

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY MAY 5, 2004 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 143 new fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, one each in the Southern California, Northern California, Southwest and Eastern Areas. Three large fires were contained, two in the Southern California Area and one in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Kansas, Indiana, Minnesota, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

EAGLE, Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Management Team (Henson) is assigned. This fire is in brush, five miles southeast of Temecula, CA. Extreme fire behavior and rapid rates of spread was reported.

INDIA, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base, Department of Defense. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) is assigned. This fire is in brush, five miles west of Fallbrook, CA. Fire activity continues on steep slopes and in canyons.

CERRITOS, Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Management Team (Anderson) is assigned. This fire is in grass and brush, eight miles southeast of Corona, CA. Significant fire growth was due to wind-driven fire behavior.

CACHUMA, Los Padre National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned. This fire is in chaparral, 15 miles northeast of Santa Ynez, CA. Moderate rate of spread with short to medium range spotting was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EAGLE	CA	RRU	5,000	30	5/6	1,157	40	109	4	25	1.2M
INDIA	CA	MCP	1,900	85	5/5	599	22	35	4	0	NR
CERRITOS	CA	RRU	10,500	15	UNK	849	6	161	4	5	500K
CACHUMA	CA	LPF	515	20	UNK	248	7	13	1	35	NR
SCHOOL	CA	RRU	377	100	---	137	2	6	0	0	NR
GAFFORD	CA	RRU	375	100	---	95	4	10	0	1	NR

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

COTTONWOOD, Plumas National Forest. This fire is in timber, 18 miles southeast of Susanville, CA. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COTTONWOOD	CA	PNF	100	50	5/5	145	5	8	0	0	25K

### SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BEND, Fort Yuma Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is in river bottom fuels, 15 miles west of Yuma, AZ. Active fire behavior with spotting was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BEND	AZ	FYA	250	0	5/5	93	1	18	0	1	30K

### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

PARKS, Payette National Forest. This fire is in timber, three miles east of Yellowpine, ID. A backing surface fire moving down slope was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PARKS	ID	PAF	350	25	5/6	6	0	2	0	0	NR

### EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TO THE RIVER, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This fire is in grass and timber, four miles northeast of Grygla, MN. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TO THE RIVER	MN	MNS	480	90	UNK	5	0	0	0	0	1K
OGEMA NE	MN	MNS	500	100	---	18	0	6	1	0	NR

### OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure trough off the west coast will very slowly inch its way toward the Northwest coast during the rest of the week. The low will continue to turn the winds more onshore in Southern California, leading to lower daytime high temperatures and increased relative humidity. In the Great Lakes, a departing low pressure system will produce gusty wind from Minnesota eastward through the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The interior west and southeast coast states will remain dry today.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Mostly sunny, warm to hot, and dry.	60s to 70s mountains and 80s to 90s lower elevations, with 95 to 105 Arizona deserts.	5 to 15% most areas, with 15 to 25% highest terrain and parts of western Texas.	South to southwest 5 to 20 mph, with gusts to 30 mph western Arizona.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### PROPER USE OF TRIGGER POINTS

Accurate situational awareness (SA) requires constant reassessment of conditions (existing or potential) that may impact the safety and effectiveness of firefighters. Keeping an eye out for the 18-Watchout Situations and establishing operational / environmental limits (“trigger points”) ahead of time can help to focus SA, prompt reassessment, and help you re-evaluate the risk of current actions. The following items are things to consider in your planning and discussion. Remember, trigger points are NOT decision makers, but serve as predetermined cues to prompt you to re-evaluate the situation and associated risks, and help you to determine and implement the proper course of action.

- Preplan! Don't wait until you're in the wrong place at the wrong time---with no time.
  
- Trigger points should be based on measurable factors such as:
  - RH
  - Winds
  - Fire Behavior
  - Topographical boundaries
  - Time constraints/Time of day
  - Time/distance to safety zones
  - Loss of support resources (airtankers, helicopters, etc.)
  - Other operational considerations (e.g., firefighter fatigue, loss of lookouts or communication, etc.)
  
