

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY JUNE 4, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 130 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported in the Southwest. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

TOK RIVER, State of Alaska. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Reed) is assigned. The fire is burning in black spruce, tundra and mixed hardwoods, five miles southeast of Tok, AK. Minimal fire activity was observed yesterday, with creeping and smoldering in tundra, and some interior torching. Line construction and mopup continues today, and structure protection remains in place.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TOK RIVER	AK	AKS	6,143	45	6/10	481	16	15	5	0	1.6M

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

LUHI, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. This fire was started by lava from the Kilauea Volcano. The fire is burning in grass, brush and rainforest on the Island of Hawaii. Crews are mopping up hotspots along the perimeter.

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LUHI	HI	HVP	4,980	75	6/6	79	3	0	3	0	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

DRY LAKES COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Rath) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 27 miles northwest of Silver City, NM and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning in pinyon and ponderosa pine, brush and juniper. Active fire behavior was observed yesterday, and continued monitoring is planned for today.

APACHE, Santa Fe National Forest. This fire is burning in pinyon and ponderosa pine approximately three miles west of Barillas Peak, NM. Minimal fire activity was observed yesterday with isolated torching. Resources will continue to monitor fire and control lines today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DRY LAKES COMPLEX	NM	GNF	200	0	UNK	9	0	0	0	0	15K
APACHE	NM	SNF	120	30	UNK	42	2	3	0	0	8K

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Across the western third of the United States, high pressure is in control keeping conditions dry and warm. Breezy conditions will be in place today across northeast Montana as a storm system drops into the Plains from Alberta. In the central and southeastern states, low pressure will produce showers and thunderstorms in the Plains and around northern Florida. In Alaska, low pressure in the northern Pacific will cause showers along the southern coast, but interior sections will remain dry.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
ALASKA AREA South central partly cloudy. Central Interior mostly sunny with a chance of PM showers in the east. Southwest partly cloudy.	55 to 70 55 to 70, mid-60 s most common 55 to 65	30% to 45% 20% to 40%, driest in SW Interior 30% to 38%	Southeast 5 to 20 mph Southwest to west 15 mph East to northeast 15 to 30 mph
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated to widely scattered afternoon thunderstorms east of the divide. Partly sunny.	65-75 except 80s in the west.	15%-20% west, with 25%-40% east.	Mainly variable at 5-15 mph.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny, except becoming partly cloudy over the Sierras with a slight chance of thunderstorms east of the crest.	75-90 Mountains and Coastal Valleys, 90-102 Inland Valleys and Upper Deserts, 100-110 Lower Deserts	15-30% Mountains and Inland Valleys, 40-55% Coastal Valleys, 5-15% Deserts	SW-NW 5-15 mph.
SOUTHWEST Partly to mostly sunny. Scattered thunderstorms eastern NM, western TX. Isolated thunderstorms over NM mountains.	70s and 80s mountains, 80s and 90s lower elevations, 90s to 105 in the AZ deserts.	15-30% eastern NM and west TX, 8-28% elsewhere.	SW 10-15 mph over southwest AZ, W 10-20 mph over central and northern AZ and NM, SE to NE 5-15 mph over eastern NM and west TX.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear skies inland, with areas of fog or low clouds along the coast.	60s and 70s near the coast and upper 80s to 104 inland	10 to 20% drier inland areas.	NE to SE 7-17 mph morning winds near the Cascade/Sierras, with local gusts low 20s down the west slopes. Otherwise winds variable under 12 mph.



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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	FIREs					3		3
	ACRES					389		389
Northwest	FIREs		2				4	6
	ACRES		0				1	1
Northern California	FIREs				20	3		23
	ACRES				13	1		14
Southern California	FIREs				7	1		8
	ACRES				1	1		2
Northern Rockies	FIREs					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		2			1	7	10
	ACRES		0			0	3	3
Western Great Basin	FIREs		2					2
	ACRES		13					13
Southwest	FIREs	5	2			7	14	28
	ACRES	2	43			11	47	103
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	1	2				1	4
	ACRES	0	0				41	41
Eastern Area	FIREs	2				16		18
	ACRES	0				33		33
Southern Area	FIREs			1		24	1	26
	ACRES			20		204	300	524
TOTAL	FIREs	8	10	1	0	79	32	130
	ACRES	2	56	20	0	651	394	1,123

