

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1999 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack fire activity was reported in the Southern Area, California and Alaska, with minimal initial attack activity being reported elsewhere. Initial attack and large fire activity increased in eastern Canada. Very high and extreme fire indices were reported in Maine, Michigan, New Hampshire, Louisiana, Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas, Quebec and New Brunswick.

Alaska is mobilizing a Type II Incident Management Team to three 20+ acre fires in the Big Lake area north of Anchorage. Five crews are being mobilized from the lower forty-eight. No further information is available.

OUTLOOK:

A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR WESTERN NEW MEXICO FOR LOW HUMIDITIES AND GUSTY SOUTH TO SOUTHWEST WINDS. New Mexico will be partly cloudy and a little warmer. A slight chance of thunderstorms exist in the eastern portion of the state. Winds will be southeast to southwest at 15-25 MPH with gusts to near 30 MPH. Minimum humidities will be 20-30 percent. High temperatures will be in the upper 60's to low 80's for the mountains and north, with 80's to 90's in the southern lowlands.

West Texas will be mostly cloudy in the morning, becoming partly cloudy by afternoon, with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms near the Big Bend area. Winds will be southeast to south at 15-25 MPH with gusts to 30 MPH. Minimum humidities will be 10-20 percent. High temperatures will be in the lower 80's and lower 90's, with 105 expected along the Rio Grande Corridor.

Arizona will be mostly sunny. Minimum humidities will be 5-15 percent. Winds will be south to southwest at 10-25 MPH. High temperatures will be in the 70's in the mountains, with 80's to upper 90's elsewhere, to 102 in the hottest deserts.

Southern California will be sunny, with areas of morning fog and low clouds along the coast. Minimum humidities will be 15-35 percent for the interior portions of the state with 50-65 percent along the coast. Winds will be southwest to west at 10-20 MPH, with gusts to 30 MPH. High temperatures will be in the 50's to 60's near the mountains, upper 60's to 70's for the coastal regions and 70's to 80's inland. Death Valley will see high temperatures near 100 degrees.

Florida will be partly cloudy with widely scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be west to northwest at 5-15 MPH. Minimum humidities will be 40-55 percent. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					63		63
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES					28		28
	ACRES					18		18
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1				8	5	14
	ACRES	55				1	130	186
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	3	1		1	2	2	9
	ACRES	0	1		1	1	0	3
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					29	1	30
	ACRES					213	1	214
TOTAL	FIRES	4	1	0	1	76	11	93
	ACRES	55	1	0	1	296	132	485

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1		92		93
	ACRES			0		630		630
NORTHWEST	FIRES	35	9			55	10	109
	ACRES	1,915	20			143	247	2,325
CA-NORTH	FIRES	13	4	4	1	324	30	376
	ACRES	2	5	32	25	150	26	240
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	2	18	4	1	569	120	714
	ACRES	0	286	0	1	3,926	2,769	6,982
NORTHERN	FIRES	2					1	3
	ACRES	2					874	876
GB-EAST	FIRES		17		2	14	5	38
	ACRES		268		1	123	26	418
GB-WEST	FIRES		15		2	10	1	28
	ACRES		418		2	26	0	446
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	282	30	6	12	412	271	1,013
	ACRES	4,136	4,861	3	317	57,359	1,693	68,369

ROCKY MTN	FIRES	42	18		1	214	35	310
	ACRES	420	854		0	2,258	884	4,416
EASTERN	FIRES	513			46	9,334	251	10,144
	ACRES	2,947			338	75,463	3,696	82,444
SOUTHERN	FIRES	34		47	73	24,772	659	25,585
	ACRES	626		18,735	9,523	481,739	23,887	534,510
TOTALS	FIRES	923	111	62	138	35,796	1,383	38,413
	ACRES	10,048	6,712	18,770	10,207	621,817	34,102	701,656

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1		2		3
	ACRES			110		280		390
NORTHWEST	FIRES		4				1	5
	ACRES		615				1,600	2,215
CA-NORTH	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						365	365
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				0		113	113
	ACRES				1		155	156
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						201	201
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	3						3
	ACRES	905						905
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						3,269	3,269
TOTAL	FIRES	3	4	1	0	2	120	130
	ACRES	905	615	110	1	280	5,590	7,501

Fires and acres reported to the National Interagency Coordination Center are for operational use. Official totals may be obtained by contacting the Agencies directly.

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1	0	134	1,020
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	5	2

ALBERTA	1	1	185	1,531
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	0	0
SASKATCHEWAN	0	0	76	646
MANITOBA	0	0	200	38,823
ONTARIO	2	1,402	305	174,270
QUEBEC	18	943	286	1,354
NEWFOUNDLAND	6	3	58	1,140
NEW BRUNSWICK	7	38	197	331
NOVA SCOTIA	5	120	169	1,386
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	3	3
NATIONAL PARKS	0	1	7	77
TOTALS	40	2,508	1,625	220,583

RESOURCE 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							1	1		
NORTHWEST			10						48	
CA-NORTH										
CA-SOUTH			13							
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST										
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	27		13	2	4				84	5
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN									2	
SOUTHERN			5	2	1		2		19	20
TOTAL	27	0	41	4	5	0	3	1	153	25

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