0	1	0	402	14	774
Northern California	FIRES	2	0	1	0	533	83	619
	ACRES	4	0	345	0	689	510	1,548
Southern California	FIRES	7	12	5	4	899	92	1,019
	ACRES	12	1,875	5	4	8,823	1,850	12,569
Northern Rockies	FIRES	374	15	1	0	209	60	659
	ACRES	3,517	4,819	93	0	46,197	3,984	58,610
Great Basin	FIRES	5	66	2	3	115	32	223
	ACRES	9	381	0	5	979	513	1,887
Southwest	FIRES	177	48	0	4	217	117	563
	ACRES	510	1,939	0	9	12,314	490	15,262
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	222	35	11	5	278	33	584
	ACRES	11,584	233	543	6,840	49,364	509	69,073
Eastern	FIRES	543	0	25	11	4,158	271	5,008
	ACRES	2,241	0	2,064	546	40,771	5,469	51,091
Southern	FIRES	274	0	2	6	9,956	197	10,435
	ACRES	33,914	0	66	98	114,477	11,455	160,010
TOTAL	FIRES	1,623	211	53	36	16,576	934	19,433
	ACRES	52,148	12,083	3,117	7,502	274,243	24,795	373,888

Ten Year Average Fires	25,531
Ten Year Average Acres	1,008,078

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week (By Ownership)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	380	0	0	4	0	384
Northwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3,444	3,444
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	2	0	0	2	4
	ACRES	0	0	17	0	0	109	126
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	50	50
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	4	5
	ACRES	0	0	7,123	0	0	1,041	8,164
Great Basin	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	183	183
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	3,238	3,238
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern	FIRES	0	0	3	1	12	9	25
	ACRES	0	0	465	1	1,000	371	1,837
Southern	FIRES	1	0	0	0	145	7	153
	ACRES	100	0	0	0	12,063	9,538	21,701
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	6	1	157	39	205
	ACRES	100	380	7,605	1	13,067	17,974	39,127

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date (By Ownership)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	5	0	0	1	0	6
	ACRES	0	3,965	0	0	954	0	4,919
Northwest	FIRES	2	28	3	2	0	138	173
	ACRES	1,078	17,778	51	49	0	22,806	41,762
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	8	9	0	105	122
	ACRES	0	143	3,633	188	0	6,800	10,764
Southern California	FIRES	0	2	4	0	0	100	106
	ACRES	0	58	495	0	0	1,856	2,409
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8	31	14	0	5	101	159
	ACRES	3,560	10,580	10,164	0	688	16,643	41,635
Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	1	6	30	47	108
	ACRES	20	1,445	1,060	85	1,222	16,386	20,218
Southwest	FIRES	7	19	11	6	0	90	133
	ACRES	498	16,381	2,420	4,592	0	27,561	51,452
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	34	44	11	40	77	214
	ACRES	357	6,299	10,201	1,153	1,894	21,910	41,814
Eastern Area	FIRES	39	0	192	16	956	137	1,340
	ACRES	39,771	0	27,126	6,626	53,481	44,206	171,210
Southern Area	FIRES	82	0	131	11	6,485	651	7,360
	ACRES	15,633	0	106,948	14,261	429,564	582,525	1,148,931
TOTAL	FIRES	147	142	408	61	7,517	1,446	9,721
	ACRES	60,917	56,649	162,098	26,954	487,803	740,693	1,535,114

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

Predictive Services Discussion: A series of cold, upper level low pressure systems over the Intermountain West will continue to bring widespread showers and thunderstorms throughout the upcoming week. This will also dump snowfall over the Sierras as well as the Wasatch and Rocky Mountains. On the southern end of this trough breezy and drier conditions may work their way into portions of the desert southwest. Periods of dry and breezy weather are also expected for Alaska's Interior and the Great Lakes region. Elsewhere east of the Rockies, showers and thunderstorms are expected for the Plains and Upper Midwest regions this weekend with severe weather possible. Another surge of Gulf moisture will stream northward next week with heavy rain from the southern Plains through the Dakotas. Drier conditions are expected to develop over the eastern U.S. by the middle of next week, while the west will remain moist and unsettled.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

Weather / Fire Behavior Category

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 air tankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and air tankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

References:

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[Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)