- As you approach predetermined trigger points, go through the Risk Management Process to help you decide if a change in tactics is appropriate. (See the Incident Response Pocket Guide)
  - Gather information to assure good Situational Awareness
  - Assess hazards to anticipate serious risks
  - Establish hazard controls to mitigate serious risks
  - Make decisions based on your ability to mitigate those serious risks
  - Evaluate effectiveness of current actions
  
- Command/Leadership responsibilities when changing tactics
  - Communicate the changes to your subordinates, as well as to adjacent forces and up the chain of command
  - Account for all your people
  - Make sure everyone knows and follows the new plan

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					2		2
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES	1				28	18	47
	ACRES	500				114	7	621
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1		21	1	23
	ACRES			1		705	10	716
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						30	30
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	2			1	2	6
	ACRES	250	4			2	3	259
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	8				48		56
	ACRES	11				289		300
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					6		6
TOTAL	FIRES	10	2	1	0	109	21	143
	ACRES	761	4	1	0	1,118	50	1,934

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					27		27
	ACRES					32		32
Northwest	FIRES	30	6	5	3	71	18	133
	ACRES	560	7	8	1	108	187	871
Northern California	FIRES					220	42	262
	ACRES					141	398	539
Southern California	FIRES	4	7	1	1	482	98	593
	ACRES	638	19	1	0	396	151	1,205
Northern Rockies	FIRES	436	9	3		218	52	718
	ACRES	2,477	138	146		5,412	166	8,339
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	36		2	15	7	61
	ACRES	2	51		29	168	492	742
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	5		2	9	5	22
	ACRES	0	46		0	5	65	116
Southwest	FIRES	81	20	1	6	162	96	366
	ACRES	428	2,713	0	5	8,922	4,636	16,704
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	138	12	17	2	96	31	296
	ACRES	3,288	36	792	0	18,943	2,783	25,842
Eastern Area	FIRES	355		31	9	3,606	330	4,331
	ACRES	1,741		1,978	89	44,672	5,167	53,647
Southern Area	FIRES	104		34	17	18,315	477	18,947
	ACRES	15,211		4,312	518	185,050	71,260	276,351
TOTAL	FIRES	1,150	95	92	42	23,221	1,156	25,756
	ACRES	24,345	3,010	7,237	642	263,849	85,305	384,388

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>27,802</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>562,597</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				10	11
	ACRES		65				2,972	3,037
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						155	155
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						13	13
	ACRES						1,888	1,888
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					25	47	72
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						401	401
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1	1		0	3	5
	ACRES		495	78		323	469	1,365
Eastern Area	FIRES			13		18	1	32
	ACRES			3,049		2,350	4	5,403
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	14	0	19	32	67
	ACRES	0	560	3,127	0	2,698	5,936	12,321

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1,122		1,122
Northwest	FIRES	29	72	33	0		167	301
	ACRES	4,845	6,773	3,623	30		47,348	62,619
Northern California	FIRES	14	37	8	14		159	232
	ACRES	251	712	13,575	624		19,620	34,782
Southern California	FIRES		10	3	3		67	83
	ACRES		498	332	68		5,606	6,504
Northern Rockies	FIRES	10	5	19	2	27	259	322
	ACRES	755	137	2,322	930	1,191	38,369	43,704
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	13	3	4	14	48	83
	ACRES	149	1,869	547	62	1,322	9,460	13,409
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3		1		4	8
	ACRES		78		2		71	151
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	6	8		269	310
	ACRES	2,796	4,743	519	141		38,208	46,407
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	41	27	71	16	9	74	238
	ACRES	4,957	9,806	13,503	2,969	4,028	29,263	64,526
Eastern Area	FIRES	13		201	14	492	136	856
	ACRES	11,365		27,038	3,499	36,432	25,910	104,244
Southern Area	FIRES	51		122	61	190	975	1,399
	ACRES	8,503		54,762	55,341	113,687	896,227	1,128,520
TOTAL	FIRES	173	180	466	123	734	2,158	3,834
	ACRES	33,621	24,616	116,221	63,666	157,782	1,110,082	1,505,988

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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							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				1			1
	ACRES				101			101
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				3	4
	ACRES		30				2,043	2,073
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	0	3	5
	ACRES	0	30	0	101	0	2,043	2,174

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	145	641
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0
Alberta	0	0	160	894
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	19	322
Manitoba	0	0	0	0
Ontario	0	0	19	1,244
Quebec	0	0	20	6
Newfoundland	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	0	31	53
Nova Scotia	0	0	9	10
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	2	0
Total	0	0	405	3,170

**\*\*The next CIFFC Report will be May 5, 2004. Daily reporting will begin on May 10, 2004. \*\*\***

**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										
Northwest	5	1	29	1		1			39	
Northern California	2	3	6	4					15	10
Southern California	7	68	60	281	4	9			80	211
Northern Rockies			3	1						
Eastern Great Basin		1	3						3	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest		1	10	8					7	4
Rocky Mountain	3		3			2			1	
Eastern Area			5	1		1				
Southern Area										
Total	17	74	119	296	4	13	0	0	145	225

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