

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2005 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 92 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southwest and the Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Kansas.

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

NORTH GILA COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Fork and Johnson fires, is 13 miles southeast of Reserve, NM in timber and grass. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Occasional isolated torching of individual trees along with minimal fire activity was reported.

TUWEEP, Grand Canyon National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire started on National Park Service land six miles southwest of Tuweep, AZ in pinyon, juniper and brush. Hand crews are working to prevent fire from burning onto Bureau of Land Management land. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NORTH GILA COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	6,186	N/A	N/A	135	7	1	0	0	300K	FS
TUWEEP - WFU	AZ	GCP	1,723	N/A	N/A	15	0	0	0	0	NR	NPS
CONTINENTAL - WFU	NM	GNF	1,852	N/A	N/A	24	1	1	0	0	70K	FS
BULL - WFU	NM	GNF	2,360	N/A	N/A	16	0	2	0	0	40K	FS
HULET	AZ	CRA	460	100	---	24	1	1	0	0	640K	BIA

CRA = Colorado River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

SHEENJEK RIVER, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) has been ordered. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 23 miles north of Ft. Yukon, AK in birch, aspen, black and white spruce. Cabins and outbuildings remain threatened. High winds are hampering containment efforts. The fire remained active with running, crowning and spotting.

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SHEENJEK RIVER	AK	UYD	12,665	1	UNK	124	7	0	3	0	NR	FWS

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

3 ISLAND, Twin Falls District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire started on Bureau of Land Management land six miles southwest of Glens Ferry, ID in sagebrush. The Oregon Trail and Sage Grouse habitat are threatened. Erratic winds, heavy fuel loads, rocky terrain and poor accessibility are hindering suppression efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
3 ISLAND	ID	TFD	400	75	UNK	80	0	15	0	0	NR	BLM
BROWN DUNE	ID	BOD	10,000	100	---	66	0	17	0	0	NR	ST

BOD = Boise District, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A strong upper low along the West Coast and a high pressure ridge over the Rockies will bring increasing winds and low humidity to portions of the Great Basin and Southwest Areas. Alaska is under an upper level high for more hot and dry weather along with some thunderstorms for most of the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Western Great Basin Mostly sunny south, increasing clouds north with isolated thunderstorms in northeastern Nevada.	North Valleys: 77 to 92 South Valleys: 86 to 108 Mountains: 60 to 80	North Valleys: 10 to 25% South Valleys: 7 to 17% Mountains: 15 to 35%	South to southwest 15 to 25 mph with gusts 30 to 45 mph in northern and central Nevada.
Southwest Mostly sunny. Breezy to locally windy northern AZ and northwest NM. Scattered wet thunderstorms eastern NM and west TX, with any dry thunderstorms limited to southern to south-central NM.	Mountains: 65 to 85. Lower elevations: 85 to 106.	AZ and western NM: 7 to 20% Central NM: 15 to 20% Eastern NM and west TX: 15 to 30%	SW 15 to 20 mph with gusts to 25 to 30 mph northern AZ. SW 10 to 20 mph and gusty remainder of AZ and most of NM. S 10 to 20 mph eastern NM and west TX.
Rocky Mountain Colorado and Wyoming: Partly sunny with scattered afternoon thunderstorms and isolated dry lightning.	Eastern plains: 90 to 95 Higher elevations: 60s to 70's. 80's else where	South and West Colorado: 10 to 20%.	Easterly 10 to 20 mph across the eastern plains.
Southern California Morning low clouds and fog to the coastal mountain slopes, otherwise increasing clouds.	Mountains: 65 to 80. Valleys: 75 to 85. Upper deserts: 80 to 90. Lower deserts: 95 to 105	20 to 40%.	Southwest to northwest 15 to 25 mph.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

REFUSING RISK (“TURNDOWN” PROTOCOL)

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A “turndown” is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A “turndown” must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a “turndown” if:
 - There is a violation of safe work practices.
 - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
 - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
 - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
 - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
 - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
 - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
 - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		3	1	2	6		12
	ACRES		3,258	3,737	314	24		7,333
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Northern California	FIRES					12	3	15
	ACRES					53	1	54
Southern California	FIRES					14	2	16
	ACRES					3	2	5
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	2			6	2	11
	ACRES	1	9,904			877	1	10,783
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6			1		7
	ACRES		29			0		29
Southwest	FIRES	1				2	4	7
	ACRES	1				3	1	5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			1	4	7
	ACRES		0			0	3	3
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					14		14
	ACRES					116		116
TOTAL	FIRES	3	13	1	2	57	16	92
	ACRES	2	13,191	3,737	314	1,076	9	18,329

