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**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2002- 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in Alaska and light elsewhere. No new large fires were reported and one large fire was contained in Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

BULLOCK, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This fire is burning 15 miles northeast of Tucson, AZ in grass, oak woodland and chaparral. Very active fire behavior caused the fire to cross the proposed containment line in Edgar Canyon and move north towards Mount Bigalow. Crews have made good progress constructing indirect fireline along the southwest flank. A mandatory evacuation of structures in the Mount Lemmon Highway area was initiated and will be completed by 1000 MDT today. The community of Summerhaven, numerous residences and commercial facilities remain threatened, and the Catalina Highway is closed.

BORREGO, Santa Fe National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned. The fire is burning in pinon and ponderosa pine two miles southeast of Cordova, NM. The fire is in the Rio Quemado canyon and the east flank has burned into the Pecos Wilderness Area. Extreme fire behavior including crowning and spotting was observed at lower elevations with moderating behavior at higher elevations. Dry weather, inaccessibility and rugged terrain are hampering containment efforts. The evacuation order for the town of Truchas has been lifted, but it and the village of Cordova remain threatened.

LEFT FORK, New Mexico State Forestry Office, Cimarron District. This fire, burning in mixed conifer forest, is 32 miles west of Raton, NM. Crews are building and improving fireline not accessible to dozers. Lower temperatures and decreased winds have allowed personnel to make good progress meeting containment objectives.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BULLOCK	AZ	CNF	12,500	40	UNK	665	22	2	6	0	2.6M
BORREGO	NM	SNF	11,000	15	UNK	726	22	31	12	0	1.8M
LEFT FORK	NM	N2S	1,113	85	5/26	69	2	6	1	0	263K

## ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

WEST FORK CHENA, Alaska State Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. This fire is burning in black spruce 50 miles east of Fairbanks, AK. The fire made significant runs to the northwest. Active fire behavior on all flanks, torching and backing downhill against the wind was observed. Extreme fire weather and severe burning conditions are hampering containment efforts. Residences and commercial property are threatened.

KALSKAG, Alaska State Division of Forestry. Burning in black spruce, muskeg and hardwoods, this fire is 22 miles west of Aniak, AK. Creeping and smoldering were observed. Crews are holding and mopping up.

VINASALE, Alaska State Division of Forestry. This fire, burning in black spruce, taiga and hardwoods, is 15 miles south of McGrath, AK. Active fire behavior was observed. Heavy smoke is impeding accurate acreage assessment, and visibility in McGrath has been reduced to one and one quarter miles. One outbuilding is threatened.

MP 78 ELLIOTT HIGHWAY, Bureau of Land Management, Tanana Zone. This fire is burning seven miles southwest of Livengood, AK in black spruce, hardwoods, brush and litter. Running, crowning and torching were observed. Crews are locating an anchor point on the east flank for burn out operations and eight smokejumpers are in place for cabin protection.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WEST FORK CHENA	AK	AKS	7,600	0	UNK	179	9	4	1	1	280K
KALSKAG	AK	AKS	3,370	5	UNK	48	2	0	0	0	NR
VINASALE	AK	AKS	3,840	0	UNK	2	0	0	1	0	NR
MP 78 ELLIOTT HIGHWAY	AK	TAD	6,300	20	UNK	142	8	0	2	0	NR

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SCHOONOVER, Pike-San Isabel National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is burning three miles southwest of Deckers, CO in ponderosa pine, Douglas fir and grass. Small flames in heavy fuels and smoldering were observed. Crews are making good progress constructing handline and mopping up existing fireline. Several subdivisions and commercial facilities in Deckers remain evacuated.

BUCKTAIL COMPLEX, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Bucktail, 47, Dry Park and Horsefly fires, is five miles northeast of Nucla, CO. The fires are burning in ponderosa and pinon pine, juniper, sagebrush and oakbrush on the Uncompahgre Plateau. Crews have spiked out and are making good progress constructing direct attack fireline on the 47 fire. Personnel have completed burn out operations and are mopping up the Bucktail fire.

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INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SCHOONOVER	CO	PSF	4,000	80	5/26	569	17	17	3	13	2.4M
BUCKTAIL COMPLEX	CO	GMF	3,480	60	5/27	340	11	11	3	0	685K

#### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLACKJACK BAY COMPLEX, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. A Unified Command has been established between an interagency Fire Use Management Team (Adams), 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 ten miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Organic layers are actively burning, making short runs into brush and pine stands. Personnel are monitoring the complex.

