

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2006 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 78 new fires reported. Seven new large fires (*) were reported, three in the Eastern Great Basin Area, and two each in the Southwest and Rocky Mountain Areas. Five large fires were contained, four in the Southwest Area, and one in the Eastern Great Basin Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, Texas and Utah.

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

NAVAJO MOUNTAIN 1, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles west/northwest of Page, AZ in timber. Residential areas, communications facility on Navajo Mountain, power lines and herb gathering grounds remain threatened. Torching, spotting and uphill runs were observed. Air operations were temporarily grounded due to extremely windy conditions. Burn out operations are ongoing.

POTATO COMPLEX, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This complex is 10 miles northwest of Heber-Overgaard, AZ in pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Four major power lines supplying Phoenix and Tucson remain threatened. A mandatory evacuation order remains in effect for Chevelon Retreat and Chevelon Acres. Numerous residences remain threatened. High winds and low relative humidity continue to hamper containment efforts. Individual and group tree torching were reported.

SKATES, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning 12 miles northeast of Silver City, NM in timber. State Highway 15 remained closed. Moderate to low fire behavior was reported.

WARM, Kaibab National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenburg) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning three miles south of Jacob Lake, AZ in ponderosa pine litter. No new information was reported.

WILLOW, Coronado National Forest. This fire is 15 miles south of Sonita, AZ in grass. No new information was reported.

WEST, Kaibab National Forest. This lightning-cause Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning eight miles southeast of Tusayan, AZ in timber. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INDIAN, Kaibab National Forest. This fire is 19 miles southwest of Jacob Lake, AZ 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
NAVAJO MOUNTAIN 1	AZ	NAA	2,500	5	UNK	292	8	0	4	0	542K	BIA
POTATO COMPLEX	AZ	ASF	6,200	60	6/17	487	7	34	4	0	1.57M	FS
SKATES - WFU	NM	GNF	6,400	N/A	N/A	336	9	19	2	0	1.5M	FS
WARM - WFU	AZ	KNF	251	N/A	N/A	121	3	4	0	0	NR	FS
WILLOW	AZ	CNF	1,806	95	UNK	58	2	8	1	0	NR	FS
WEST - WFU	AZ	KNF	900	N/A	N/A	16	0	3	0	0	17.5K	FS
INDIAN	AZ	KNF	464	50	6/14	87	3	4	1	0	NR	FS
BRUSHY - WFU	NM	GNF	1,600	N/A	N/A	75	3	3	0	0	NR	FS
WILSON - WFU	NM	GNF	2,300	N/A	N/A	94	4	3	0	0	NR	FS
CEMENT - WFU	NM	GNF	592	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
MARTINEZ - WFU	NM	GNF	865	N/A	N/A	11	0	1	0	0	25K	FS
CREWS	NM	N2S	750	100	---	21	1	2	0	0	30K	ST
* CREAMER	NM	N5S	700	100	---	23	0	9	0	0	4.5K	ST
* CHARLIE HORN	NM	N5S	600	100	---	26	0	10	0	0	4.9K	ST
RANGER 2	AZ	TCA	393	100	---	188	4	1	1	0	710K	BIA

N2S - Cimarron District, New Mexico State Forestry N5S – Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry
TCA – Truxton Canon Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

THOMAS, Little Snake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) has been ordered. This fire is 36 miles west of Maybell, CO in pinyon pine and juniper. Numerous residences remain threatened. County road 56 remains closed. Decreased fire behavior was reported.

TRACER, Wyoming State Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lowe) has been ordered. This fire is 12 miles north of Guernsey, WY in pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Historical structures are threatened. Gusty winds contributed to active fire behavior and spread.

CHEYENNE RIVER, Wyoming State Forestry. This fire is three miles east of Bill, WY in grass and brush. No further information was received.

BULL RIDGE, Wind River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is northwest of Lander, WY in brush, timber and grass. No further information was received.

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THOMAS	CO	LSD	3,700	20	UNK	86	3	6	1	1	NR	BLM
* TRACER	WY	CPS	1,600	5	6/16	131	4	10	0	2	NR	ST
* CHEYENNE RIVER	WY	CPS	2,000	NR	UNK	4	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
BULL RIDGE	WY	WRA	965	90	UNK	10	0	1	1	0	NR	BIA

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

CAVE, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is ten miles southwest of Santa Clara, UT in grass, brush and pinyon pine. Commercial property and utility infrastructure are threatened. Steep, rugged terrain and difficult access are hampering containment efforts. Torching and short runs were observed.

TUNNEL ROAD, Wasatch Front Area, Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands. This fire is one mile west of Elberta, UT in grass and brush. Numerous residences, outbuildings, utility infrastructure and commercial properties are threatened. Tunnel Road is closed. Running, creeping and smoldering were reported.

BUCKSKIN, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 24 miles east of Kanab, UT in chaparral. A powerline is threatened, and the line was de-energized. Running crown fire was observed.

