

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 01, 2001- 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Three new large fires were reported, one each in the Southwest, Rocky Mountain and Southern California Areas. One large fire was contained in the Rocky Mountain Area. Prescribed burn projects are underway in the Southern, Northwest, Eastern and Southwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Texas.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

RYAN, Coronado National Forest. There has been a transfer of command from the Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) to a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphreys). This wind driven fire is 16 miles east of Patagonia, AZ. The fire has burned onto the Fort Huachuca Military base and is moving towards Huachuca City.

PENASCO, Lincoln National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned. The fire is located 12 miles southeast of Cloudcroft, NM. Control problems include steep terrain, high winds, low relative humidity and heavy fuels. A Girl Scout Camp, several ranches and a subdivision are threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RYAN	AZ	CNF	25,000	NR	UNK	140	5	13	5	1	150K
PENASCO	NM	LNF	200	10	UNK	120	7	13	0	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CUERNO VERDE, Pueblo Dispatch Center Counties. This wind driven fire is 10 miles southeast of Westcliff, CO. Containment efforts have been hampered by extremely dry fuels and low relative humidity in the single digits. One subdivision was evacuated.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CUERNO VERDE	CO	PBX	140	15	UNK	87	1	7	3	2	NR
BREEN	CO	DRX	180	100	---	130	5	19	1	0	NR

DRX = Counties Dispatched by Durango Dispatch Center

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PLEASANT #2, Inyo National Forest. A State Type 1 Incident Management Team (Pat Kerrigan) is assigned. The fire is 5 miles northwest of Bishop, CA. Difficult access and unfavorable weather conditions are major contributors to the fire spread.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PLEASANT #2	CA	BDU	200	NR	UNK	280	9	10	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS AND PORTIONS OF NORTHEAST ARIZONA FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY*****

The Southwest Area can expect mostly sunny skies with dry, warm and windy conditions except western Arizona which will be slightly cooler and more humid. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's in the mountains and northern portions, and in the 80's to low 90's in the lower elevations of the southern and eastern parts of the area. Minimum relative humidity will be 5 to 15 percent except for western Arizona where it will be 15 to 30 percent. Winds will be out of the west at 20 to 30 mph gusting to 40 mph except for western Arizona, where winds will be 10 to 20 mph gusting out of the southwest.

A low pressure system over the Eastern Great Basin will move across the western portions of the Rocky Mountain Area through Wednesday. A cold front moving through Wyoming, western South Dakota and Colorado will bring a chance of precipitation to the Area. Temperatures will be in the 50's and 60's in Colorado, with 30's and 40's over the remainder of the Area. The lowest minimum relative humidity values are expected in southern and western Colorado where they will range from 10 to 20 percent. Westerly gusting winds of 25 to 40 mph are expected in the higher elevations of Colorado and southern Wyoming, with 20 to 35 mph gusts over western and southern Colorado.

The Southern California Area will be mostly sunny except over the Sierras where it will be partly cloudy with a chance of showers and snow levels near 7,000 feet. Temperatures will be in the mid 50's to mid 60's over the mountains, 60's to low 70's in the valleys and 70's to near 80's in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will be 30 to 45 percent in the valleys and mountains, and 15 to 25 percent in the deserts. Winds should be west to northwest at 15 to 25 mph and gusty over the mountains and deserts, with onshore afternoon winds at 10 to 15 mph over the coastal areas.



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• Can the resources you are replacing give you a thorough briefing? Identify whom you might get information from. Is there an airtanker, air attack or a jump ship in the area that can give you information? Can you meet up with the departing crew/engine leaders?

! Can you observe the area/use scouts? List ways you could observe the area you need to work.

! Have escape routes and safety zones been thoroughly scouted and marked for night use? Talk about what constitutes an escape route and a safety zone; who would identify them; and in what ways might they be marked.

! Have potential dangers been located; can they be mitigated? What are the dangers associated with Watchout Situation #2? How can they be worked around?

