

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in the Southern and Southwest Areas. Crews made progress toward containment objectives on all the Southwest Area large fires yesterday, in spite of strong winds throughout the region. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for helicopters, air tankers, infrared aircraft, radio equipment, engines, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Utah, and Montana.

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.

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 complete the transition with Bateman's team today. The fire is burning near Los Alamos, NM. Despite steady strong winds, no major problems have been encountered. Crews are positioned to suppress any spot fires which may occur. Patrol and mop-up operations continue on the south side of the fire.

SCOTT ABLE, Lincoln National Forest. The fire is located 20 miles south of Cloudcroft, NM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. Significant progress has been made in establishing direct fireline. Wind gusts of 50 mph caused some spotting yesterday. Unburned islands and green fuels adjacent to indirect firelines are causing control problems.

OUTLET, Grand Canyon National Park. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) is assigned. The fire is burning in designated and proposed wilderness 25 miles south of Jacob Lake, AZ. Strong winds, which caused air operations to be suspended, spread the fire through the Saddle Mountain Wilderness area. Crews were able to hold existing fireline and to accomplish a limited amount of new fireline construction, in spite of the high winds.

COON CREEK, Tonto National Forest. The fire is 20 miles north of Globe, AZ in the Sierra Ancha Wilderness. Demobilization of resources is underway.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
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CERRO GRANDE	NM	BAP	46925	45	UNK	1289	34	27	4	235	NR	6.5M
SCOTT ABLE	NM	LNF	20717	65	5/17	1272	37	53	7	80	NR	2.8M
OUTLET	AZ	GCP	13350	42	UNK	1127	36	33	7	0	NR	2.9M
COON CREEK	AZ	TNF	9359	95	5/17	36	1	0	1	0	NR	4.9M
LANE	AZ	BAR	3000	100	---	68	2	8	0	0	NR	NR
OAK	NM	ROD	300	100	---	10	0	3	0	0	NR	NR
MONUMENT	NM	SNF	100	100	---	82	2	5	0	0	NR	80K

BAR = Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge

ROD = Roswell-Carlsbad Field Office, BLM

SNF = Santa Fe National Forest

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LONG BAY, National Forests of Florida. A Type II Incident Management Team (Wilkins) has been ordered. This fire is in the Apalachicola National Forest, 40 miles southwest of Tallahassee, FL. The size of the fire increased due to spotting in heavy swamp fuels. Drought conditions are hampering containment.

FLOWERS, Florida State Division of Forestry. The fire is ten miles northwest of Port Charlotte, FL. The fire jumped Interstate 75 yesterday afternoon and is moving toward North Port, FL. The cause of the fire was lightning.

COOK RANCH, Texas State Forest Service. The fire is located 36 miles south of Ft. Stockton, TX. High winds are forecast for today.

CALVERT SWAMP, Alabama State Forestry Commission. The fire is burning in a cypress swamp 30 miles north of Mobile, Alabama. Containment is expected today.

CEDAR RIDGE, Blue Ridge Parkway, National Park Service. The fire is near Traphill, NC. Containment was expected late last night.

PINEY, George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. This fire is five miles southeast of Glasgow, VA. A burnout operation was successfully completed. Containment was expected late last night.

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LONG BAY	FL	FNF	4088	50	5/20	95	3	4	3	0	NR	1.6M
FLOWERS	FL	FLS	1900	UNK	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	UNK	UNK
COOK RANCH	TX	TXS	47000	85	5/17	206	3	13	4	1	415K	1.8M
CALVERT SWAMP	AL	ALS	1100	90	5/17	12	2	0	0	0	NR	3K
CEDAR RIDGE	NC	BRP	310	90	5/16	130	7	9	2	NR	NR	NR
PINEY	VA	VAF	300	90	5/16	150	5	2	1	0	50K	150K
KODAK COMMAND	FL	FLS	300	100	---	16	0	6	0	NR	NR	NR
COUNTY LINE	KY	DBF	125	100	---	39	1	1	0	0	NR	NR

FLS = Florida State Division of Forestry

DBF = Daniel Boone National Forest

OUTLOOK:

*** A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN THE NORTH, EAST AND CENTRAL PORTIONS OF NEW MEXICO AND ALL OF WEST TEXAS FOR STRONG SOUTHWEST WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES TODAY ***

New Mexico will be partly cloudy and cooler. There is a chance of showers over the northern mountains, while the south will be mostly sunny. Afternoon winds will be southwest to west at 20 to 35. High temperatures will be in the 60's to lower 70's in the north and in the mid 90's in the southern deserts. Minimum relative humidities will be 10 to 25 percent.

West Texas will be partly cloudy and windy. Winds will be southwest at 15 to 25 mph with gusts to 40 mph. High temperatures will be in the 80's to mid 90's. Minimum relative humidities will be 10 to 15 percent.

