

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, June 20, 2016 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Initial attack activity: | Light (100 new fires) |
| New large incidents: | 2 |
| Large fires contained: | 1 |
| Uncontained large fires:** | 15 |
| Area Command Teams Committed: | 0 |
| NIMOs committed: | 1 |
| Type 1 IMTs committed: | 3 |
| Type 2 IMTs committed: | 2 |

**Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Southwest Area (PL 4)

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|--------------------------|----|
| New fires: | 18 |
| New large incidents: | 0 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 5 |
| Type 1 IMTs committed: | 2 |
| Type 2 IMTs committed: | 1 |

Dog Head, Cibola NF. IMT 1 (Day). Six miles northwest of Tajiue, NM. Timber and medium logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping, and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Cedar, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. IMT 1 (Pierson). Ten miles south of Show Low, AZ. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior with group torching, short-range spotting, and crown runs. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations and road closures in effect.

Wildcat, Kaibab NF. IMT 2 (Bales). Twenty-six miles southeast of Jacob Lake, AZ. Chaparral and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Brown, Southeast District, Arizona State Forestry. Fifty miles southwest of Tucson, AZ. Chaparral and tall grass. Active fire behavior with wind-driven and uphill runs. Residences threatened.

North, Cibola NF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Magdalena, NM. Timber. Active fire behavior with group torching, isolated torching, and backing. Structures threatened. Road, trail and area closures in effect. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Quemado, Northeast District, Arizona State Forestry. Thirteen miles northwest of Springerville, AZ. Short grass. Minimal fire behavior.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|---------------|--------|--------|-------|----|--------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Acres | Chge | | | | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | | | |
| Dog Head | NM-CIF | 17,891 | 276 | 9 | Ctn | 7/31 | 923 | -30 | 22 | 68 | 5 | 45 | 4.5M | FS |
| Cedar | AZ-FTA | 13,187 | 1,047 | 40 | Ctn | 7/6 | 770 | 56 | 21 | 37 | 7 | 0 | 5.2M | BIA |
| Wildcat | AZ-KNF | 1,502 | -5 | 55 | Ctn | 6/22 | 295 | -2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1.9M | FS |
| Brown | AZ-A3S | 8,107 | 4,407 | 15 | Ctn | 6/25 | 215 | 29 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 325K | ST |

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|---------------|--------|--------|-------|----|--------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Acres | Chge | | | | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | | | |
| North | NM-CIF | 35,217 | 3,852 | 30 | Comp | 7/22 | 166 | 20 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 2.8M | FS |
| Quemado | AZ-A2S | 2,285 | 0 | 60 | Ctn | 6/21 | 1 | -11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 210K | ST |

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 29
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Sherpa, Los Padres NF. IMT 1 (Opliger). Nineteen miles northwest of Santa Barbara, CA. Chaparral and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching and flanking. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|---------------|--------|-------|------|----|--------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Acres | Chge | | | | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | | | |
| Sherpa | CA-LPF | 7,893 | 82 | 51 | Ctn | 6/23 | 1,926 | -90 | 57 | 129 | 18 | 1 | 7.3M | FS |

Northern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 15
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Pony, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Young). Fifteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber, heavy logging slash, and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Road, area, and trail closures in effect.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|---------------|--------|-------|------|----|--------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Acres | Chge | | | | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | | | |
| Pony | CA-KNF | 2,855 | 29 | 60 | Ctn | 6/29 | 453 | -39 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 14.2M | FS |

Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 14
New large incidents: 0
Uncontained large fires: 2
NIMOs committed: 1

Aspen, Dixie NF. Thirteen miles southwest of Cedar City, UT. Timber, dormant brush, hardwood slash, and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching, creeping, and smoldering. Road and trail closures in effect.