Reduce the risks by:

- Posting lookouts.
- Checking communications.
- Retreat if you have doubts about your escape routes or safety zones or the situation becomes too complex. Give examples of arriving on a fire after dark and what was done to allow you to fight fire safely in country not seen in daylight.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		2					2
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	2				1	3	6
	ACRES	0				2	2	4
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		20			140		160
EASTERN	FIRES			2		7	2	11
	ACRES			2		307	0	309
SOUTHERN	FIRES					111	17	128
	ACRES					418	73	491
TOTAL	FIRES	2	4	2	0	120	22	150
	ACRES	0	22	2	0	867	75	966

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FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES					15	6	21
	ACRES					709	11	720
NORTHWEST	FIRES	9	8			17	15	49
	ACRES	10	5			31	6	52
CA-NORTH	FIRES					58	21	79
	ACRES					18	12	30
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	21	12	2	1	499	103	638
	ACRES	5	367	11	0	7,469	572	8,424
NORTHERN	FIRE	256	3	6		18	13	296
	ACRES	2,510	57	443		2,135	701	5,846
GB-EAST	FIRES	12	30		4	33	7	86
	ACRES	72	127		60	296	18	573
GB-WEST	FIRES	4	3			17	6	30
	ACRES	312	2			7	275	596
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	428	47	10	24	323	304	1,136
	ACRES	11,294	5,790	1,145	120	10,947	46,585	75,881
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	9	18	8	2	326	46	409
	ACRES	113	67	267	501	7,629	5,161	13,738
EASTERN	FIRES	414		10	15	4,202	194	4,835
	ACRES	19,720		1,138	465	31,791	2,389	55,503
SOUTHERN	FIRES	82		31	29	15,503	552	16,197
	ACRES	15,527		3,999	4,714	179,665	17,366	221,271
TOTALS	FIRES	1,235	121	67	75	21,011	1,267	23,776
	ACRES	49,563	6,415	7,003	5,860	240,697	73,096	382,634

Reduction in some agency YTD acres reflects better mapping or reporting adjustments.

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						16	16
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		1					1
	ACRES		1,200					1,200
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES			7		24	1	32
	ACRES			695		5,053	20	5,768
SOUTHERN	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						529	529
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	7	0	24	6	38

	ACRES	0	1,200	695	0	5,053	565	7,513
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AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	9	75	20			87	191
	ACRES	3,469	6,988	1,925			6,863	19,245
CA-NORTH	FIRES	4	10	8	10		81	113
	ACRES	72	487	15,726	230		7,685	24,200
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1	2	5			87	95
	ACRES	70	24	271			16,064	16,429
NORTHERN	FIRES		7	16			20	43
	ACRES		482	1,554			2,612	4,648
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	13	1	6	5	17	43
	ACRES	7	574	425	1,102	44	4,597	6,749
GB-WEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						55	55
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	4	13	10			117	144
	ACRES	90	12,910	4,722			12,565	30,287
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	8	10	29	3	17	17	84
	ACRES	516	2,197	4,534	183	2,163	9,697	19,290
EASTERN	FIRES	12		101	3	272	114	502
	ACRES	8,623		25,010	286	18,043	18,356	70,318
SOUTHERN	FIRES	59		214	39	73	829	1,214
	ACRES	10,951		106,255	55,612	27,529	677,415	877,762
TOTAL	FIRES	98	130	404	61	367	1,371	2,431
	ACRES	23,798	23,662	160,422	57,413	47,779	755,909	1,068,983

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WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

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							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREW FED	CREW ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST									1	2
CA-NORTH										
CA-SOUTH	1	8	2	8					2	36
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST										
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	14	2	9	14	4	2			53	15
ROCKY MTN	12		26	28	1	6	1		111	57
EASTERN			1	7	1				3	
SOUTHERN	4		4	13	4	2			36	27
TOTAL	31	10	42	70	10	10	1	0	206	137

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