

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in the Southwest and Southern Areas. Initial attack activity increased in the Southern Area. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for helicopters, an air tanker, infrared aircraft, engines, radio equipment, shower units, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Utah, California, Colorado, and Oklahoma.

On 5/13, 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 web page at www.fs.fed.us/fire/news.shtml.

A fixed wing aircraft working on the Lincoln Zone near Alamogordo, New Mexico crashed yesterday. Both the pilot and the passenger were killed. The entire fire community extends condolences to the family and friends.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

CERRO GRANDE, Bandelier National Monument. An Area Command Team (Meuchel) and two Type I Incident Management Teams (Humphrey and Bateman) are assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Gage) will begin transitioning with Bateman's team today. The fire is burning near Los Alamos, NM. Crews held and improved fireline on both the north and south sides of the fire. The potential for wind-driven fire growth still exists. Threatened resources include the Baca Ranch, the Santa Clara Indian Reservation, the Santa Clara Ranger Station, watersheds, and endangered species.

SCOTT ABLE, Lincoln National Forest. The fire is located 20 miles south of Cloudcroft, NM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. The fire's activity inside the perimeter increased due to lower humidities and higher winds. Efforts are underway to establish and secure direct fireline in all critical areas.

OUTLET, Grand Canyon National Park. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. The fire is burning in designated and proposed wilderness 26 miles south of Jacob Lake, AZ. The fire's activity increased due to strong winds and low relative humidity. Heavy fuels within the fire area have contributed to severe fire behavior, rapid fire spread and difficulty meeting containment objectives.

LANE, Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge. The fire is 40 miles southwest of Tucson, AZ. The fire began on 5/14 and was pushed in mesquite and grass by strong southwest winds. Retardant was effective in slowing the head of the fire. A burnout operation was planned for last night.

COON CREEK, Tonto National Forest. The fire is 20 miles north of Globe,

AZ in the Sierra Ancha Wilderness. No significant fire activity occurred. Demobilization of resources has begun.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CERRO GRANDE	NM	BAP	44323	35	UNK	1262	36	30	7	235	NR	5.7M
SCOTT ABLE	NM	LNF	20717	50	5/17	1241	37	53	8	80	NR	2.1M
OUTLET	AZ	GCP	9954	45	UNK	914	28	30	7	0	NR	2.4M
LANE	AZ	BAR	3000	0	UNK	111	2	10	2	0	NR	UNK
COON CREEK	AZ	TNF	9259	85	UNK	66	1	4	1	0	NR	4.9M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LONG BAY, National Forests of Florida. This fire is in the Apalachicola National Forest, 40 miles southwest of Tallahassee, FL. Airtankers, helicopters and crews worked to contain a spot fire yesterday which grew to approximately 250 acres.

COOK RANCH, Texas State Forest Service. The fire is located 36 miles south of Ft. Stockton, TX. Crews are improving firelines in preparation for today's predicted gusty winds.

CEDAR RIDGE, Blue Ridge Parkway, National Park Service. The fire is near Traphill, NC. Containment was hampered by strong winds and low humidities. The fire was caused by lightning.

PINEY, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. This lightning-caused fire is five miles southeast of Glasgow, VA. Two more crews will be mobilized today. Current threats include wildlife habitat and the James River Face Wilderness area.

FLOWERS, Florida State Division of Forestry. The fire, which is ten miles north of Port Charlotte, FL, was caused by lightning. Spotting up to 1/4 mile was observed.

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LONG BAY	FL	FNF	3800	UNK	UNK	95	3	4	3	0	NR	1.5M
COOK RANCH	TX	TXS	47000	85	5/17	211	3	12	4	1	415K	1.8M
CEDAR RIDGE	NC	BRP	400	30	5/16	185	8	13	3	NR	NR	NR
PINEY	VA	VAF	250	50	5/16	93	4	3	1	0	50K	125K
FLOWERS	FL	FLS	500	UNK	UNK	11	0	0	1	0	NR	NR
BALDWIN 1	AL	ALS	300	100	---	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
BALDWIN 2	AL	ALS	400	100	---	NR	1	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
CHILTON 1	AL	ALS	800	100		NR	1	NR	NR	0	NR	NR

ALS = Alabama State Forestry Commission

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TUSKIE RIDGE	PA	PAS	300	100	---	10	0	2	0	0	NR	NR

PAS = Pennsylvania State Forestry

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN ALL OF NEW MEXICO AND WEST TEXAS FOR STRONG SOUTHWEST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES TODAY ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN ALL OF ARIZONA FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES TODAY ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN NORTH AND CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES THIS AFTERNOON ***

New Mexico will be partly cloudy and very windy. There is a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms in the southeast portion of the state. Afternoon winds will be southwest to west at 20 to 35 mph, gusting to 50 mph. High temperatures will be in the 70's in the north to near 100 in the southern deserts. Minimum relative humidities will be 5 to 15 percent.

