

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2002- 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation. Four new large fires were reported, two in Southern California Area, and one each in Southwest and Eastern Areas. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Northwest and Eastern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Texas.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BOUQUET, Angeles National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Walker) is assigned. Burning in heavy brush, this fire is five miles north of Saugus, CA. Residents were allowed to return to cabins in Bouquet Canyon, and major electrical transmission lines are being repaired.

ANTONIO, Orange County Fire Authority. This fire is near Rancho Santa Margarita, CA. A high fire threat to structures, parks, schools and watershed exists due to low humidity, high temperatures and winds to 25 mph. Numerous residences remain threatened.

MATEO, Cleveland National Forest. This fire is burning in the Whiskey Impact Area on Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base near San Clemente, CA. Live ordinance and munitions pose a hazard, and indirect tactics are being utilized to minimize hazardous exposure to firefighters.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUQUET	CA	ANF	4,977	80	5/14	921	27	7	11	2	1.49M
ANTONIO	CA	ORC	500	30	5/14	598	10	28	7	0	NR
MATEO	CA	CNF	250	0	5/14	141	4	8	0	0	NR

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BLACKJACK BAY COMPLEX, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. A Unified Command has been established between an interagency Fire Use Management Team (Zimmerman), the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Florida Division of Forestry. This lightning caused complex, consisting of the Blackjack 02, Bay Creek and Number One Island fires, is approximately ten miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Spot fires on the Blackjack 02 fire have been successfully detected and suppressed at less than fifteen acres. Approximately seventy percent of swamp edge break have been treated to contain the fires within the swamp. Smoke is impacting several populated areas near the fire.

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BLACKJACK BAY COMPLEX	GA	OKR	72,126	0	UNK	219	1	23	6	0	1M

### **SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

GARDNER 2, Coronado National Forest. This fire is six miles northwest of Sonoita, AZ. Strong winds yesterday hampered containment efforts. Structures remain potentially threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GARDNER 2	AZ	CNF	540	80		167	2	18	2	0	NR

### **NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BUCK BUTTE	OR	OCF	105	100		2	0	3	0	0	NR

OCF = Ochoco National Forest

### **EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LAKE BOTTOM PEAT	MN	MNS	800	100		4		2			NR

MNS = Minnesota State Forestry

### **OUTLOOK:**

Southern California Area will have mostly sunny skies, except along the coast which can expect morning low clouds and fog. High temperatures will be in the 60's along the coast, 70's in the mountains, 70's to mid 80's inland, and in the upper 80's to 90's in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 35 to 50 percent near the coast and 10 to 20 percent elsewhere. Winds will be west to southwest at 8 to 25 mph.

Cooler, drier air due to a large area of high pressure will dominate the Southern Area. Rain showers and thunderstorms are likely in central and southern Florida, while a weak disturbance will move across the central Appalachian Mountains, bringing rain showers to eastern Kentucky and western Virginia. High temperatures will be in the mid 70's to mid 80's. Minimum relative humidity will range from 18 to 30 percent for most of Southern Area, except Florida, where relative humidity will range from 40 to 50 percent. Winds will be east to southeast at 10 to 18 mph.

Mostly sunny skies can be expected over the Southwest Area until late afternoon, when there will be a chance of thunderstorms containing dry lightning. Temperatures will be in the 60's to 70's in

the mountains, 70's to 80's across the lowlands and near 100 in the deserts. Minimum relative humidity will be 15 to 40 percent across New Mexico and Texas, 5 to 15 percent across much of Arizona.



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### HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SELECTION

Consider the following points when selecting a landing area for a helicopter:

Locate a flat area that is of sufficient size for the helicopter you are expecting to land.

- Type I -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 30 feet by 30 feet; safety circle measuring 110 feet in diameter.
- Type II -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 20 feet by 20 feet; safety circle measuring 90 feet in diameter.
- Type III -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 15 feet by 15 feet; safety circle measuring 75 feet in diameter.

Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, and obstructions such as trees, poles, and especially overhead wires.

The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or anything over 18 inches high.

Consider the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind.

Choose an approach free of obstructions. Any obstruction should be relayed to the helicopter crew during initial radio contact.

Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing area such as trash, blankets, hats, or equipment.