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2		1	2	221	4	230
	ACRES	20		0	672	13,754	0	14,446
Northwest	FIRES	8	10	2		27	30	77
	ACRES	3	28	1		54	10	96
Northern California	FIRES	1	3		5	229	38	276
	ACRES	0	0		6,510	7,527	16	14,053
Southern California	FIRES	4	20	2	2	459	110	597
	ACRES	11	1,274	1	0	1,508	137	2,931
Northern Rockies	FIRES	440	3	14		88	31	576
	ACRES	2,974	5	690		16,335	1,374	21,378
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		41		2	40	54	137
	ACRES		294		0	372	17	683
Western Great Basin	FIRES		40			6	10	56
	ACRES		57			17	72	146
Southwest	FIRES	190	65	12	3	360	323	953
	ACRES	257	2,995	1,288	1	8,022	7,541	20,104
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	31	98	20	10	66	68	293
	ACRES	151	11	1,584	201	247	527	2,721
Eastern Area	FIRES	797		80	15	7,427	369	8,688
	ACRES	51,447		6,605	685	104,551	5,362	168,650
Southern Area	FIRES	94		12	11	9,632	297	10,046
	ACRES	20,347		2,701	756	142,598	8,304	174,706
TOTAL	FIRES	1,567	280	143	50	18,555	1,334	21,929
	ACRES	75,210	4,664	12,870	8,825	294,985	23,360	419,914
Ten Year Average Fires								35,766
Ten Year Average Acres								812,159

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs					7		7
	ACRES						261	261
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIREs					5		5
	ACRES						55	55
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIREs				1			1
	ACRES					10		10
Southern Area	FIREs	1					3	4
	ACRES	3,500					958	4,458
TOTAL	FIREs	1	0	0	1	0	15	17
	ACRES	3,500	0	0	10	0	1,274	4,784

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	25	90	146	5		148	414
	ACRES	3,229	10,896	4,675	88		20,572	39,460
Northern California	FIRES	2	10	99	15		123	249
	ACRES	31	173	15,912	2,183		9,445	27,744
Southern California	FIRES		2	2	3		79	86
	ACRES		27	99	113		9,578	9,817
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	11	68	3	23	227	343
	ACRES	492	3,808	9,189	510	1,750	13,257	29,006
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12	3		7	22	45
	ACRES	18	2,566	300		150	5,996	9,030
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	10	38	17	4	2	221	292
	ACRES	3,232	14,504	36,873	4,877	2	27,407	86,895
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	13	59	6	10	70	184
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	9,996	8,846	132	4,757	26,785
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		271	16	388	184	882
	ACRES	10,562		55,469	1,823	74,683	26,306	168,843
Southern Area	FIRES	53		247	53	11,448	1,108	12,909
	ACRES	19,379		86,461	65,026	706,670	851,721	1,729,257
TOTAL	FIRES	151	177	912	105	11,884	2,183	15,412
	ACRES	38,661	33,410	218,974	83,466	784,942	969,269	2,128,722

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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
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					49,843		49,843
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		10				1	11
	ACRES		3				1	4
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				550			550
TOTAL	FIRES	0	10	0	4	0	7	21
	ACRES	0	3	0	550	0	49,844	50,397

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	4	8	226	3,257
Yukon Territory	0	0	18	42
Alberta	5	12	300	1,900
Northwest Territory	6	2	13	10
Saskatchewan	3	0	183	11,268
Manitoba	10	18	390	28,094
Ontario	10	34	299	1,486
Quebec	4	2	287	7,255
Newfoundland	0	0	43	95
New Brunswick	0	0	102	134
Nova Scotia	0	0	156	1,248
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	6	343
Total	42	76	2,023	55,131

RESOURCES 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	17	14		15	1	4			32	110
Northwest	1			9						13
Northern California	5		1	1	3					15
Southern California	3						1			
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin				1						
Western Great Basin	1			2						
Southwest	1	1	5						14	1
Rocky Mountain										2
Eastern Area						1				2
Southern Area										1
Total	28	15	18	16	5	4	1	0	78	112

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