SIMMONDS POND, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is four miles north of Fort McCoy, FL. The fire is burning on Ocala Lumber Company land with swamp both to the north and south. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKJACK BAY COMPLEX	GA	OKR	96,239	0	UNK	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	2.8M
SIMMONS POND	FL	FLS	375	90	UNK	7	0	1	1	0	NR

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ANDERSON/DANSKIN, Boise National Forest. This fire is five miles northeast of Garden Valley, ID. Minimal fire activity was observed. Crews are hot spotting and mopping up in Granite Creek on the Anderson fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ANDERSON/DANSKIN	ID	BOF	437	75	5/26	139	6	1	1	0	149K

#### EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RED LAKE 603	MN	RLA	1,884	100	---	7	0	2	2	0	5K

RLA = Bureau of Indian Affairs, Red Lake Agency



## OUTLOOK:

**\*\*\*A RED FLAG WARNING HAS BEEN POSTED IN NORTHERN AND CENTRAL FLORIDA AND SOUTHEAST GEORGIA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND HIGH DISPERSION INDICES\*\*\***

**\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN INTERIOR ALASKA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND NORTHEAST WINDS GUSTING OVER 20 MPH\*\*\***

**\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN WESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN ALASKA FOR DRY THUNDERSTORMS THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING\*\*\***

An upper level disturbance over Southwest Area will bring partly cloudy skies and thunderstorms with dry lightning forecast for western New Mexico. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's in the mountains and in the 80's and 90's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5 to 20 percent in western Arizona and 15 to 35 percent elsewhere. Winds will be south to southwest at 10 to 15 mph.

A weak high pressure system over Rocky Mountain Area with upper level disturbances to the north and south will bring afternoon thunderstorms with isolated dry lightning to the east side of the Continental Divide in southern Colorado. High temperatures will be in the 50's to mid 60's in the mountains and 70 to 80 at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 8 to 18 percent in southwestern Colorado and 12 to 22 percent in northern and eastern Colorado. Winds will be variable at 5 to 15 mph.

High pressure over Alaska Area will bring warm and dry conditions with afternoon and evening dry thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 70's to low 80's and minimum relative humidity will be in the teens to low 20's. Northeast winds will increase to 20 mph in the eastern interior as the afternoon progresses.

High pressure over the eastern half of Southern Area will bring fair skies. High temperatures will be in the mid 80's to near 90 in southeast Georgia and Florida. Minimum relative humidity will be near 35 percent and winds will be east to northeast at 10 to 15 mph.

### **UNINFORMED ON STRATEGY, TACTICS OR HAZARDS**

Firefighters who are uninformed on strategy, tactics or hazards are violating Watchout Situation #5. Before going to the fireline, it is imperative that firefighters obtain information about strategies, tactics or hazards by asking themselves the following questions:

Can communications be established to find out strategy, tactics or hazards? Discuss ways you might establish communications; for example, contacting someone who is already on the fire and asking them what tactics and strategies are working or not working, what hazards they have witnessed, etc.

Can scouting safely identify potential hazards? Talk about different methods of scouting a fire (e.g., using a lookout from your crew or sending a line scout ahead, utilizing air attack or the spotter on a smokejumper airplane). Discuss what types of hazards you might come across and ways you would mitigate them. For example, arriving at a fire after dark and a being instructed to dig line downhill with the fire below. How could you make this a safe situation?

Have strategy, tactics or hazards changed since last informed? Discuss situations that might alter the way you are fighting a fire (e.g., wind shifts, resources you expected don't arrive, etc.). Also, think about what new hazards can develop while you are on the fireline (e.g., roots burning out and trees coming down, winds shifting direction and speed, etc.)

Can you get a briefing from your supervisor? Talk about the importance of constant communications and ensuring firefighters are on the same page with strategies and tactics. For example, if one crew decides to do a burnout, but doesn't let the crew at the other end of the line know what they are doing, then what can happen? To reduce the risks:

Post lookouts.

Determine escape routes and establish safety zones.

Consider retreating until you are informed.

Don't leave a staging area or operational briefing until you have all the pertinent information. Emphasize ways to inform firefighters about strategies, tactics and hazards. Tell a story about when you were uninformed and what you did to correct the situation so that you were safe.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	<u>FIRES</u>					4		4
	<u>ACRES</u>					<u>12,502</u>		<u>12,502</u>
NORTHWEST	<u>FIRES</u>		1				4	5
	<u>ACRES</u>		0				0	0
CA-NORTH	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
CA-SOUTH	<u>FIRES</u>		1				4	5
	<u>ACRES</u>		0				1	1
NORTHERN	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
GB-EAST	<u>FIRES</u>		1			1	1	3
	<u>ACRES</u>		0			0	1	1
GB-WEST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
SOUTHWEST	<u>FIRES</u>	1				2	2	5
	<u>ACRES</u>	1				3	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,004</u>
ROCKY MTN	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
EASTERN	<u>FIRES</u>	0				18		18
	<u>ACRES</u>	884				8		892
SOUTHERN	<u>FIRES</u>			0		11	2	13
	<u>ACRES</u>			38		58	6	102
TOTAL	<u>FIRES</u>	1	3	0	0	36	13	53
	<u>ACRES</u>	885	0	38	0	<u>12,571</u>	<u>7,008</u>	<u>20,502</u>