Wet down the landing area if dusty conditions are present.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1				18	2	21
	ACRES	0				8	0	8
NORTHWEST	FIRES	0	1				3	4
	ACRES	6	1				101	108
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES					1	5	6
	ACRES					500	1,340	1,840
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
GB-WEST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	2				5	1	8
	ACRES	0				3	540	543
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	7				2	1	10
	ACRES	16				15	0	31
EASTERN	FIRES	1				16	1	18
	ACRES	4				31	5	40
SOUTHERN	FIRES			0		59		59
	ACRES			10,074		1,394		11,468
TOTAL	FIRES	11	1	0	0	103	13	128
	ACRES	26	1	10,074	0	1,951	1,986	14,038

\*\*\*Some data reflects initial report of activity for the last 7 days for those units that are on a weekly reporting schedule.\*\*\*

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1		1		51	8	61
	ACRES	0		1,000		729	11	1,740
NORTHWEST	FIRES	11	10	1		36	26	84
	ACRES	17	8	300		44	244	613
CA-NORTH	FIRES	1		1		253	32	287
	ACRES	0		0		483	19	502
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	22	16	2	2	599	133	774
	ACRES	5	367	11	1	7,919	5,280	13,583
NORTHERN	FIRE	294	3	7		30	23	357
	ACRES	2,656	57	818		7,442	707	11,680
GB-EAST	FIRES	13	43		6	42	13	117
	ACRES	73	234		61	311	23	702
GB-WEST	FIRES	4	5		5	19	10	43
	ACRES	312	2		4	7	275	600
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	500	62	11	25	387	343	1,328
	ACRES	12,139	6,249	1,145	120	39,990	99,257	158,900
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	17	27	12	8	406	63	533
	ACRES	137	145	509	511	18,708	5,894	25,904
EASTERN	FIRES	562		11	16	4,939	209	5,737
	ACRES	19,805		1,139	465	35,159	2,407	58,975
SOUTHERN	FIRES	84		84	29	16,689	583	17,469
	ACRES	15,529		78,083	4,714	193,810	17,576	309,712
TOTALS	FIRES	1,509	166	130	91	23,451	1,443	26,790
	ACRES	50,673	7,062	83,005	5,876	304,602	131,693	582,911

\*\*\*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	4
	ACRES		46				2,767	2,813
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						21	21
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						5	5
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES			12		15		27
	ACRES			1,471		1,959		3,430
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	12	0	15	2	31
	ACRES	0	46	1,471	0	1,959	2,793	6,269

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	9	85	20	3	6	196	319
	ACRES	3,469	7,448	1,925	192	292	25,605	38,931
CA-NORTH	FIRES	4	10	8	11		91	124
	ACRES	72	487	17,349	231		9,502	27,641
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1	2	5			91	99
	ACRES	70	24	271			16,814	17,179
NORTHERN	FIRES		7	16		3	52	78
	ACRES		482	1,554		84	11,427	13,547
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	20	2	6	7	23	59
	ACRES	7	1,194	445	1,102	199	7,536	10,483
GB-WEST	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						171	171
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	4	13	10			118	145
	ACRES	90	12,910	4,722			12,565	30,287
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	8	13	68	5	20	23	137
	ACRES	516	2,423	10,935	501	2,169	11,197	27,741
EASTERN	FIRES	15		154	4	354	124	651
	ACRES	8,672		36,731	290	24,257	18,652	88,602
SOUTHERN	FIRES	59		220	42	73	844	1,238
	ACRES	10,951		108,609	55,860	27,529	685,475	888,424
TOTAL	FIRES	101	150	503	71	463	1,566	2,854
	ACRES	23,847	24,968	182,541	58,176	54,530	798,944	1,143,006

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acres reflects better mapping or reporting adjustments.\*\*\*

**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				1			1
	ACRES				1			1
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1



### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	10	110	244	1,137
YUKON TERRITORY	4	2	5	0
ALBERTA	6	9	118	1,022
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	0	0
SASKATCHEWAN	4	15	107	1,853
MANITOBA	2	28	168	7,435
ONTARIO	1	0	36	52
QUEBEC	3	1	91	56
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	12	13
NEW BRUNSWICK	5	7	73	66
NOVA SCOTIA	2	0	46	68
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	0	0
NATIONAL PARKS	2	3	4	21
TOTALS	40	175	904	11,723

### 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	3						1	1		
NORTHWEST	1		15						4	
CA-NORTH										
CA-SOUTH	9	33	18	33	14	7			55	116
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST				1						
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	18	2	24	13	5	2			91	14
ROCKY MTN			2							
EASTERN			2	2					4	
SOUTHERN	1			35	5	5			91	75
TOTAL	32	35	61	84	24	14	1	1	245	205

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