

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**TUESDAY JUNE 17, 2003 - 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Rocky Mountain, Eastern Great Basin, Southwest and Western Great Basin Areas, with 221 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Alaska and Southern Areas. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southern California and Southwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

LIZARD, Coconino National Forest. This fire is burning in pinyon pine and juniper, nine miles southeast of Flagstaff, AZ. Significant runs with spotting up to one half mile ahead of the front were observed. Personnel are conducting burn out operations. Interstate 40 was closed.

DRY LAKES COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Goheen) 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. Short, uphill runs and backing were observed in pinyon pine, ponderosa pine, grass and mixed stands of conifer. Crews are preparing existing trails for a possible burn out operation on the Moonshine Fire.

PICACHO RESERVOIR, State of Arizona. This fire is in grass and brush, eight miles north of Picacho, AZ. The fire is slowly backing on the east flank with occasional torching observed. Engine crews are monitoring the fire perimeter.

MORGAN, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused fire is in the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Area, 34 miles west of Truth or Consequences, NM. The fire is in ponderosa pine, grass and mixed conifer with heavy dead and down fuels. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LIZARD	AZ	COF	1,100	5	UNK	95	1	8	0	0	72K
DRY LAKES COMPLEX	NM	GNF	18,000	0	UNK	65	2	0	2	0	210K
PICACHO RESERVOIR	AZ	AZS	800	65	6/20	7	0	2	0	0	10K
MORGAN	NM	GNF	3,861	NR	UNK	46	1	0	1	0	48K
THOMAS	AZ	ASF	10,618	100	---	417	11	6	6	0	2.8M

ASF = Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest

**ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

SAND CREEK, State of Alaska. This fire is burning in black spruce and tundra 25 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK. Minimal fire behavior was observed, with creeping, isolated torching and some short crown runs in heavier fuels. Indirect line is being constructed for a planned burn out operation.

LEFT BANK, State of Alaska. This fire is in black spruce, 30 miles northeast of McGrath, AK. Moderate fire behavior was observed. Heavy fuels are hampering containment efforts, however good progress was made using wet line construction.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SAND CREEK	AK	AKS	6,500	NR	UNK	83	4	0	2	1	2.2K
LEFT BANK	AK	AKS	458	60	6/19	93	5	0	2	0	NR
PTARMIGAN	AK	AKS	425	100	---	112	5	2	3	0	253K

#### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ANNA LAURA SPRINGS, Uintah and Ouray Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This lightning caused fire is 57 miles south 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. Crews are constructing handline and mopping up.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ANNA LAURA SPRINGS	UT	UOA	240	20	6/19	51	2	2	0	0	NR

#### SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

REFUGE, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is burning in sawgrass in the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, six miles northwest of Coral Springs, FL. The fire received wetting rain and is in monitor status.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
REFUGE	FL	FLS	650	0	6/17	2	0	1	0	0	NR

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
152	CA	MMU	2,750	100	---	178	6	13	40	0	NR

MMU = Mariposa Unit, California Department of Forestry

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Warm high pressure will remain in control of western weather for one more day. However, instability during the heat of the afternoon will spark showers and thunderstorms once again in eastern Arizona, northward along the Continental Divide and into the northern Plains. Instability will also produce afternoon storms along the central Sierra crest and eastward into the Great Basin. In Alaska, central interior sections will remain mainly dry, with only an isolated threat of an afternoon thunderstorm.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>ALASKA AREA</b> South-Central Partly sunny. Scattered showers and a chance of thunderstorms.	50s and 60s	30% to 45%	Variable 5 to 15 mph.
Central Interior Partly cloudy with scattered showers and wet thunderstorms in the north and east.	60 to 75.	25% to 40%	Northeast 5 to 15 mph.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Partly Cloudy region-wide except sunny western Idaho.	68-88 in the mountains, 80-94 in the valleys except 94-101 in the valleys of southern Utah and the Arizona Strip.	Idaho, western Wyoming, and northern Utah 10-28%. Southern Utah and the Arizona Strip 6-16%.	Light in Idaho, northeast winds 5-20 mph in Utah.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Isolated to scattered and thunderstorms. Some storms dry western Colorado.	80 to 90, 65 to 75 mountains and Black Hills region	10 to 20% western Colorado, southwest Wyoming and south central Colorado. 25%-35% elsewhere	Variable winds 5 to 15 mph
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly cloudy. Slight chances for dry thunderstorms west of the continental divide, with scattered wet thunderstorms to the east.	70s and 80s mountains and 80s and 90s lower elevations, except near 107 southwest AZ deserts.	5-20% west, 20-40%+ east.	Upslope/upvalley 5 to 15 mph in AZ & western NM, with some gusts to 20-25 mph in AZ. Winds east to southeast 10-15 mph across eastern NM and west TX



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## **TERRAIN AND FUELS MAKE ESCAPE TO SAFETY ZONES DIFFICULT**

When fighting wildland fires, it is often easy to get committed to areas that put you in Watchout Situation #17. As firefighters progress along the fireline, it is imperative to constantly keep the following considerations in mind:

