

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in the Southwest and Southern Areas. Crews on the large fires in the Southwest made good progress yesterday in spite of continued high winds. Containment objectives were reached on large fires in Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, Virginia, and Alabama. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for helicopters, an air tanker, engines, radio equipment, and miscellaneous overhead. A Buying Team was mobilized to the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, California, Texas, Oklahoma, and Maryland.

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 Gage) are assigned. The fire is burning near Los Alamos, NM. High winds continued yesterday, but was not a major factor in the fire's spread. No significant fire activity has been observed on the perimeter. Patrol, mop-up and rehabilitation operations are underway 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. Sustained winds of 30 to 40 mph with higher gusts caused fire activity to increase inside the perimeter. Control problems include spotting in two of the divisions.

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. Cooler weather and higher humidities have reduced fire activity. Significant line construction is being accomplished on the north flank of the fire. Crews have begun to mop up the western third of the fire perimeter.

HAYMEADOW, Las Cruces Field Office, BLM. The fire is burning in light fuels 30 miles south of Alamogordo, NM. High winds caused the fire to spread quickly, but no resources are threatened. The fire was started by a missile on the White Sands Missile Range.

VINEYARD, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is burning nine miles east of Roswell, NM in grass and brush. High winds caused the fire to spot across the Pecos River, creating some access problems. A mobile home, a travel trailer and a vehicle were destroyed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE CTN	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ LOSS	C-T-D
CERRO GRANDE	NM	BAP	47574	60	UNK	1283	39	25	9	235	NR	7.4M	
SCOTT ABLE	NM	LNF	16034	85	5/18	1402	43	59	7	80	2.8M	3.2M	
OUTLET	AZ	GCP	13350	55	UNK	1162	37	32	7	0	NR	3.5M	
HAYMEADOW	NM	LCD	19000	0	UNK	100	2	14	0	0	NR	NR	
VINEYARD	NM	N5S	1200	90	5/17	169	0	43	2	2	NR	50K	
COON CREEK	AZ	TNF	9359	100	---	32	1	0	1	0	NR	4.9M	

TNF = Tonto National Forest

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

LONG BAY, National Forests of Florida. A Type II Incident Management Team (Wilkins) is assigned. The fire is in the Apalachicola National Forest, 40 miles southwest of Tallahassee, FL. Burnout operations are underway. Current threats are to endangered species and timber resources.

FLOWERS, Florida State Division of Forestry. The fire is ten miles northwest of Port Charlotte, FL. Smoke from the fire caused Interstate 75 to be closed intermittently during the day yesterday. Six local structural fire departments are assisting with suppression efforts.

CANEY BOTTOM, National Forests in North Carolina. This fire, which began on 5/9, is 22 miles northwest of Burnsville, NC. It grew considerably on 5/16 due to extremely dry conditions and winds. A burnout operation is planned for today.

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LONG BAY	FL	FNF	5088	50	5/20	146	4	7	3	0	NR	1.6M	
FLOWERS	FL	FLS	3000	UNK	UNK	50	0	0	2	0	NR	NR	
CANEY BOTTOM	NC	NCF	150	35	5/20	118	5	0	3	0	NR	NR	
COOK RANCH	TX	TXS	47000	100	---	152	2	12	4	1	415K	1.9M	
CALVERT SWAMP	AL	ALS	1100	100	---	12	1	0	0	0	NR	10K	
CEDAR RIDGE	NC	BRP	310	100	---	130	7	9	2	NR	NR	NR	
PINEY	VA	VAF	384	100	---	109	4	3	1	0	50K	185K	

TXS = Texas State Forest Service

ALS = Alabama State Forestry Commission

BRP = Blue Ridge Parkway, NPS

VAF = George Washington and Jefferson National Forests

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN NORTHEAST AND CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES ***

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.

New Mexico will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers in the north. In the western part of the state, winds will be southwest to west at 10 to 20 mph. Winds in the east will be north to northeast at 10 to 25 mph. High temperatures will range from the mid 50's in the northeast mountains to the mid 90's in the southern deserts. Minimum relative humidities will be 10 to 20 percent.

Arizona will be sunny and warmer. Afternoon winds will be north to northwest at 10 to 20 mph. Temperatures will be in the high 60's in the northern mountains and in the mid 90's in the southern lowlands. Minimum relative humidities will be 10 to 20 percent.

