

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1998 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Fire activity continued in the Northern Rockies and Eastern Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center has been tasked to identify resources to assist Mexico with their wildfires. Very high and extreme fire indices continue to be reported in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas and Michigan. Two units in southern California reported very high fire indices yesterday.

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ESTHER LAKE, Minnesota State. A Type II Incident Management Team (Sterr) is assigned. This fire is burning in timber infested by spruce budworm 10 miles north of Hovland. Shifting winds, snags and spotting are causing control problems.

CAMP FAUNCE, Hiawatha NF. This fire is burning in mixed marsh land and jack pine 15 miles west of the Chippewa International Airport. Mop-up is continuing and efforts are concentrated on securing the perimeter to withstand high winds expected this afternoon.

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
ESTHER LAKE	MNS	MN	250	0	UNK	34	0	1	2	0	UNK	UNK
CAMP FAUNCE	HIF	MI	1,832	75	5/20	150	5	8	1	0	UNK	121K
RIVER ROAD II	HUF	MI	100	100	----	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

HUF = Huron NF

NORTHERN ROCKIES LARGE FIRES:

SANDBURN, Miles City District, BLM. This lightning fire is burning in grass, sage and juniper 30 miles north of Moseby. High winds and low humidities are hampering control efforts.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
SANDBURN	MCD	MT	2,500	40	5/20	124	4	8	1	UNK	UNK	UNK

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT	UNIT	ST	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
BIG TURKEY	PSF	CO	600	100	5/19	203	6	6	1	3	UNK	234K

PSF = Pike-San Isabel NF.

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CIBOLO CREEK, Texas State. The fire is 35 miles southwest of Marfa. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOST	LOSS	C-T-D
* CIBOLO CREEK	TXS	TX	60,000	90	5/19	239	5	10	7	0	UNK	UNK

* = No new information

OUTLOOK:

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN NORTHERN FLORIDA DUE TO LOW HUMIDITY. Florida will be dry and hot. High temperatures will be in the upper 80's to mid 90's.

New Mexico and west Texas will be partly cloudy with a few dry thunderstorms and near Red Flag conditions due to breezy southwest winds at 15-30 MPH. High temperatures will be in the mid 80's to 100 with upper 60's to lower 80's in the New Mexico mountains.

Colorado will be partly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms in the southwest and mountains. Winds will be southwest at 15-30 MPH in the valleys and 30-50 MPH on the ridges. High temperatures will be in the 70's to 80's with 60's in the mountains.

The Great Lake States will be dry and breezy. Winds will be north to northwest at 15- 20 MPH. High temperatures will be in the 70's, except 60's in northern Michigan.

FIRES: Yesterday								
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL	
ALASKA					6		6	
NORTHWEST							NR	
CA-NORTH							0	
CA-SOUTH					2		2	
NORTHERN		0					0	
GB-EAST							NR	
GB-WEST							NR	
SOUTHWEST						1	1	

ROCKY MTN						1	1
EASTERN					1	0	1
SOUTHERN					57	4	61
USA	0	0	0	0	66	6	72

ACRES BURNED: Yesterday							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA					6		6
NORTHWEST							NR
CA-NORTH							0
CA-SOUTH					0		0
NORTHERN		1,900					1,900
GB-EAST							NR
GB-WEST							NR
SOUTHWEST						2	2
ROCKY MTN						1	1
EASTERN					250	132	382
SOUTHERN					551	137	688
USA	0	1,900	0	0	807	272	2,979

RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources										
AREA	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICOP.		AIRTNK.		OVERHEAD	
	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O	FED	ST/O
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST										
CA-NORTH	1									
CA-SOUTH										
NORTHERN	4		6	2		1			16	
GB-EAST										
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	4		5	1		1	1			4
ROCKY MTN	11		6	3	2				85	6
EASTERN	3	4	7	2	3				32	6
SOUTHERN										
USA	23	4	24	8	5	2	1	0	133	16

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

ST/O = STATE OR OTHER RESOURCES

NR = NO REPORT

FIRES: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	1	5			162		168
NORTHWEST	16	9			24	30	79
CA-NORTH		1			62	7	70
CA-SOUTH		4		2	170	41	217

NORTHERN	181	3	9		72	47	312
GB-EAST	3						3
GB-WEST		14		1	5	3	23
SOUTHWEST	104	22	2	21	353	126	628
ROCKY MTN	110	11			135	34	290
EASTERN	499			12	6,503	296	7,310
SOUTHERN	8		30	20	10,234	434	10,726
USA	922	69	41	56	17,720	1,018	19,826

ACRES BURNED: Year to date							
AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	1	487			128		616
NORTHWEST	311	605			272	61	1,249
CA-NORTH		0			7	2	9
CA-SOUTH		1		0	31	2	34
NORTHERN	941	640	1,045		1,360	1,675	5,661
GB-EAST	158						158
GB-WEST		7		0	5	2	14
SOUTHWEST	840	1,199	4	532	35,654	263	38,492
ROCKY MTN	1,041	79			2,595	1,056	4,771
EASTERN	9,817			174	63,238	3,417	76,646
SOUTHERN	35		5,996	5,452	227,820	7,922	247,225
USA	13,144	3,018	7,045	6,158	331,110	14,400	374,875

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES				
PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	4	0	368	2,279
YUKON TERRITORY	7	775	20	784
ALBERTA	12	56	327	325,826
NORTHWEST TERRITORY			1	1
SASKATCHEWAN	4	2	213	17,909
MANITOBA	0	105	137	7,019
ONTARIO	23	62	385	28,844
QUEBEC	8	12	252	5,388
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	76	914
NEW BRUNSWICK	2	0	113	298
NOVA SCOTIA	5	0	142	218
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND			7	43
NATIONAL PARKS			8	614
TOTALS	66	1,012	2,049	390,137

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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