- Does the crew's condition allow for fast travel? Discuss physical and mental conditions that could interfere with a crew's ability to travel quickly.
- Will you get adequate warning to make it to your safety zone? Who will you rely on to warn you? How will you ensure that everyone gets the word?
- Can escape routes be improved to make travel to safety zones faster? Are escape routes marked? Review what you have done on past fires to locate, mark, and improve escape routes.
- Will posting more lookouts give adequate warning? Talk about situations where there was more than one firefighter assigned to be lookout.
- To reduce the risks:
  - Consider other tactics that will allow you to be in a safer location. Review fires where you have had to change tactics because escape to safety zones was not adequate.

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					5,398		5,398
Northwest	FIRES	1	1			4	8	14
	ACRES	1	0			2	3	6
Northern California	FIRES	4				14	3	21
	ACRES	6				8	1	15
Southern California	FIRES	1				15	3	19
	ACRES	0				2,675	0	2,675
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1		2	4	7
	ACRES			6		5	1	12
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	5			7	8	20
	ACRES	140	80			10	5	235
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	12		2		3	19
	ACRES	0	1		0		0	1
Southwest	FIRES	3	2			8	20	33
	ACRES	0	91			14	7	112
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7	32	1	1	8	7	56
	ACRES	4	19	0	0	1	2	26
Eastern Area	FIRES					21		21
	ACRES					37		37
Southern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					21		21
TOTAL	FIRES	18	52	2	3	90	56	221
	ACRES	151	191	6	0	8,171	19	8,538

**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	18	18	2	2	93	74	207
	ACRES	5	50	1	1	511	46	614
Northern California	FIREs	38	3		5	377	74	497
	ACRES	17	0		6,510	7,594	67	14,188
Southern California	FIREs	19	27	5	3	607	164	825
	ACRES	159	1,290	355	0	4,555	147	6,506
Northern Rockies	FIREs	446	3	16		121	58	644
	ACRES	2,976	5	701		16,364	1,382	21,428
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	5	115		3	85	92	300
	ACRES	101	4,615		0	959	44	5,719
Western Great Basin	FIREs	3	78	1	2	9	16	109
	ACRES	0	374	0	0	62	72	508
Southwest	FIREs	287	78	12	5	455	504	1,341
	ACRES	1,350	3,366	1,288	31	10,048	20,192	36,275
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	44	182	21	11	99	86	443
	ACRES	157	49	1,584	201	293	585	2,869
Eastern Area	FIREs	849		80	15	7,704	382	9,030
	ACRES	51,472		6,605	685	105,921	5,474	170,157
Southern Area	FIREs	101		13	11	10,232	308	10,665
	ACRES	20,402		3,194	756	148,107	8,760	181,219
TOTAL	FIREs	1,812	504	152	60	20,044	1,763	24,335
	ACRES	76,659	9,749	13,728	8,858	309,235	36,769	454,998
<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>								<b>38,263</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>								<b>945,299</b>

\*\*\*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					1		1
	ACRES					5		5
Northern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					30		30
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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	0
	ACRES						22	22
Southern Area	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			500			1,300	1,800
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	3	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	500	0	1,357	1,857

**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		212	478
	ACRES	3,229	10,896	4,675	88		24,164	43,052
Northern California	FIRES	2	11	99	15		125	252
	ACRES	31	273	15,958	2,183		9,582	28,027
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	24	49
	ACRES	18	2,771	300		150	6,200	9,439
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	10,007	8,892	132	4,758	26,843
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		276	16	443	191	949
	ACRES	10,562		55,606	1,823	78,470	26,522	172,983
Southern Area	FIRES	53		252	60	11,455	1,114	12,934
	ACRES	19,379		89,704	75,402	715,194	856,160	1,755,839
TOTAL	FIRES	154	176	926	114	11,946	2,358	15,674
	ACRES	38,771	44,331	222,933	93,983	797,253	992,792	2,190,063

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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						74,023	74,023
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	74,025	74,870

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### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	23	12	356	3,438
Yukon Territory	3	647	31	1,751
Alberta	8	1	350	1,919
Northwest Territory	2	15	17	30
Saskatchewan	6	9	194	11,009
Manitoba	39	383	467	34,104
Ontario	36	669	392	2,353
Quebec	9	17,058	328	30,528
Newfoundland	3	1	62	98
New Brunswick	4	0	112	136
Nova Scotia	0	0	176	1,252
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	330	6	343
Total	23	12	356	3,438

### 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	4	10		2		7			18	28
Northwest	3		6							1
Northern California		2	2	2		2				1
Southern California	2	6	11	15					1	3
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	7	1	38	8	3				4	1
Western Great Basin				2	3					
Southwest	15		16	6	7	2			696	32
Rocky Mountain				9	5					7
Eastern Area										3
Southern Area				1						1
Total	31	19	84	39	13	11	0	0	730	66

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