West Texas will be partly cloudy in the north and mostly sunny in the southern part of the state. Winds will be southwest to west at 15 to 25 mph. High temperatures will range from the 70's in the north to near 105 along the Rio Grande. Minimum relative humidities will be 10 to 20 percent.

North and South Carolina will be partly cloudy with a few morning showers or thunderstorms in the northeast. High temperatures will be from the mid 70's to near 90. Winds will be southwest at 10 to 20 mph.

Virginia will be partly cloudy with southwest winds of 15 to 25 mph. Maximum temperatures will be in the 80's.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES				1	3		4
	ACRES				2	0		2
NORTHWEST	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					1	1	2
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1				5	2	8
	ACRES	15				30	8	53
NORTHERN	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	1	1		0	1	4	7
	ACRES	0	19000		649	1200	21	20870
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					8		8
SOUTHERN	FIRES					137	5	142
	ACRES					1793	1093	2886
TOTAL	FIRES	2	1	0	1	151	13	168
	ACRES	15	19000	0	651	3032	1123	23821

FIREs AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIREs	1		1	2	91		95
	ACRES	6		700	2	505		1213
NORTHWEST	FIREs	32	4	2		37	17	92
	ACRES	260	53	0		261	6	580
CA-NORTH	FIREs	14				226	37	277
	ACRES	46				206	4272	4524
CA-SOUTH	FIREs	3	11		5	699	111	829
	ACRES	19	66		6	569	162	822
NORTHERN	FIRE	495	2	12		185	43	737
	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	257	48	13	17	615	249	1199
	ACRES	2223	23786	10440	8930	211921	73671	330971
ROCKY MTN	FIREs	302	13	15	6	242	48	626
	ACRES	11946	231	517	6492	24362	6395	49943
EASTERN	FIREs	767			25	7395	360	8547
	ACRES	15826			519	75578	15129	107052
SOUTHERN	FIREs	20		34	40	25694	695	26483
	ACRES	3754		5729	1385	408108	26736	445712
TOTALS	FIREs	1904	124	77	95	35195	1594	38989
	ACRES	40187	24938	17854	17334	727720	126506	954539

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					1		1
	ACRES					8		8
GB-EAST	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIREs							0

ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
	FIRES					5	7	12
SOUTHERN	ACRES				352		50	402
	FIRES							0
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	7	13
	FIRES	0	0	0	360		50	410

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	3		79	83
	ACRES			10	124		5092	5226
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	3	54	3	56	198	334
	ACRES	1775	1350	12078	395	6396	32587	54581
GB-EAST	FIRES		15	3	3	5	16	42
	ACRES		1497	700	975	151	11290	14613
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	10	7	61	194
	ACRES	850	2743	18932	2937	675	19923	46060
EASTERN	FIRES	12			11	107	199	329
	ACRES	2832			1290	71981	18165	94268
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		130	60	103	697	998
	ACRES	879		60699	35706	61971	450985	610240
USA TOTALS	FIRES	84	254	348	99	280	1645	2710
	ACRES	19357	20959	100149	45696	141534	623355	951050

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	Hectares	Fires	Hectares
	Last Week	Last Week	Year-to-date	Year-to-date

BRITISH COLUMBIA	1	157	198	766
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	5	0
ALBERTA	0	96	226	4422
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	0	0
SASKATCHEWAN	2	1	104	3604
MANITOBA	2	23	95	11597
ONTARIO	5	0	146	776
QUEBEC	5	1	147	154
NEWFOUNDLAND	3	0	34	75
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	1	75	84
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	28	12
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	3	1
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	4	7
TOTALS	19	279	1065	21498

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews	Crews	Engs	Engs	Heli	Heli	Airt	Airt	Ovrhd	Ovrhd
	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT	Fed	ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST			2						4	
CA-NORTH	2									
CA-SOUTH										
NORTHERN			12							
GB-EAST			1							
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	117	22	140	78	12	9	26		698	245
ROCKY MTN	1		1	2						
EASTERN									1	
SOUTHERN	21	2	20	16	9	2	5		140	62
TOTAL	141	24	176	96	21	11	31	0	843	307

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