NORTH SAND MOUNTAIN, Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 25 miles west of Nephi, UT in grass, brush and pinyon pine. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* CAVE	UT	CCD	3,590	50	6/17	NR	1	14	1	2	NR	BLM
* TUNNEL ROAD	UT	NWS	3,700	75	6/15	75	2	6	1	0	65K	ST
* BUCKSKIN	UT	CCD	400	16	6/16	NR	5	6	1	0	NR	BLM
NORTH SAND MOUNTAIN	UT	RID	1,463	95	UNK	15	0	5	0	0	NR	BLM
ANNABELLA	UT	FIF	573	100	---	287	8	9	1	0	1.1M	FS

FIF – Fish Lake National Forest

ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

PARKS HWY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This fire is one mile southeast of Nenana, AK in black spruce, tundra and grass. Numerous residences, recreational cabins, native allotments, commercial property and utility infrastructure remain threatened. Structure protection remains in place. Sporadic precipitation occurred. Most fire activity is along the east flank, with running, spotting and torching observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PARKS HWY	AK	FAS	65,500	25	7/1	551	19	23	4	4	3.72M	ST

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

FERGUSON ROCK SLIDE, Sierra National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This incident is northeast of Mariposa, CA. The area surrounding the rock

slide along the Merced River remains closed to all public access. Downstream fisheries and tourism infrastructure remain threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
FERGUSON ROCK SLIDE	CA	SNF	15	N/A	N/A	22	0	0	0	0	115K	FS

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Thursday afternoon and evening in southeast Utah for strong south winds and low relative humidity. Over most of Arizona and New Mexico for strong winds and low humidity. Thursday and Friday in the northern and eastern interior of Alaska for strong northeast winds.

Fire Weather Watch: Friday in the northwestern interior of Alaska for strong northeast winds.

Weather Discussion: A large low pressure trough moving across the west will continue to create strong winds and dry conditions over portions of the Great Basin, Southwest and Rocky Mountain Areas. Dry thunderstorms are possible mainly over Colorado and New Mexico. In Alaska, windy conditions will develop over the northern and central portion of the state, with a chance of thunderstorms across the southern interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southwest Area Partly cloudy, continued dry and windy to breezy across the eastern half of Arizona into most of New Mexico. Mostly sunny and hot across parts of Eastern New Mexico and west Texas with isolated thunderstorms. Isolated dry thunderstorms across parts of central New Mexico.	85 to near 105 lower elevations. 65 to 85 mountains.	5% to 15% most areas, except 20% to 30% portions of west Texas.	Southwest 15 to 30 mph and very gusty across much of Arizona and New Mexico. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Southwest 10 to 20 mph and gusty elsewhere.
Eastern Great Basin Area Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly cloudy west with showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy east with scattered showers in the mountains, isolated showers in the valleys. Northern Utah: Partly cloudy with isolated - scattered thunderstorms in the west. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms in southwest corner.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 50 to 66 mountains, 61 to 72 valleys. Northern Utah: 54 to 64 mountains, 64 to 76 west valleys, up to 84 east valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 62 to 75 mountains, 75 to 96 valleys. 97 to 105 low deserts.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 46 to 70% mountains, 38 to 50% valleys. Northern Utah: 26 to 37% mountains, 15 to 26% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 16 to 25% mountains, 9 to 16% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West to northwest 10 mph Idaho. Southwest 10 to 15 mph gusting to 30 mph in the Bridger-Teton. Northern Utah: western Utah: Northwest 10 to 20 mph. eastern Utah: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Southern Utah, AZ Strip: Southwest 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 35 mph in southeast corner.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Alaska Area Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms in the interior and northern south central. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers in the southwest.	60s to around 80 in the interior.	20% to 35% in the interior. Above 50% in the South and Southwest.	Northeast winds gusting above 25 mph in the north and eastern interior. Variable winds to 15 mph in south central Alaska.
Southern California Area Sunny.	70 to 85 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 85 to 95 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	40 to 60% Coastal areas. 20 to 40% Valleys. 10 to 30% Mountains. 5 to 15% Deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.
Western Great Basin Area Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated showers and maybe a thunderstorm across the north and east. Partly to mostly sunny across the west and south.	N. valleys: 70 to 85. S. valleys: 83 to 106. N. mountains: 61 to 76. S. mountains: 70 to 80.	N. valleys: 10 to 30%. S. valleys: 4 to 14%. N. mountains: 20 to 40%. S. mountains: 9 to 14%.	Northwest to southwest at 5 to 15 mph with localized afternoon gusts of 25 to 30 mph.
Eastern Area No information was reported.			
Rocky Mountain Area No information was reported.			
Southern Area No information was reported.			