West Texas will be partly cloudy and windy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms. Winds will be southwest at 10 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph. High temperatures will range from the upper 80's in the northern part of the state to near 110 along the Rio Grande River. Minimum relative humidities will be around 10 percent.

Arizona will be partly cloudy and windy. Winds will be southwest at 20 to 40 mph. High temperatures will be in the 60's in the mountains and up to the lower 90's in the southern deserts. Minimum relative humidities will be 7 to 15 percent.

Florida will be mostly sunny with east winds at 5 to 15 mph. High temperatures will be in the 80's. Afternoon relative humidities will be near 25 percent in the north and up to 45 percent elsewhere.

North and South Carolina will be partly cloudy. Winds will be southeast to south at 5 to 10 mph. High temperatures will be in the mid 60's to lower 80's.

Virginia will be partly cloudy with south to southwest winds at 5 to 10 mph. High temperatures will be in the 70's.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					3		3
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				0	0
CA-NORTH	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1					5	6
	ACRES	4					1	5
NORTHERN	FIRES					3	2	5
	ACRES					1	0	1
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	25	1	1	0	4	2	33
	ACRES	2	100	3000	3718	6	6	6832
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					3	7	10
SOUTHERN	FIRES				1	209	6	216
	ACRES				400	3439	377	4216
TOTAL	FIRES	26	2	1	1	226	18	274
	ACRES	6	100	3000	4118	3452	391	11067

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1		1	1	83		86
	ACRES	6		700	0	485		1191
NORTHWEST	FIRES	32	2	3		35	16	88
	ACRES	260	50	0		258	5	573
CA-NORTH	FIRES	14				226	37	277
	ACRES	46				206	4272	4524
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	2	11		1	674	108	796
	ACRES	4	66		5	520	154	749
NORTHERN	FIRES	495	2	12		185	41	735
	ACRES	5481	18	468		6110	76	12153
GB-EAST	FIRES	8	25			11	16	60
	ACRES	566	479			98	5	1148
GB-WEST	FIRES	5	14				14	33
	ACRES	60	303				51	414
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	284	46	13	17	608	243	1211
	ACRES	2284	4486	10440	8930	207969	71241	305350
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	302	13	15	6	241	46	623
	ACRES	11946	230	517	6492	24360	6389	49934
EASTERN	FIRES	765			25	7385	359	8534
	ACRES	15825			519	75531	15104	106979
SOUTHERN	FIRES	20		34	40	25260	687	26041
	ACRES	3754		5729	1385	401433	24879	437180
TOTALS	FIRES	1928	113	78	90	34708	1567	38484

ACRES	40232	5632	17854	17331	716970	122176	920195
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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
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					12	4	16
	ACRES					14351	21	14372
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	12	4	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	14351	21	14372

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		79	82
	ACRES			10	24		5092	5126
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	1	54	3	54	188	320
	ACRES	1775	1200	12078	395	6288	29188	50924
GB-EAST	FIRES		15	3	3	5	16	42
	ACRES		1452	700	975	151	11290	14568
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	46	176
	ACRES	850	2743	18932	2726	675	17328	43254
EASTERN	FIRES	12			11	101	188	312
	ACRES	2832			1290	65929	17979	88030
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		130	60	103	697	998
	ACRES	879		60699	35706	61971	450985	610240
USA TOTALS	FIRES	84	252	348	95	272	1609	2660
	ACRES	19357	20764	100149	45385	135374	617175	938204

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	5	25	196	606
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	3	1
ALBERTA	4	30	226	4412
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	0	0
SASKATCHEWAN	8	35	99	3602
MANITOBA	2	3	92	11574
ONTARIO	1	2	139	774
QUEBEC	0	0	142	153
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	31	75
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	1	74	83
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	22	10
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	1
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	4	7
TOTALS	21	96	1029	21298

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										
CA-NORTH	2		1							
CA-SOUTH										
NORTHERN			12							4
GB-EAST	1		3							
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	113	25	148	83	21	15	25		801	322
ROCKY MTN			2	2						

EASTERN				2					2	4
SOUTHERN	18	3	14	11	7	5	1	2	84	37
TOTAL	134	28	180	98	28	20	26	2	887	367

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