Northern Arizona will be partly cloudy with a chance of showers over the mountains. The southern part of the state will be mostly sunny. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 10 to 25 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 9 to 20 percent.

Florida will be partly cloudy with east to south winds at 5 to 15 mph. High temperatures will be in the mid 80's to lower 90's. Afternoon relative humidities will be 35 to 45 percent.

North and South Carolina will be mostly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Winds will be southeast to south at 5 to 15 mph. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's.

Virginia will be partly cloudy with south winds of 10 to 20 mph. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms over the highlands. Maximum temperatures will be in the mid 70's to lower 80's.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					21		21
NORTHWEST	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		3			2		5
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					20	1	21
	ACRES					19	0	19
NORTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES		3				3	6
	ACRES		2				0	2

GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES		1		0	5	3	9
	ACRES		300		5998	752	260	7310
ROCKY MTN	FIRES					2	2	4
	ACRES					32	2	34
EASTERN	FIRES	2				6	1	9
	ACRES	1				41	25	67
SOUTHERN	FIRES					288	3	291
	ACRES					5984	1375	7359
TOTAL	FIRES	2	5	0	0	327	14	348
	ACRES	1	305	0	5998	6851	1662	14817

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1		1	1	88		91
	ACRES	6		700	0	505		1211
NORTHWEST	FIRES	32	4	2		36	16	90
	ACRES	260	53	0		260	5	578
CA-NORTH	FIRES	14				226	37	277
	ACRES	46				206	4272	4524
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	2	11		5	694	109	821
	ACRES	4	66		6	539	154	769
NORTHERN	FIRE	495	2	12		185	42	736
	ACRES	5481	18	468		6111	76	12154
GB-EAST	FIRES	8	32			11	20	71
	ACRES	566	481			99	8	1154
GB-WEST	FIRES	5	14				14	33
	ACRES	60	303				51	414
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	255	47	13	17	613	245	1190
	ACRES	2223	4786	10440	8930	208721	71341	306441
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	302	13	15	6	242	48	626
	ACRES	11946	230	517	6492	24362	6395	49942
EASTERN	FIRES	767			25	7391	360	8543
	ACRES	15826			519	75570	15129	107044
SOUTHERN	FIRES	20		34	40	25559	690	26343
	ACRES	3754		5729	1385	407423	26423	444714
TOTALS	FIRES	1901	123	77	94	35045	1581	38821
	ACRES	40172	5937	17854	17332	723796	123854	928945

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0

CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
CA-SOUTH	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
NORTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					100		100
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
SOUTHWEST	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES					1	4	5
	ACRES					5700	136	5836
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
TOTAL	ACRES							0
	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	4	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5800	136	5936

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
NORTHWEST	ACRES	12	15	25			88	140
	FIRES							
	ACRES	4636	1155	5022			14937	25750
CA-NORTH	ACRES			2			117	119
	FIRES							
	ACRES			820			9359	10179
CA-SOUTH	ACRES			1	3		79	83
	FIRES							
	ACRES			10	124		5092	5226
NORTHERN	ACRES	20	1	54	3	55	188	321
	FIRES							
	ACRES	1775	1200	12078	395	6388	29188	51024
GB-EAST	ACRES		15	3	3	5	16	42
	FIRES							
	ACRES		1497	700	975	151	11290	14613
GB-WEST	ACRES						2	2
	FIRES							
	ACRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	31	213	26	9	2	188	469
	FIRES							
	ACRES	8385	14214	1888	4269	360	59491	88607
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	1	8	107	10	7	46	179
	FIRES							
	ACRES	850	2743	18932	2937	675	17328	43465
EASTERN	ACRES	12			11	102	192	317
	FIRES							
	ACRES	2832			1290	71629	18115	93866
SOUTHERN	ACRES	8		130	60	103	697	998
	FIRES							
	ACRES	879		60699	35706	61971	450985	610240
USA TOTALS	ACRES	84	252	348	99	274	1613	2670
	FIRES							
	ACRES	19357	20809	100149	45696	141174	617311	944496

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	3	196	609
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	3	1
ALBERTA	0	0	206	4326
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	0	0
SASKATCHEWAN	3	1	102	3603
MANITOBA	0	0	92	11574
ONTARIO	2	2	141	776
QUEBEC	0	0	142	153
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	31	75
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	74	83
NOVA SCOTIA	6	3	28	13
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	1
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	4	7
TOTALS	12	9	1020	21221

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			2						2	
CA-NORTH	2									
CA-SOUTH										
NORTHERN			12							
GB-EAST			3							
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	108	20	99	75	13	14	26		721	304
ROCKY MTN			5		1					
EASTERN									2	
SOUTHERN	10	2	20	6	8	1	4		115	13
TOTAL	120	22	141	81	22	15	30	0	840	317

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