

## **INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**

**MONDAY JUNE 16, 2003 - 0530 MDT**

**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

### **CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 89 new fires reported. Five new large fires were reported, two in Alaska, and one each in the Eastern Great Basin, the Southwest, and Southern California Areas. One large fire was contained in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah.

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

THOMAS, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is in mixed conifer and pine forest, aspen and live oak woodland, 16 miles south of Alpine, AZ. Active fire behavior was observed with backing and creeping. Steep, rugged, inaccessible terrain and heavy fuel loading are hampering suppression efforts. Crews constructed direct attack fireline along the southwest and southeast flanks. Personnel are also mopping up and holding existing fireline. Minimum Impact Suppression Techniques (MIST) are being utilized in primitive areas.

DRY LAKES COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A transfer of command from Rath's Fire Use Management Team to Goheen's Fire Use Management Team is planned for today. 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. Moderate fire behavior was observed in pinyon pine, ponderosa pine, grass and mixed stands of conifer. Personnel continue to monitor the complex and support other incidents on the forest.

PICACHO RESERVOIR, State of Arizona. This fire is burning in grass and brush eight miles north of Picacho, AZ. Moderate fire behavior including torching was observed on the north and east flanks. Continued burn out operations and monitoring are planned.

MORGAN, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused fire is in the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Area, 34 miles west of Truth or Consequences, NM. Active fire behavior was observed in ponderosa pine, grass and mixed conifer with heavy dead and down fuels. Burn out operations are underway along the east side of the Continental Divide Trail.

LIZARD, Coconino National Forest. This fire is burning in pinyon pine and juniper 9 miles southeast of Flagstaff, AZ. Erratic fire behavior was observed, with small runs and spotting. The fire is threatening power lines and archeological sites, and could impact Interstate 40.

TEN COW, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is in ponderosa pine, pinyon pine, juniper and grass, 32 miles southeast of Reserve, NM. Resources are suppressing spot fires and monitoring fire spread. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

JUNIPER, Prescott National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is 40 miles northwest of Prescott, AZ. Creeping and occasional single tree torching were observed in ponderosa pine. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
THOMAS	AZ	ASF	10,618	80	UNK	417	11	6	6	0	2.7M
DRY LAKES COMPLEX	NM	GNF	13,200	0	UNK	28	0	0	0	0	NR
TEN COW	NM	GNF	10,405	NR	UNK	116	4	5	0	0	106K
PICACHO RESERVOIR	AZ	AZS	700	40	6/20	7	0	2	0	0	5K
MORGAN	NM	GNF	3,861	NR	UNK	46	1	0	1	0	48K
LIZARD	AZ	COF	600	0	6/25	24	1	0	0	0	2K
TEN COW	NM	GNF	10,405	NR	UNK	116	4	5	0	0	106K
JUNIPER	AZ	PNF	250	0	UNK	NR	0	0	0	0	25K
RIVER	AZ	CRA	491	100	---	57	1	10	0	0	18K

CRA = Colorado River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

PTARMIGAN, State of Alaska. This fire is burning in black spruce and mixed hardwoods 35 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK. Minimal fire behavior was observed, with isolated torching and creeping. Five structures are threatened.

LEFT BANK, State of Alaska. This fire is burning in spruce 30 miles northeast of McGrath, AK. Moderate fire behavior was observed, with running and spotting. Dry weather is hampering containment efforts. Additional resources have been ordered.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PTARMIGAN	AK	AKS	425	NR	UNK	96	5	0	2	0	NR
LEFT BANK	AK	AKS	400	NR	UNK	81	4	0	2	0	NR

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

152, Merced-Mariposa Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire is approximately 23 miles west of the city of Los Banos, CA burning in grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior was observed with varying rates of spread. Steep terrain is impeding containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
152	CA	MMU	2,500	50	6/16	152	4	12	3	0	NR

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ANNA LAURA SPRINGS, Uintah and Ouray Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This lightning caused fire is located 57 miles of Fort Duchesne, UT in steep and rugged terrain. Erratic winds caused active fire behavior in oakbrush, sagebrush, aspen, juniper, pinyon pine and Douglas fir. Dozers and personnel are constructing fireline.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ANNA LAURA SPRINGS	UT	UOA	100	0	6/19	47	2	2	0	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will continue over the west today, providing mainly warm and dry weather from the Pacific coast to the Continental Divide. Unstable afternoon conditions will once again lead to thunderstorms from central New Mexico northward along the Rockies, into the plains of eastern Montana. Showers are expected over the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic. In Alaska, high pressure continues over the interior leading to one more day of low relative humidity values in the southeast interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Patchy night and morning coastal fog and low clouds. Mostly sunny elsewhere with afternoon cumulus over the mountains.	60s at the coast with the mid 80s to upper 90s inland. A few of inland valleys will reach the 100 degree mark.	50% or higher coast. Inland 16 to 30% west of the Sierra Cascade Crest and 8 to 14 % east of the crest.	Southwest to northwest 6 to 14 mph with higher afternoon gusts.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Isolated dry lightning in the west.	80s, with up to the mid 90s western Colorado.	10%-20% in the west, 25-38% east.	Mainly variable at 5 to 15 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny, except becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon over the Sierras with isolated thunderstorms from the crest eastward.	80-100 mountains and valleys, 95-105 upper deserts and 105-115 lower deserts.	10-30% mountains, 25-40% valleys, and 5-15% deserts	Southwest to northwest 10-20 mph mountains and deserts, otherwise 5-15 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **REFUSING RISK ( TURNDOWN PROTOCOL)**

