

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 83 new fires reported. Three new large fires (\*) were reported, two in the Rocky Mountain Area and one in the Southern Area. Four large fires were contained, one each in the Southwest, Rocky Mountain, Southern and Western Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah.

**SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

ROMERO, Coronado National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) back to the local unit will occur today. This fire is six miles southeast of Oro Valley, AZ in brush. Isolated smoldering in the interior was observed.

NORTH TAYLOR, Coronado National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) back to the local unit will occur today. This fire is 19 miles southwest of Safford, AZ in timber and brush. Smoldering in heavy fuels in the interior was reported.

ADOBE, Socorro District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is 28 miles southeast of Animas, NM in mixed conifer forest and grass. The fire is moving into three separate canyons around Animas Mountain. Heavy fuel loading and rough, rocky terrain are impeding containment efforts. Burn out operations south and west of Animas Mountain are ongoing.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
ROMERO	AZ	CNF	764	95	5/25	245	6	0	3	0	553K	FS
NORTH TAYLOR	AZ	CNF	117	95	5/25	224	5	0	2	0	844K	FS
ADOBE	NM	N3S	9,567	NR	6/01	80	1	14	1	0	79K	ST
TAYLOR - WFU	NM	GNF	510	N/A	N/A	24	0	3	0	0	NR	FS
BRILLIANT #2	NM	N2S	310	100	---	56	2	3	1	0	630K	ST

N2S – New Mexico State Forestry, Cimarron District.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

BLACK RIDGE, Southern Ute Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 15 miles south of Durango, CO in pinyon pine and juniper. Multiple residences are threatened. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* BLACK RIDGE	CO	SUA	230	0	UNK	53	1	6	2	0	NR	BIA
* WESTWOOD	CO	EPX	361	100	---	125	1	15	0	0	NR	PRI

EPX – El Paso County, Colorado

### SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

DEVILS CANYON, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 12 miles northeast of Valentine, TX in grass and brush. Moderated fire behavior was reported.

CAMP MOHAWK, Texas Forest Service. This fire is seven miles southwest of Alvin, TX in brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior was reported.

WF POSSUM CAMP, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is two miles west of Edgewater, FL in southern rough and timber. Minimal fire activity was reported.

PALO DURA CANYON, Texas Forest Service. This fire is eight miles northwest of Wayside, TX in grass. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
DEVILS CANYON	TX	TXS	4,095	80	5/26	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* CAMP MOHAWK	TX	TXS	400	15	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	ST
WF POSSUM CAMP	FL	FLS	833	90	5/25	10	0	3	0	0	39K	ST
PALO DURA CANYON	TX	TXS	1,000	NR	UNK	NR	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
NEGLEY	TX	TXS	300	100	---	11	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

### WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
DOUBLE-UP	NV	HTF	400	100	---	27	1	2	0	0	200K	FS

HTF – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** A warming and drying trend is underway over the Southwest, Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Dry air remains over northern Florida, with higher humidity over the central and southern portions.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p><b>Southwest Area</b> Mostly sunny and warm to hot in Arizona. Sunny to partly cloudy in New Mexico and west Texas with isolated showers and storms southwest Texas and the eastern third of New Mexico.</p>	<p>70s across the mountains. Upper 80s to 105 across lower elevations.</p>	<p>6 to 13% lower elevations. 13 to 22% higher elevations and portions of west Texas.</p>	<p>Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph far northwestern Arizona, 5 to 15 mph elsewhere. South to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph New Mexico. South to southeast winds 10 to 20 mph eastern New Mexico into west Texas.</p>
<p><b>Western Great Basin Area</b> Partly to mostly sunny with gusty afternoon winds across the north.</p>	<p>North Valleys: 73 to 88. South Valleys: 88 to 108. Mountains: 63 to 78.</p>	<p>North Valleys: 10 to 30%. South Valleys: 5 to 15%. Mountains: 15 to 35%. S. mountains: 10 to 15%.</p>	<p>Southwest at 5 to 15 mph with localized gusts to 25 to 30 mph across the north.</p>
<p><b>Eastern Great Basin Area</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny with isolated afternoon mountain thunderstorms. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny with isolated afternoon mountain thunderstorms.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 53 to 75 mountains, 72 to 83 valleys. Northern Utah: 68 to 78 mountains, 78 to 92 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 67 to 80 mountains, 80 to 92 valleys, 93 to 101 lowest deserts.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 32% mountains 12 to 27% valleys. Northern Utah: 20 to 26% mountains 10 to 20% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 11 to 24% mountains, 3 to 12% valleys.</p>	<p>Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest 8 to 12 mph gusts to 20 mph in western Wyoming. Northern Utah: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.</p>
<p><b>Rocky Mountain Area</b> Isolated wet and dry thunderstorms southern Colorado. Dry elsewhere.</p>	<p>80's to lower 90's lower elevations, 65 to 75 in the mountains.</p>	<p>10 to 20% lower elevations, 25 to 35% mountains. Greater than 35% eastern sections of the Rocky Mountain Area.</p>	<p>North to northwest 10 to 20 mph over eastern portions of South Dakota and Nebraska. Otherwise variable less than 10 mph elsewhere.</p>
<p><b>Southern California Area</b> Mostly sunny.</p>	<p>70 to 80 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. Near 90 upper deserts. Near 100 lower deserts.</p>	<p>15 to 30%.</p>	<p>Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.</p>
<p><b>Southern Area</b> No information was reported.</p>			