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Working with Helicopter Drops

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- Are other aircraft in the area?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotor wash?
- Will terrain and obstructions allow the helicopter to attain the proper drop height?
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			0		1
	ACRES		0			7,917		7,917
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES	2				16	6	24
	ACRES	1				147	1	149
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			9	1	12
	ACRES		3,850			3,232	0	7,082
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3			1		4
	ACRES		11			0		11
Southwest	FIRES		2			7	2	11
	ACRES		1			11	0	12
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2			7	4	13
	ACRES		2,805			3,648	157	6,610
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern Area	FIRES					5	2	7
	ACRES					137	4	141
TOTAL	FIRES	3	10	0	0	46	19	78
	ACRES	2	6,667	0	0	15,092	162	21,923

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	2	1	2	171		180
	ACRES	63	1	52,540	1,530	64,281		118,415
Northwest	FIRES	51	23	18		163	102	357
	ACRES	270	12	31		453	149	915
Northern California	FIRES	14		5	2	174	88	283
	ACRES	16		25	0	1,552	1,532	3,125
Southern California	FIRES	22	25	1	2	598	144	792
	ACRES	86	486	1	1	7,982	11,111	19,667
Northern Rockies	FIRES	270	6	17	1	129	62	485
	ACRES	1,244	105	1,053	223	4,293	376	7,294
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	16	129	1	4	181	59	390
	ACRES	255	16,605	0	0	9,673	818	27,351
Western Great Basin	FIRES		107	2	7	17	6	139
	ACRES		10,641	567	4	635	322	12,169
Southwest	FIRES	457	116	2	82	1,072	697	2,426
	ACRES	7,259	11,215	431	5,437	371,681	30,590	426,613
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	155	142	38	17	410	146	908
	ACRES	3,419	4,305	2,048	63	140,615	10,039	160,489
Eastern Area	FIRES	459		34	53	9,364	455	10,365
	ACRES	5,732		829	252	71,467	13,162	91,442
Southern Area	FIRES	393		156	49	33,244	815	34,657
	ACRES	43,258		14,909	5,684	1,938,195	43,863	2,045,909
TOTAL	FIRES	1,841	550	275	219	45,523	2,574	50,982
	ACRES	61,602	43,370	72,434	13,194	2,610,827	111,962	2,913,389

Ten Year Average Fires	36,327
Ten Year Average Acres	882,158

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES			1			0	1
	ACRES			40			75	115
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					200		200
Southern Area	FIRES				1		1	2
	ACRES				2,000		2,118	4,118
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	1	1	4
	ACRES	0	0	40	2,000	200	2,193	4,433

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					2,429		2,429
Northwest	FIRES	15	117	54	1	1	187	375
	ACRES	6,852	10,293	6,702	98	180	26,591	50,716
Northern California	FIRES	17	23	20	3		96	159
	ACRES	207	2,991	26,950	65		3,969	34,182
Southern California	FIRES		5	6	3	1	63	78
	ACRES		285	144	111	11	2,615	3,166
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	20	123	2	33	279	458
	ACRES	40	4,344	21,289	268	3,177	31,565	60,683
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	7	18	6	3	5	51	90
	ACRES	1,616	2,845	1,579	1,870	129	22,497	30,536
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	3			1	10
	ACRES		425	12			1,085	1,522
Southwest	FIRES	23	12	4	4		97	140
	ACRES	3,767	10,696	8,454	923		49,518	73,358
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	20	98	14	33	97	290
	ACRES	2,908	5,422	20,190	8,995	1,767	27,845	67,127
Eastern Area	FIRES	40		500	34	1,168	148	1,890
	ACRES	15,175		57,738	5,081	67,422	29,029	174,445
Southern Area	FIRES	22		158	52	279	790	1,301
	ACRES	6,639		70,564	20,874	145,805	637,866	881,748
TOTAL	FIRES	153	221	972	116	1,526	1,809	4,797
	ACRES	37,204	37,301	213,622	38,285	220,920	832,580	1,379,912

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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				6			6
	ACRES				1			1
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1					15	16
	ACRES	20					6,148	6,168
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		3					3
Southwest	FIRES				1		19	20
	ACRES				1,656		15,667	17,323
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2		1			3
	ACRES		0		0			0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	8	0	35	47
	ACRES	20	3	0	1,657	0	21,815	23,495

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	8	135	459	4,323
Yukon Territory	2	1	7	4
Alberta	4	17	801	6,950
Northwest Territory	1	1	3	2
Saskatchewan	0	0	149	75,135
Manitoba	4	5	100	3,648
Ontario	3	3	312	1,598
Quebec	4	302	380	67,722
Newfoundland	0	0	49	1,397
New Brunswick	0	0	235	423
Nova Scotia	3	3	192	1,612
Prince Edward Island	0	0	28	28
National Parks	1	0	29	1,512
Total	30	466	2,744	164,353

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	19	21	1	22		4	1		61	84
Northwest	3		8		1					2
Northern California	8		18		2				3	
Southern California	2	5	4	12	1	2				2
Northern Rockies	1		3							
Eastern Great Basin	14	3	43	10	3	1	1		96	15
Western Great Basin	4	3	5		1					
Southwest	38	2	26	60	11	2	7		306	117
Rocky Mountain	6	4	15	21	3		4		30	25
Eastern Area					1				3	
Southern Area					1					
Total	95	38	123	125	24	9	13	0	499	245

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