\*\*\*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
<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	1		1	2	189	9	202
	<u>ACRES</u>	1		1,000	7	56,540	13	57,561
<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	11	16	1		56	35	119
	<u>ACRES</u>	17	109	300		57	257	740
<u>CA-NORTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	20		1		1,024	45	1,090
	<u>ACRES</u>	14		0		361	26	401
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	23	21	3	2	789	157	995
	<u>ACRES</u>	6	368	13	1	8,627	5,674	14,689
<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>FIRE</u>	425	3	13		66	52	559
	<u>ACRES</u>	3,448	57	1,353		16,257	886	22,001
<u>GB-EAST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	27	53		4	44	21	149
	<u>ACRES</u>	96	267		9	453	153	978
<u>GB-WEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	4	7		5	26	11	53
	<u>ACRES</u>	312	2		4	23	275	616
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	545	75	13	25	446	409	1,513
	<u>ACRES</u>	12,197	7,017	5,145	120	42,305	115,296	182,080
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	21	42	12	13	427	89	604
	<u>ACRES</u>	479	203	509	513	27,401	13,434	42,539
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	697		13	16	5,390	257	6,373
	<u>ACRES</u>	29,439		1,165	465	37,283	2,943	71,295
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	85		85	38	17,278	601	18,087
	<u>ACRES</u>	16,829		103,289	4,773	201,634	18,048	344,573
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	1,859	217	142	105	25,735	1,686	29,744
	<u>ACRES</u>	62,838	8,023	112,774	5,892	390,941	157,005	737,473

\*\*\*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	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
NORTHWEST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
CA-NORTH	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
CA-SOUTH	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
NORTHERN	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
GB-EAST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
GB-WEST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
SOUTHWEST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
ROCKY MTN	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
EASTERN	<u>FIRES</u>			1		1		2
	<u>ACRES</u>			80		3,048		3,128
SOUTHERN	<u>FIRES</u>				1			1
	<u>ACRES</u>				146			146
TOTAL	<u>FIRES</u>	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
	<u>ACRES</u>	0	0	80	146	3,048	0	3,274

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			475				475
NORTHWEST	FIRES	9	98	20	4	6	285	422
	ACRES	3,469	8,586	1,925	194	292	38,342	52,808
CA-NORTH	FIRES	7	10	8	11		85	121
	ACRES	163	487	19,892	231		9,351	30,124
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1	2	5	2		96	106
	ACRES	70	24	271	2		17,135	17,502
NORTHERN	FIRES		10	38		5	115	168
	ACRES		1,322	4,565		402	14,365	20,654
GB-EAST	FIRES	1	16	2	8	7	22	56
	ACRES	7	1,059	445	2,422	199	14,950	19,082
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	18	68	8	20	28	150
	ACRES	516	3,029	10,935	2,290	2,169	13,443	32,382
EASTERN	FIRES	20		206	7	473	138	844
	ACRES	8,862		46,438	430	55,916	20,116	131,762
SOUTHERN	FIRES	59		228	53	73	858	1,271
	ACRES	10,951		109,229	56,832	27,529	690,221	894,762
TOTAL	FIRES	109	167	586	93	584	1,749	3,288
	ACRES	24,128	27,417	198,897	62,401	86,507	830,659	1,230,009

\*\*\*Reduction in some agency YTD

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	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
NORTHWEST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
CA-NORTH	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
CA-SOUTH	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
NORTHERN	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
GB-EAST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
GB-WEST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
SOUTHWEST	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
ROCKY MTN	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
EASTERN	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
SOUTHERN	<u>FIRES</u>				1			1
	<u>ACRES</u>				1			1
TOTAL	<u>FIRES</u>	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	<u>ACRES</u>	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>1,368</u>
<u>YUKON TERRITORY</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>ALBERTA</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>187</u>	<u>75,369</u>
<u>NORTHWEST TERRITORY</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>524</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>30,874</u>
<u>MANITOBA</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>8,584</u>
<u>ONTARIO</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>144</u>
<u>QUEBEC</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>275</u>
<u>NEWFOUNDLAND</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>44</u>
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>166</u>
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>NATIONAL PARKS</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>75</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>35</u></b>	<b><u>672</u></b>	<b><u>1,436</u></b>	<b><u>117,014</u></b>

**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
<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>26</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>NORTHWEST</u>										
<u>CA-NORTH</u>										
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>				<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>NORTHERN</u>										
<u>GB-EAST</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>			<u>9</u>	
<u>GB-WEST</u>										
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>205</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>		<u>6</u>			<u>130</u>	<u>93</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>				<u>1</u>						

<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>393</u>	<u>198</u>
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