

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2000 - 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Lower temperatures and waning winds aided crews on the large fires in the Southwest Area. One new large fire was reported in the Southwest Area and three were reported in the Eastern Area. The Southwest Area ordered a Type I Incident Management Team (Gage) to stage in Albuquerque. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for helicopters, airtankers, air attack aircraft, infrared aircraft, radio equipment, engines, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in New Mexico, Arizona, California, Utah, Oklahoma, Texas, and Kentucky.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced a 30-day suspension of all federal prescribed fires west of the 100th meridian. For more information, see the U.S. Forest Service Fire News web page at www.fs.fed.us/fire/news.shtml.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

CERRO GRANDE, Bandelier National Monument. An Area Command Team (Meuchel) is in place. The fire has been zoned and two Type I Incident Management Teams (Humphrey - South Zone and Bateman - North Zone) are assigned. The fire is burning near Los Alamos, NM. Some areas near the Los Alamos National Laboratory remain threatened. The fire has moved towards the White Rock area and into Santa Clara Canyon on the Santa Clara Indian Reservation. Major problems include inaccessible terrain, heavy fuels, high winds, and long range spotting.

SCOTT ABLE, Lincoln National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Studebaker) will continue to transition with a Type II Incident Management Team (Bustamante) today. Fire spread was minimal due to increased relative humidity and decreases in wind and temperatures. Structure loss and any additional damages will be inventoried today. Current threats are to scattered residences in the area and endangered species habitat.

OUTLET, Grand Canyon National Park. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) will be transitioning with a Type II Incident Management Team (Anderson) today. The fire is burning in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer two miles north of North Rim Village. Favorable weather and additional personnel resulted in progress toward containment.

CREE, Lincoln National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. The fire is burning in pinyon-juniper forest near Ruidoso, NM. Burning conditions moderated yesterday, allowing crews to make significant progress in fireline construction. Some torching continues, mostly inside the fireline. Rough terrain and an irregular fire edge are hindering containment efforts.

MANUELITAS, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. The fire is

burning in ponderosa pine forest, 14 miles north of Las Vegas, NM. Two homes, a barn, two outbuildings, three vehicles, and a radio repeater were reported destroyed. The evacuation of the communities of Manuelitas and Cañoncitos is still in effect. Control problems include strong winds, low fuel moisture, and recent logging slash. State Highway 94 remains closed.

POWER, Arizona State Land Department. The fire is 25 miles east of Benson, AZ. The fire spread rapidly in grass and mesquite. Containment is expected today.

COON CREEK, Tonto National Forest. The fire is 20 miles north of Globe, AZ in the Sierra Ancha Wilderness. A helicopter with a bucket cooled hot spots near the fireline. Crews worked the section between Pueblo Canyon and Rose Creek.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
CERRO GRANDE	NM	BAP	32000	2	UNK	872	26	26	5	191	UNK	3.1M
SCOTT ABLE	NM	LNF	20717	50	5/16	462	16	21	1	14	UNK	UNK
OUTLET	AZ	GCP	7000	12	5/18	697	25	12	7	0	UNK	737K
CREE	NM	LNF	8650	75	5/14	1061	22	47	6	3	NR	3.0M
MANUELITAS	NM	N4S	750	30	5/14	94	5	9	0	5	UNK	100K
POWER	AZ	AZS	640	40	5/13	22	0	4	0	0	UNK	15K
COON CREEK	AZ	TNF	9259	50	UNK	69	2	6	2	0	NR	4.9M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COOK RANCH, Texas State Forest Service. The fire is located 36 miles south of Ft. Stockton, TX. Highway 385, which had been closed due to heavy smoke has been reopened. Crews conducted an extensive burnout operation.

LONG BAY, National Forests of Florida. This fire is in the Apalachicola National Forest, 40 miles southwest of Tallahassee, FL. The fire spotted outside the line on 5/11. Crews mopped up, patrolled, and accomplished rehabilitation work.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	%	EST	TOTAL	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST	\$\$\$
				CTN	CTN	PERS				LOSS	LOSS	C-T-D
COOK RANCH	TX	TXS	45000	50	5/20	348	7	14	8	1	NR	1.0M
LONG BAY	FL	FNF	3588	95	5/13	95	3	4	3	0	NR	1.4M

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

STATELINE, West Virginia State Forestry. This lightning-caused fire is burning near the state line in Hardy County, WV. Virginia State resources assisted with suppression. Control problems include steep, rocky terrain and Gypsy Moth killed timber fuels.