Saddle, Dixie NF. NIMO (Reinarz). Previously reported incident. Two miles south of Pine Valley, UT. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching. Trail closures in effect.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|---------------|--------|-------|------|----|--------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Acres | Chge | | | | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | | | |
| Aspen | UT-DIF | 355 | 0 | 85 | Ctn | 6/23 | 471 | -40 | 19 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1.8M | FS |
| Saddle | UT-DIF | 318 | 109 | 0 | Ctn | 7/15 | 205 | 100 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 261K | FS |

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|---------------|--------|-------|------|-----|--------------|-----|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Acres | Chge | | | | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | | | |
| Pine Canyon | UT-DIF | 105 | 0 | 100 | Ctn | --- | 42 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95K | FS |

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 12
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Tetlin River, Tok Area Forestry, DOF. Two miles southwest of Tetlin, AK. Timber, brush and short grass. Active fire behavior with group torching and short crown runs. Numerous structures threatened. Trail and area closures in effect.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|---------------|--------|-------|------|---|--------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Acres | Chge | | | | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | | | |
| Tetlin River | AK-TAS | 1,098 | 0 | 0 | Ctn | 6/25 | 227 | 115 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 973K | ST |

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 7
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 4

* **Short**, Buffalo Field Office, BLM. Twenty-five miles north of Recluse, WY. Timber, brush, and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running and torching. Structures threatened.

* **Deer Creek**, Campbell County. Twenty-five miles southwest of Gillette, WY. Timber, brush, and tall grass. Active fire behavior with torching and running. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

Plum Canyon, Las Animas County. Ten miles north of Villegreen, CO. Timber and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with single tree torching, creeping, and smoldering.

TA-27, Fort Carson Army Base, DOD. Seventeen miles south of Colorado Springs, CO. Short grass. No new information.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|---------------|--------|-------|------|----|--------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Acres | Chge | | | | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | | | |
| * Short | WY-BFD | 2,267 | --- | 0 | Ctn | 6/23 | 65 | --- | 1 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 100K | BLM |
| * Deer Creek | WY-CMX | 800 | --- | 80 | Ctn | 6/22 | 81 | --- | 1 | 12 | 1 | 0 | NR | CNTY |
| Plum Canyon | CO-LSX | 1,260 | 0 | 95 | Ctn | 6/20 | 47 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 25K | CNTY |
| TA-27 | CO-FCQ | 644 | --- | 95 | Ctn | 6/20 | 62 | --- | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 500K | DOD |

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires: 0
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Wall, Miles City Field Office, BLM. Started on private land 25 miles southwest of Ashland, MT. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with torching and running. Sage grouse habitat threatened.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|---------------|--------|-------|------|----|--------------|------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Acres | Chge | | | | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | | | |
| Wall | MT-MCD | 1,535 | 535 | 40 | Ctn | 6/21 | 93 | 66 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 0 | 120K | PRI |

| Active Incident Resource Summary | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| GACC | Fires | Cumulative Acres | Crews | Engines | Helicopters | Total Personnel |
| AICC | 3 | 11,129 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 325 |
| NWCC | 0 | 2,335 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ONCC | 1 | 2,855 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 453 |
| OSCC | 2 | 10,523 | 57 | 129 | 18 | 1,930 |
| NRCC | 1 | 1,535 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 93 |
| GBCC | 5 | 2,796 | 28 | 18 | 5 | 739 |
| SWCC | 21 | 195,211 | 65 | 156 | 25 | 2,862 |
| RMCC | 8 | 5,471 | 10 | 35 | 6 | 379 |
| EACC | 1 | 357 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| SACC | 1 | 485 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 43 | 232,697 | 184 | 369 | 66 | 6,788 |

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Alaska Area | FIRES | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 12 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 40,127 | 0 | 0 | 1,128 | 0 | 41,255 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 3 | 15 |
| | ACRES | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 29 | 79 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 2 | 29 |
| | ACRES | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 421 | 0 | 434 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 101 | 108 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 18 |
| | ACRES | 84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,458 | 2,078 | 6,620 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 51 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 14 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 54 | 13 | 100 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 86 | 40,141 | 0 | 0 | 6,129 | 2,208 | 48,564 |

