

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY JUNE 27, 2003 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 110 new fires reported. Two new large fires were reported one each in Southern California and the Southwest Areas. One large fire was contained in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas and Utah.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

MONTANO, Bernalillo District, New Mexico State. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Sexton) has been ordered. This fire is burning in Bosque State Park, five miles northwest of downtown Albuquerque, NM. High winds, poor access, and heavy fuels are hampering efforts. Numerous residences and several commercial properties are threatened; structure protection is in place.

ASPEN, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. This fire is burning in mixed conifer, ponderosa pine and brush, 17 miles northeast of Tucson, AZ near Mount Lemmon. Crews continue to construct fireline on the southern portion of the fire.

JENNY, Gila National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullinex) is assigned. This lightning caused fire is burning in mixed conifer, pinyon pine, grass and oak, 18 miles northwest of Truth or Consequences, NM. Moderate to extreme fire behavior was observed. Crews will begin direct attack on the north flank, and hold the west flank.

DRY LAKE 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 multiple resource objectives. Efforts continue to protect critical threatened and endangered fisheries habitat on the Dry Lake Fire.

HELEN S 2, Saguaro National Park. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This lightning caused fire is 23 miles east of Tucson, AZ. Very active surface fire with isolated torching was observed. Crews continue to flank the southeast, east, and northeast sections of the fire.

POWELL, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in timber with heavy ground fuels, 23 miles northwest of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. Fire activity, smoke parameters, and weather will continue to be monitored.

ATRISCO, Bernallio District, New Mexico State. This fire is burning in riparian forest, near Interstate 40 in Albuquerque, NM. No new information was reported.

SECO, Gila National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Bradley) is assigned. This fire is burning in mixed conifer, grass and oak, 15 miles southwest of Winston, NM. Moderate fire behavior was observed. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

MONUMENT, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State. This fire is burning in mixed conifer and oak, eight miles northeast of Fort Union National Monument, NM. Crews will patrol and begin the mopup process along the perimeter.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MONTANO	NM	N6S	165	50	6/29	155	5	17	4	0	50K
ASPEN	AZ	CNF	32,700	50	UNK	1,084	28	39	8	322	6.1M
JENNY	NM	GNF	5,000	30	UNK	338	9	12	3	0	603K
DRY LAKE COMPLEX	NM	GNF	32,800	NR	UNK	81	6	0	2	0	745K
HELEN S 2	AZ	SAP	3,500	45	6/30	626	21	0	5	0	1.7M
POWELL	AZ	GCP	980	0	UNK	41	0	0	1	0	240K
ATRISCO	NM	N6S	700	50	6/26	NR	0	3	3	1	NR
SECO	NM	GNF	4,600	5	UNK	117	5	4	0	0	41K
MONUMENT	NM	N4S	795	75	7/2	115	4	3	0	0	189K
PICTURE	AZ	TNF	12,665	100	---	844	22	14	4	0	4.6M

TNF = Tonto National Forest

#### ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

SAND CREEK, Alaska State. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (McKnight) is assigned. This fire is burning in black spruce, tundra and hardwoods, 25 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK. Moderate rainfall has decreased fire activity. Crews continue to improve defensible space around structures.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SAND CREEK	AK	AKS	44,153	0	UNK	210	8	0	3	1	723K

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES

MARTINEZ, Riverside County, California. This fire is burning in heavy brush, four and a half miles southwest of Mecca, CA. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MARTINEZ	CA	RVC	324	75	6/27	162	4	24	1	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will be in place today over the western states, with very warm temperatures and low afternoon humidity values. Winds will be mainly terrain driven across the west, with no large storm system in the region. However, instability is expected to increase once again across the Southwest Area today, with dry thunderstorms possible along and west of the Continental Divide. In Alaska, moisture will move into the east central interior, providing showers and wet thunderstorms to the region.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>ALASKA AREA</b> Interior, cloudy with occasional rain in the southeast. Partly cloudy elsewhere with isolated showers or thunderstorms in the north.	55 to 73.	30 to 48%.	West to southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Mostly sunny and dry Arizona, except a slight chance of afternoon thunder near the White Mountains. Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms in New Mexico and west Texas, dry lightning is possible west of central New Mexico mountains.	70s and 80s in the mountains, 90s to near 110 lower elevations.	5 to 15% Arizona and northwest New Mexico, 15 to 25% central and southwest New Mexico, and 35% or more eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	Southwest to northwest winds 5 to 15 mph in Arizona and northwest half of New Mexico, except southwest winds 10 to 20 mph Mogollon Rim northeast of Phoenix. East to south 5 to 15 mph southeast half of New Mexico and west Texas.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny. Isolated thunderstorms over the plains.	Highs in the upper 70s and 80s, with 65 to 75 mountains.	15 to 25% over the lower elevations, with 25 to 35% over the mountains.	Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph Black Hills region, otherwise variable winds at 5 to 15 mph.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Clear skies.	From 62 to 80 near the coast and 92 to 106 lower inland elevations.	From 8 to 22% inland to 35 to 55% near the coast.	Northeast to east winds 5 to 13 mph in the morning, with local gusts to 25 mph down west slope of northern Sierras and up to 22 mph on eastern Bay Area ridge tops.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	80 to 100 mountains. 95 to 110 valleys. 95 to 105 upper desert. 105 to 115 low desert.	5 to 15% in the mountains, and 10 to 20% valleys.	Southwest to northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.
<b>EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny region-wide.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton, and the northern half Utah mountains 60 to 86, 68 to 92 in the valleys. Southern Utah and Arizona Strip 72 to 101.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton, northern half Utah mountains 14 to 44%, 9 to 26% valleys. Southern half Utah and Arizona Strip 4 to 7%.	Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> A ridge of high pressure continues to bring mostly sunny and dry conditions. A weak area of instability will cause convection in the western half of the state, with a slight chance of isolated dry thunderstorms in the Mono/Mineral county area in the afternoon.	In the north mid 80s to upper 90s at low elevations, 70s to upper 80s in higher elevations. In the south 90s to 101 at low elevations and in the 80s at higher elevations.	5 to 10% lower elevations, 8 to 18% higher elevations, 15 to 25% in the Sierras.	Mostly upslope/up canyon winds 3 to 8 mph.
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## **LOOKOUTS**