TUSKIE RIDGE, Pennsylvania State Forestry. This fire is 15 miles southeast of Altoona, PA. It began as two separate lightning starts which burned together. The fire is inaccessible to engines. Containment was expected last night.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
STATELINE	WV	WVS	1500	75	5/14	26	2	3	1	0	NR		NR
TUSKIE RIDGE	PA	PAS	300	75	5/12	100	3	0	0	0	NR		NR
DAVEY RUN	WV	MOF	140	100	---	2	0	0	0	0	NR		NR

MOF = Monongahela National Forest

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN THE INLAND COUNTIES OF FLORIDA FOR LOW AFTERNOON RELATIVE HUMIDITIES ***

Florida will be partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms in the southern part of the state. High temperatures will be in the 80's and 90's. Minimum relative humidities will be 35 to 45 percent.

New Mexico will be mostly sunny and warmer. Winds will be southwest to southeast at 10 to 20 mph. Afternoon temperatures will range from the mid 60's to near 80. Minimum relative humidities will be between 10 and 25 percent.

Arizona will be sunny and warmer. High temperatures will be in the 60s and 70s in the mountains and up to 90 in the deserts. Winds will be south to southwest at 10 to 15 mph. Afternoon relative humidities will be 5 to 15 percent.

West Texas will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms over the mountains. A high wind watch is posted for Guadalupe Pass. Winds will be east at 15 to 25 mph. Temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's. Afternoon relative humidities will range from 20 to 25 percent.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					4		4
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES	14				3		17
	ACRES	46				1		47
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0

GB-EAST	ACRES							0
	FIRES					1		1
GB-WEST	ACRES					0		0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES	3			0	4	2	9
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	0			13000	1001	14725	28726
	FIRES						1	1
EASTERN	ACRES						1	1
	FIRES					73	1	74
SOUTHERN	ACRES					2004	140	2144
	FIRES					97	7	104
TOTAL	ACRES					1826	180	2006
	FIRES	17	0	0	0	184	12	213
	ACRES	46	0	0	13000	4836	15046	32928

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1	1	70		72
	ACRES			700	0	318		1018
NORTHWEST	FIRES	32	2	2		35	15	86
	ACRES	260	50	0		258	5	573
CA-NORTH	FIRES	14				226	36	276
	ACRES	46				206	4272	4524
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1	11		1	623	98	734
	ACRES	0	66		5	439	152	662
NORTHERN	FIRE	493	2	12		180	39	726
	ACRES	5470	18	468		6109	76	12141
GB-EAST	FIRES	8	24			9	16	57
	ACRES	566	468			72	5	1111
GB-WEST	FIRES	5	14				14	33
	ACRES	60	303				51	414
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	230	43	12	16	597	226	1124
	ACRES	2221	4385	7440	8416	207925	52697	283084
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	298	13	12	6	240	45	614
	ACRES	11935	230	432	6492	24359	6387	49835
EASTERN	FIRES	765			24	7113	357	8259
	ACRES	15825			469	71333	15096	102723
SOUTHERN	FIRES	20		34	39	20792	669	21554
	ACRES	3754		5729	985	360283	24373	395124
TOTALS	FIRES	1866	109	73	87	29885	1515	33535
	ACRES	40137	5520	14769	16367	671302	103114	851209

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					300		300
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3			3
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	3	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	3	0	300	303

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	12	15	25			88	140
	ACRES	4636	1155	5022			14937	25750
CA-NORTH	FIRES			2			117	119
	ACRES			820			9359	10179
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			1	2		78	81
	ACRES			10	24		4571	4605
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	1	54	3	53	186	317
	ACRES	1775	1200	12078	395	6226	29177	50851
GB-EAST	FIRES		15	3	3	5	16	42
	ACRES		1452	700	975	125	11290	14542
GB-WEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	31	213	26	9	2	188	469
	ACRES	8385	14214	1888	4269	360	59491	88607
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	107	7	7	39	169
	ACRES	850	2743	18932	2726	675	13726	39652
EASTERN	FIRES	12			11	89	184	296
	ACRES	2832			1290	51578	17958	73658
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		130	60	103	697	998
	ACRES	879		60699	35706	61971	450985	610240
USA TOTALS	FIRES	84	252	348	95	259	1595	2633

|ACRES| 19357| 20764| 100149| 45385| 120935| 613020| 919610

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	4	10	186	581
YUKON TERRITORY	1	0	3	0
ALBERTA	0	20	206	4346
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	0	0
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	86	3866
MANITOBA	1	1	89	11571
ONTARIO	0	0	134	771
QUEBEC	0	1	141	153
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	30	68
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	71	82
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	18	6
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	1
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	4	7
TOTALS	8	32	969	21452

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										
NORTHWEST									6	
CA-NORTH	2									
CA-SOUTH										
NORTHERN			11							4
GB-EAST										
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	116	30	65	126	24	9	1		419	487
ROCKY MTN			3	2						
EASTERN		3							3	25
SOUTHERN	16		10	6	7		1		55	1
TOTAL	134	33	89	134	31	9	2	0	483	517

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