INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY JUNE 13, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 137 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported in the Southwest Area. One large fire was contained in the Eastern Great Basin. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

THOMAS, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is burning in mixed conifer and aspen forest 16 miles south of Alpine, AZ. Active fire behavior was observed. Steep, rugged terrain, inaccessibility and heavy fuels are hampering suppression efforts. Crews will continue to improve indirect fireline, conduct burn out operations, and use minimum impact suppression tactics (MIST) in primitive areas.

DRY LAKES COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Rath) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use complex, comprised of the Dry, Lake, Sycamore and Moonshine fires, is 27 miles northwest of Silver City, NM. The complex is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. Minimal fire activity was observed in pinyon pine, ponderosa pine and grass. Personnel will continue to monitor the complex and support other incidents on the forest.

MORMON, Coconino National Forest. The fire is burning in pinyon pine 19 miles southeast of Flagstaff, AZ. Extreme fire behavior was observed during periods of high wind. This fire is in confinement status, and will continue to be monitored by aerial reconnaissance.

TEN COW, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper and grass 32 miles southeast of Reserve, NM. Resources were suppressing spot fires and monitoring fire spread.

HAY, Colorado River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is burning in mesquite, arrow weed, and salt cedar five miles south of Parker, AZ. Fire behavior of running and spotting was observed. Resources are completing fireline and mopping up.

JUNIPER, Prescott National Forest. This lightning caused fire is burning in ponderosa pine near Juniper Mesa, Yavapai County, AZ. No further information received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	$$$ CTD
THOMAS	AZ	ASF	6,902	20	UNK	475	14	7	6	0	1.8M
DRY LAKES COMPLEX	NM	GNF	7,800	0	UNK	18	0	0	0	0	140K
MORMON	AZ	COF	615	0	6/20	2	0	0	0	0	2.5K
TEN COW	NM	GNF	9,722	NR	UNK	116	4	5	0	0	76K
HAY	AZ	CRA	300	0	UNK	120	3	17	0	0	20K
JUNIPER	AZ	PNF	180	10	UNK	21	1	0	0	0	20K

EASTERN GREAT BASIN LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	$$$ CTD
LONESOME BEAVER	UT	RID	2,917	100	---	158	5	4	2	0	450K

RID = Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

LUHI, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. This fire is on the Island of Hawaii and was started by lava from the Kilauea Volcano. Minimal fire activity was observed in an Ohia rainforest, with smoldering and occasional flare-ups. Volcanic gas conditions over the fire are hampering containment efforts. The fire is being monitored by aircraft to determine if it is safe for resources.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	$$$ CTD
LUHI	HI	HVP	4,930	90	UNK	75	3	0	1	0	180K

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A low pressure system will be moving into the Pacific Northwest and bring gusty winds to portions of northern California, Nevada and the Pacific Northwest. A westerly flow continues over the rest of the West. A broad low pressure trough in the East will produce showers along the Atlantic Coast states and Southeast. In Alaska high pressure covers over most of interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA Partly cloudy in the north, in the morning, otherwise mostly sunny. Low clouds and fog along the coast, extending well inland during the morning hours.	From upper 50s to near 70 near the coast and 70s to 80s inland.	17-25% driest inland areas, 50% or higher near the coast.	Southwest to west winds, increasing to 7-15 mph in the afternoon, locally gusts to 25 mph, mainly east of the Cascade/Sierra crest.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	70-85 Mountains and coastal valleys, mid 80s to mid 90s central valley and upper deserts and 95 to 105 lower deserts.	15-30% Mountains and inland valleys, 30-45% coastal valleys and 8-15% deserts.	Southwest-northwest winds 10-20 mph mountains and deserts, otherwise 5-15 mph.
SOUTHWEST AREA Partly cloudy. With isolated thunderstorms western Texas and northeast New Mexico.	70s and 80s mountains. 80s and 90s remaining lower elevations.	5-15%, except 15-30% west Texas.	5 to 15 mph winds in the northern tier with local gusts to 25 mph. 10 to 20 mph elsewhere with gusts to 30 mph southeast New Mexico and southwest Texas.

http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.

- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.

- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:

    - Lookouts are posted.
    - Communications are established with both fireing and holding teams.
    - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.

- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.

- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.

- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2		1	25	8	36
	ACRES		16		0	50	3	69
Northern California	FIRES	1				17	5	23
	ACRES	1				3	35	39
Southern California	FIRES	2				17		19
	ACRES	0				6		6
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	14			2	3	20
	ACRES	0	2			0	1	3
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7				1	8
	ACRES		104				0	104
Southwest	FIRES	1				3	3	7
	ACRES	300				3	24	327
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		8			3		11
	ACRES		2			2		4
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					112		112
TOTAL	FIRES	5	31	0	1	77	23	137
	ACRES	301	124	0	0	176	63	664

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2		1	2	248	5	258
	ACRES	20		0	673	13,799	0	14,492
Northwest	FIRES	13	17	2	2	88	60	182
	ACRES	3	45	1	0	509	41	599
Northern California	FIRES	29	3		5	326	61	424
	ACRES	11	0		6,510	7,577	66	14,164
Southern California	FIRES	17	26	5	3	560	155	766
	ACRES	159	1,290	355	0	1,677	146	3,627
Northern Rockies	FIRES	446	3	15		114	49	627
	ACRES	2,976	5	695		16,356	1,379	21,411
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	98	2	5	60	76	244
	ACRES	0	3,280	0	0	895	38	4,213
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	62			7	13	83
	ACRES	0	358			29	72	459
Southwest	FIRES	243	77	12	4	447	466	1,249
	ACRES	576	3,386	1,288	31	9,585	12,891	27,757
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	32	129	29	10	84	72	356
	ACRES	152	27	1,982	201	292	576	3,230
Eastern Area	FIRES	849		80	15	7,679	376	8,999
	ACRES	51,472		6,605	685	105,876	5,473	170,111
Southern Area	FIRES	101		13	11	9,749	306	10,180
	ACRES	20,402		3,194	756	144,547	8,636	177,535
TOTAL	FIRES	1,736	415	159	57	19,362	1,639	23,368
	ACRES	75,771	8,391	14,120	8,856	301,142	29,318	437,598

Ten Year Average Fires	**37,215**
Ten Year Average Acres	**898,840**

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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						4	4
	ACRES						80	80
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						77	77
Southern California	FIRES			0	1		0	1
	ACRES			55	32		192	279
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				46			46
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			2,395			1,073	3,468
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	2	0	7	10
	ACRES	0	0	2,450	78	0	1,423	3,951

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		191	457
	ACRES	3,229	10,896	4,675	88		22,380	41,268
Northern California	FIRES	2	11	99	15		124	251
	ACRES	31	273	15,958	2,183		9,552	27,997
Southern California	FIRES		2	3	4		84	93
	ACRES		27	621	208		12,115	12,971
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	11	68	3	23	267	384
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,189	510	1,750	14,216	29,975
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	14	3		7	25	50
	ACRES	18	2,771	300		150	6,196	9,435
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	12	37	17	4	2	223	295
	ACRES	3,332	14,504	36,873	4,877	2	27,527	87,115
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	14	62	7	10	70	189
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	10,006	8,892	132	4,758	26,842
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		276	16	402	189	906
	ACRES	10,562		55,606	1,823	75,262	26,420	169,673
Southern Area	FIRES	53		252	58	11,454	1,113	12,930
	ACRES	19,379		89,704	73,069	715,020	854,860	1,752,032
TOTAL	FIRES	154	180	926	112	11,904	2,287	15,563
	ACRES	38,771	33,715	222,932	91,650	793,871	978,254	2,159,193

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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		3	4
	ACRES				0		0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1	1
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						9	9
	ACRES						60,207	60,207
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		12				1	13
	ACRES		10				1	11
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				830			830
TOTAL	FIRES	0	12	0	4	0	16	32
	ACRES	0	10	0	830	0	60,209	61,049

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	8	5	333	3,426
Yukon Territory	0	242	28	1,104
Alberta	10	4	342	1,917
Northwest Territory	0	0	15	15
Saskatchewan	0	0	188	11,000
Manitoba	8	12	428	33,721
Ontario	1	5	356	1,684
Quebec	0	1	319	13,470
Newfoundland	4	2	59	97
New Brunswick	0	0	108	136
Nova Scotia	0	0	176	1,252
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	8	673
Total	31	271	2,360	68,494

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										
Northwest			6			1			11	
Northern California	5		8		1				14	
Southern California	6		11						12	505
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	5	1	16	1	3				35	8
Western Great Basin	7		10	1	2					
Southwest	19	4	19	13	6				107	18
Rocky Mountain			4		1				7	
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area										
Total	42	5	74	15	13	1	0	0	189	531

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