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## HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SELECTION

Consider the following points when selecting a landing area for a helicopter:

- Locate a flat area that is of sufficient size for the helicopter you are expecting to land.
  - Type I -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 30 feet by 30 feet; safety circle measuring 110 feet in diameter.
  - Type II -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 20 feet by 20 feet; safety circle measuring 90 feet in diameter.
  - Type III -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 15 feet by 15 feet; safety circle measuring 75 feet in diameter.
- Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, and obstructions such as trees, poles, and especially overhead wires.
- The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or anything over 18 inches high.
- Consider the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind.
- Choose an approach free of obstructions. Any obstruction should be relayed to the helicopter crew during initial radio contact.
- Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing area such as trash, blankets, hats, or equipment.
- Wet down the landing area if dusty conditions are present.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1			1	8		10
	ACRES	3			300	195		498
Northwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Northern California	FIRES						9	9
	ACRES						263	263
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1	1			1	4
	ACRES	0	3	7			0	10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					3	3	6
	ACRES					2,004	1	2,005
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	1		1	6	2	13
	ACRES	50	0		0	65	3	118
Eastern Area	FIRES	1				16		17
	ACRES	0				31		31
Southern Area	FIRES			3		15	4	22
	ACRES			4		28	243	275
TOTAL	FIRES	6	4	4	2	48	19	83
	ACRES	53	4	11	300	2,323	510	3,201

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1			1	78		80
	ACRES	3			300	368		671
Northwest	FIRES	38	15	6		143	80	282
	ACRES	76	4	30		413	133	656
Northern California	FIRES	13			1	174	42	230
	ACRES	15			0	1,552	1,523	3,090
Southern California	FIRES		7		2		36	45
	ACRES		136		1		11,098	11,235
Northern Rockies	FIRES	188	4	11	1	113	38	355
	ACRES	1,105	105	983	223	4,471	316	7,203
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	10	56		4	66	17	153
	ACRES	119	5,245		0	2,367	9	7,740
Western Great Basin	FIRES		44		3	6	4	57
	ACRES		1,654		2	7	300	1,963
Southwest	FIRES	365	86	1	58	885	395	1,790
	ACRES	2,562	8,731	431	5,341	325,810	21,858	364,733
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	123	64	34	10	301	76	608
	ACRES	1,395	396	1,821	63	131,602	7,552	142,829
Eastern Area	FIRES	456		34	49	8,958	424	9,921
	ACRES	5,732		829	248	72,626	13,035	92,470
Southern Area	FIRES	393		151	48	26,008	732	27,332
	ACRES	43,258		14,899	5,683	1,772,061	36,061	1,871,962
TOTAL	FIRES	1,587	276	237	177	36,732	1,844	40,853
	ACRES	54,265	16,271	18,993	11,861	2,311,277	91,885	2,504,552

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>31,922</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>665,575</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						290	290
Northern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			252				252
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						35	35
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	1					2
	ACRES	3	1					4
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						143	143
Eastern Area	FIRES					8	2	10
	ACRES					435	20	455
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						676	676
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	1	0	8	6	17
	ACRES	3	1	252	0	435	1,164	1,855

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					376		376
Northwest	FIRES	19	116	54	1	1	170	361
	ACRES	5,264	10,181	6,702	98	180	25,831	48,256
Northern California	FIRES	17	5	20	3		75	120
	ACRES	207	869	26,949	14		2,785	30,824
Southern California	FIRES		5	3	1		56	65
	ACRES		285	59	12		2,013	2,369
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	20	113	2	33	270	439
	ACRES	40	4,344	19,890	268	3,177	31,309	59,028
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	6	15	6	2	5	46	80
	ACRES	1,596	2,814	1,579	1,845	127	21,486	29,447
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	3			1	9
	ACRES		325	12			1,085	1,422
Southwest	FIRES	23	12	3	4		97	139
	ACRES	3,767	10,696	6,856	923		49,318	71,560
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	20	94	13	33	97	283
	ACRES	2,591	5,422	19,739	8,995	1,767	27,575	66,089
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		491	34	1,137	144	1,843
	ACRES	15,137		56,737	5,081	65,171	27,661	169,787
Southern Area	FIRES	22		158	47	266	745	1,238
	ACRES	6,639		70,564	13,668	139,217	607,294	837,382
TOTAL	FIRES	151	198	945	107	1,480	1,701	4,582
	ACRES	35,241	34,936	209,087	30,904	210,015	796,357	1,316,540

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				4			4
	ACRES				1			1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						480	480
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				1,656		2	1,658
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2		1			3
	ACRES		0		0			0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	6	0	8	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,657	0	482	2,139

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	3	0	382	4,120
Yukon Territory	0	0	3	1
Alberta	60	0	690	6,665
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	0
Saskatchewan	5	0	113	1,651
Manitoba	12	11	65	354
Ontario	8	8	159	643
Quebec	1	0	183	24,908
Newfoundland	0	10	38	200
New Brunswick	0	0	233	422
Nova Scotia	0	0	183	1,604
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	23	529
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>41,096</b>

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	4	1								
Northwest	1		1							
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies			6	4						
Eastern Great Basin			3		1				4	
Western Great Basin	1	1	2						1	
Southwest	16	4	11	21	8	2	7		157	67
Rocky Mountain	3	2	28	15	3		3		32	
Eastern Area			1		1				8	
Southern Area	4		15	144	9	3	1		55	205
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>272</b>

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