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Alaska Area | FIRES | 0 | 61 | 0 | 0 | 198 | 4 | 263 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 72,213 | 0 | 0 | 16,227 | 3 | 88,443 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 79 | 36 | 11 | 2 | 310 | 128 | 566 |
| | ACRES | 2,381 | 31,518 | 124 | 0 | 3,177 | 850 | 38,050 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 28 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 709 | 109 | 852 |
| | ACRES | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9,423 | 3,007 | 12,444 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 7 | 41 | 2 | 12 | 1,182 | 130 | 1,374 |
| | ACRES | 7 | 4,275 | 161 | 16 | 12,364 | 8,217 | 25,040 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 369 | 25 | 7 | 0 | 376 | 50 | 827 |
| | ACRES | 3,351 | 1,521 | 1,372 | 0 | 5,049 | 1,159 | 12,452 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 6 | 155 | 5 | 11 | 121 | 44 | 342 |
| | ACRES | 11 | 5,935 | 3 | 22 | 491 | 778 | 7,240 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 414 | 104 | 3 | 26 | 499 | 358 | 1,404 |
| | ACRES | 10,517 | 62,361 | 2,722 | 17,085 | 60,041 | 176,754 | 329,480 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIRES | 197 | 55 | 3 | 5 | 346 | 95 | 701 |
| | ACRES | 1,082 | 738 | 397 | 1,349 | 372,898 | 2,265 | 378,729 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 489 | 0 | 19 | 19 | 4,320 | 307 | 5,154 |
| | ACRES | 1,880 | 0 | 1,047 | 910 | 26,865 | 5,010 | 35,712 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 313 | 0 | 15 | 44 | 10,876 | 354 | 11,602 |
| | ACRES | 132,662 | 0 | 26 | 22,594 | 816,812 | 33,488 | 1,005,582 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 1,902 | 479 | 65 | 123 | 18,937 | 1,579 | 23,085 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 151,904 | 178,562 | 5,852 | 41,976 | 1,323,347 | 231,531 | 1,933,172 |

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| Ten Year Average Fires (2006 – 2015 as of today) | 32,864 |
| Ten Year Average Acres (2006 – 2015 as of today) | 1,707,884 |

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Alaska Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,475 | 1,616 | 3,091 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 19 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,475 | 1,616 | 3,091 |

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Alaska Area | FIRES | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 31,664 | 0 | 0 | 1,566 | 38 | 33,268 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 6 | 21 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 147 | 180 |
| | ACRES | 732 | 1,990 | 356 | 0 | 0 | 23,402 | 26,480 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 4 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 0 | 125 | 147 |
| | ACRES | 41 | 90 | 3,356 | 328 | 0 | 8,244 | 12,059 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 136 | 146 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 71 | 288 | 760 | 0 | 3,586 | 4,705 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 12 | 12 | 53 | 11 | 14 | 147 | 249 |
| | ACRES | 5,316 | 4,358 | 12,318 | 651 | 698 | 14,893 | 38,234 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 4 | 23 | 6 | 5 | 37 | 73 | 148 |
| | ACRES | 110 | 2,186 | 3,584 | 128 | 702 | 25,280 | 31,990 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 8 | 30 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 103 | 153 |
| | ACRES | 894 | 22,071 | 92 | 2,331 | 2 | 62,517 | 87,907 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIRES | 15 | 29 | 50 | 15 | 72 | 67 | 248 |
| | ACRES | 1,243 | 2,551 | 21,080 | 5,718 | 4,483 | 27,766 | 62,841 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 46 | 0 | 202 | 23 | 666 | 175 | 1,112 |
| | ACRES | 45,655 | 0 | 35,919 | 5,774 | 48,036 | 55,324 | 190,708 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 15 | 0 | 167 | 63 | 9,332 | 880 | 10,457 |
| | ACRES | 1,568 | 0 | 122,204 | 50,329 | 641,943 | 818,027 | 1,634,071 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 110 | 128 | 499 | 135 | 10,124 | 1,854 | 12,850 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 55,559 | 64,981 | 199,197 | 66,019 | 697,430 | 1,039,077 | 2,122,263 |