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A "turndown" is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A "turndown" must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a "turndown" if:
  - There is a violation of safe work practices.
  - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
  - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
  - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
  - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
  - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
  - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
  - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		5		6
	ACRES			0		875		875
Northwest	FIRES	4	1				3	8
	ACRES	2	5				1	8
Northern California	FIRES				16	2		18
	ACRES				3	0		3
Southern California	FIRES	1			14	1		16
	ACRES	0			4	0		4
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	3		2			5
	ACRES	99	61		0			160
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	11	1		2	6		20
	ACRES	218	0		2	3		223
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	3		1	4		8
	ACRES	1	0		0	4		5
Eastern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES						1	1
Southern Area	FIRES			0		2		2
	ACRES			4		124		128
TOTAL	FIRES	16	8	1	0	40	24	89
	ACRES	320	66	4	0	884	133	1,407

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2		2	3	262	5	274
	ACRES	20		0	674	14,821	0	15,515
Northwest	FIRES	17	18	2	2	89	68	196
	ACRES	4	50	1	0	509	44	608
Northern California	FIRES	34	3		5	363	73	478
	ACRES	11	0		6,510	7,586	66	14,173
Southern California	FIRES	18	27	5	3	592	161	806
	ACRES	159	1,290	355	0	1,880	147	3,831
Northern Rockies	FIRES	446	3	15		119	53	636
	ACRES	2,976	5	695		16,357	1,381	21,414
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	5	110		3	78	83	279
	ACRES	101	4,592		0	949	39	5,681
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	68	1		9	13	92
	ACRES	0	380	0		62	72	514
Southwest	FIRES	280	77	12	5	451	485	1,310
	ACRES	1,350	3,276	1,288	31	9,887	20,189	36,021
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	37	147	29	10	91	79	393
	ACRES	153	29	1,982	201	292	583	3,240
Eastern Area	FIRES	849		80	15	7,681	382	9,007
	ACRES	51,472		6,605	685	105,878	5,474	170,114
Southern Area	FIRES	101		13	11	10,191	308	10,624
	ACRES	20,402		3,194	756	147,852	8,760	180,964
TOTAL	FIRES	1,790	453	159	57	19,926	1,710	24,095
	ACRES	76,648	9,622	14,120	8,857	306,073	36,755	452,075

Ten Year Average Fires	38,116
Ten Year Average Acres	935,334

**\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate 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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs						1	1
	ACRES						41	41
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	41	41

**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		211	477
	ACRES	3,229	10,896	4,675	88		24,159	43,047
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		86	95
	ACRES		27	621	208		12,326	13,182
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	11	68	3	23	310	427
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,189	510	1,750	14,722	30,481
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	33	17	4	2	225	293
	ACRES	3,332	25,120	36,873	4,877	2	38,128	108,332
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	443	191	949
	ACRES	10,562		55,606	1,823	78,470	26,500	172,961
Southern Area	FIRES	53		252	59	11,455	1,113	12,932
	ACRES	19,379		89,704	74,902	715,194	854,860	1,754,039
TOTAL	FIRES	154	176	926	113	11,946	2,356	15,671
	ACRES	38,771	44,331	222,932	93,483	797,253	991,431	2,188,201

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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						68,598	68,598
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	13					1	14
	ACRES	15					1	16
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			3				3
	ACRES				830			830
TOTAL	FIRES	0	13	0	4	0	16	33
	ACRES	0	15	0	830	0	68,600	69,445

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	336	3,441
Yukon Territory	0	0	29	1,749
Alberta	2	0	347	1,918
Northwest Territory	0	0	16	15
Saskatchewan	2	0	190	11,000
Manitoba	6	146	444	33,873
Ontario	13	108	372	1,793
Quebec	3	7	328	30,529
Newfoundland	3	0	63	97
New Brunswick	2	0	112	136
Nova Scotia	0	0	176	1,251
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	6	342
Total	31	261	2,419	86,114

**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	12	16				4			8	16
Northwest	3		2						2	
Northern California			1							
Southern California	3	9	21	20	1	3			12	512
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	4		13	1	3				6	1
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	14		13	7	7				686	21
Rocky Mountain				6	3				21	
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area										
Total	36	25	56	31	11	7	0	0	738	550

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