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	19	17	3	184	10	235
	ACRES	3	14,215	11,071	329	20,151	320	46,089
Northwest	FIRES	34	24	6	4	106	83	257
	ACRES	145	12	9	4	176	48	394
Northern California	FIRES			1		327	68	396
	ACRES			0		1,964	38	2,002
Southern California	FIRES	7	26	3	7	590	114	747
	ACRES	9	1,074	15	3	9,278	37	10,416
Northern Rockies	FIRES	257	3	15		108	38	421
	ACRES	4,562	136	673		1,267	1,298	7,936
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	47		8	60	21	139
	ACRES	811	15,812		1	1,605	3	18,232
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	51	2	7	10	5	76
	ACRES	0	10,185	70	12	21,015	1	31,283
Southwest	FIRES	612	61	8	11	579	303	1,574
	ACRES	7,305	12,448	9,037	33	36,404	19,374	84,601
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	121	34	17	5	110	65	352
	ACRES	2,679	77	157	9	14,861	1,626	19,409
Eastern Area	FIRES	496		30	33	6,961	400	7,920
	ACRES	7,052		1,693	940	54,185	7,588	71,458
Southern Area	FIRES	158		76	9	13,959	397	14,599
	ACRES	25,802		16,769	149	148,896	10,469	202,085
TOTAL	FIRES	1,691	265	175	87	22,994	1,504	26,716
	ACRES	48,368	53,959	39,494	1,480	309,802	40,802	493,905

Ten Year Average Fires	37,942
Ten Year Average Acres	905,205

*** 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				4	5
	ACRES		39				155	194
Northern California	FIRES				1		5	6
	ACRES				150		664	814
Southern California	FIRES				0		2	2
	ACRES				240		272	512
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				2	2
	ACRES		1,600				157	1,757
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						625	625
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		0				1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					3	4	7
	ACRES					1,550	1,952	3,502
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	3	18	23
	ACRES	0	1,654	0	374	1,550	3,826	7,404

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	90	33	2		186	329
	ACRES	5,651	12,242	2,054	249		17,633	37,829
Northern California	FIRES	12	17	132	23		154	338
	ACRES	188	732	24,549	1,652		17,197	44,318
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	4	9		69	88
	ACRES	1,000	623	8	1,931		4,773	8,335
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	28	90	3	31	229	384
	ACRES	135	3,244	18,457	22	2,131	21,990	45,979
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	4	1	10	37	69
	ACRES	1	6,944	711	11	128	7,446	15,241
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	10			2	17
	ACRES		106	2,711			2,775	5,592
Southwest	FIRES	8	27	2	8		223	268
	ACRES	3,062	26,598	3,210	13,711		63,016	109,597
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	38	99	14	16	100	296
	ACRES	3,709	10,029	20,099	10,312	2,501	28,629	75,279
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		422	34	1,022	132	1,646
	ACRES	17,502		65,213	4,422	66,867	25,442	179,446
Southern Area	FIRES	34		142	36	375	1,028	1,615
	ACRES	7,180		78,410	22,544	243,692	843,924	1,195,750
TOTAL	FIRES	142	226	938	130	1,458	2,160	5,054
	ACRES	38,428	60,518	215,422	54,854	315,945	1,032,825	1,717,992

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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						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				0			0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				0		0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1	1	8	10
	ACRES				1,723	5	9,781	11,509
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3		1		1	5
	ACRES		0		1		0	1
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	0	3	1	11	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,726	5	9,781	11,510

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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	428	26,709
Yukon Territory	3	7	24	43
Alberta	1	28	838	58,020
Northwest Territory	1	3,434	44	6,192
Saskatchewan	1	0	111	28,322
Manitoba	1	0	71	1,058
Ontario	1	6	303	1,746
Quebec	1	1	436	591,064
Newfoundland	3	0	76	2,514
New Brunswick	1	0	196	203
Nova Scotia	0	0	198	489
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	698	36	14,909
Total	10	4,170	2,761	731,269

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	7	1			3				12	
Northwest	1		3							
Northern California	2		19							
Southern California	1	1	6		1					
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			70	4					10	
Western Great Basin		4	7	5						
Southwest	4		4						49	1
Rocky Mountain			6		1				2	
Eastern Area			1						9	
Southern Area	2		2							
Total	17	6	118	9	5	0	0	0	82	1

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