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

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 | 0 | 0 | 361 | 92,244 |
| YUKON TERRITORY | 3 | 19 | 16 | 299 |
| ALBERTA | 0 | 0 | 611 | 605,933 |
| NORTHWEST TERRITORY | 0 | 0 | 13 | 221 |
| SASKATCHEWAN | 2 | 1 | 214 | 9,725 |
| MANITOBA | 3 | 58 | 84 | 83,591 |
| ONTARIO | 6 | 13 | 251 | 85,182 |
| QUEBEC | 6 | 30 | 239 | 201 |
| NEWFOUNDLAND | 0 | 0 | 45 | 70 |
| NEW BRUNSWICK | 0 | 0 | 209 | 213 |
| NOVA SCOTIA | 0 | 0 | 174 | 297 |
| PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND | 0 | 0 | 6 | 19 |
| NATIONAL PARKS | 0 | 0 | 16 | 501 |
| TOTALS | 20 | 120 | 2,239 | 878,494 |

* 1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: A strong ridge will spread over most of the U.S. with strong westerly flow settling over the northern tier of states and weak upper low remaining over the Mid-Atlantic coast. Widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms will move through the Upper Midwest. Afternoon thunderstorms will form along the Gulf Coast. A few thunderstorms are possible along the Mid-Atlantic Coast. Temperatures will continue to warm nationwide. The northern tier of states will remain somewhat mild from Oregon to Minnesota. East of the Mississippi, temperatures will approach seasonal levels but will continue very hot from the southern Plains to California. In Alaska, scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue over much of the state. Temperatures will remain mild.

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



HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT

Operational Engagement

“Risk Management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – ***it is the way we do the mission.***”
The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

- Step 1—Situational Awareness:
 - Obtain information.
 - Scout the fire.
 - Identify hazards—those likely to result in a negative impact.
 - Consider all aspects of current and future situations.
 - Consider known historical problem areas (Apply information from the Fire Danger Pocket Card.).
 - Recognize the need for action.
 - Demonstrate ongoing awareness of fire assignment status.
 - Note deviations.
 - Attempt to determine why discrepancies exist with information before proceeding.

- Step 2—Hazard Assessment:
 - Assess hazards to determine risks (e.g., fire behavior, snags, unburned fuels, work/rest).
 - Use the Look Up, Down, and Around; and the Tactical Watch Outs (both located in the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to identify high-risk tactical hazards.
 - Assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss, cost, and mission/operational degradation based on probability and severity (probability—how likely an event will occur; severity—consequences if the event occurs). Keep in mind that increased exposure time increases probability.

- Step 3—Hazard Control:
 - Determine the best approach to mitigate or control the risk from the hazards assessed.
 - Establish controls (e.g., anchor point, LCES, utilize downhill checklist, limit exposure time).
 - As control measures are developed, reevaluate each risk until it is reduced to a level where benefits outweigh potential costs.

- Step 4—Decision Point (decision to accept or not accept the risk(s) associated with an action):
 - Consider whether controls are in place for identified hazards, whether selected tactics are based on expected fire behavior and if instructions have been given and understood.
 - Make certain the decision is made at the appropriate level; if not, then elevate to a higher level.
 - Reject the action if the risk is unacceptable.

- Step 5—Evaluation:
 - Ensure controls are implemented and accomplished to standards.
 - Supervise/evaluate effectiveness of controls and decisions. Stay on top of the situation and adjust risk controls as necessary.
 - Anticipate consequences of decisions; if controls do not work, determine problem and derive a better solution.
 - Adjust actions as the situation changes; maintain situational awareness at all times.
 - Maintain feedback line.

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