Lookouts are often better situated to notice the cumulative changes of fire behavior.

• Fire Order #8 says, "Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations." Should you utilize lookouts at all times?

- Lookouts should be posted at all times.

• What are you looking for when you are selecting a lookout location?

- Choose a good vantage point, preferabley with a good overview of the entire area where firefighters are located, including escape routes and safety zones.
- Utilize aircraft, but have an alternative on the ground.

• What are the desired qualities, capabilities, knowledge, and responsibilities of a lookout person?

- Expereinced firefighter.
- Solid knowledge of fire behavior and ability to recognized and monitor other environmental hazards.
- Good communicator--keeps the crew advised of fire behavior changes, tracks weather trends and relays the information, informs crew of work progress and updates from the latest strategy and tactical briefings.
- Monitors and accounts for all individuals within his/her assigned area at all times, and will notify others if breaks are needed.

• What is the necessary equipment for a lookout?

- PPE, radio with extra batteries, compass, binoculars, belt weather kit, IAP, map, food, and water.

**FIRE AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		3		1	5		9
	ACRES		515		2	45,307		45,824
Northwest	FIRES					3	4	7
	ACRES					3	4	7
Northern California	FIRES				20		4	24
	ACRES				89	5		94
Southern California	FIRES		2		21		2	25
	ACRES		0		84		1	85
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2	3	6
	ACRES	2				1	0	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			2		4
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southwest	FIRES		1		0	9	1	11
	ACRES		0		400	18	3,500	3,918
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							1
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	4
Southern Area	FIRES					20		20
	ACRES					38		38
TOTAL	FIRES	1	8	0	1	84	16	110
	ACRES	2	515	0	402	45,540	3,515	49,974

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	2	11	12	8	301	7	341
	ACRES	20	584	40,615	2,004	152,750	0	195,973
Northwest	FIREs	30	39	3	2	141	127	342
	ACRES	58	167	1	1	550	77	854
Northern California	FIREs	41	7	1	5	568	130	752
	ACRES	17	0	1	6,510	8,402	80	15,010
Southern California	FIREs	23	53	5	3	739	184	1,007
	ACRES	162	1,292	355	1	6,144	538	8,492
Northern Rockies	FIREs	460	6	16	2	155	86	725
	ACRES	2,991	11	701	0	16,377	1,422	21,502
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	9	174		5	127	166	481
	ACRES	243	6,699		0	1,823	68	8,833
Western Great Basin	FIREs	3	137	1	2	25	24	192
	ACRES	0	1,556	0	0	507	594	2,657
Southwest	FIREs	355	89	12	8	524	623	1,611
	ACRES	2,131	3,402	1,288	3,291	12,069	65,748	87,929
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	51	259	22	17	422	123	894
	ACRES	161	147	1,584	202	3,324	592	6,010
Eastern Area	FIREs	905		65	16	8,036	394	9,416
	ACRES	52,186		6,591	685	107,268	5,490	172,220
Southern Area	FIREs	104		13	11	10,315	308	10,751
	ACRES	20,412		3,194	756	151,373	8,760	184,495
TOTAL	FIREs	1,983	775	150	79	21,353	2,172	26,512
	ACRES	78,381	13,858	54,330	13,450	460,587	83,369	703,975

Ten Year Average Fires	41,603
Ten Year Average Acres	1,214,204

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				3			3
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				75			75
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					5		5
	ACRES					3,295		3,295
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	78	0	3,295	3,373

**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	28	90	146	5		212	481
	ACRES	5,351	10,896	4,675	88		24,165	45,175
Northern California	FIREs	2	11	99	16		127	255
	ACRES	31	273	15,958	2,193		9,712	28,167
Southern California	FIREs		2	3	5		89	99
	ACRES		27	621	419		13,641	14,708
Northern Rockies	FIREs	12	11	68	4	23	311	429
	ACRES	502	3,808	9,189	760	1,750	14,982	30,991
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	16	3		9	24	53
	ACRES	18	3,791	300		910	6,200	11,219
Western Great Basin	FIREs		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIREs	12	32	19	4	3	226	296
	ACRES	3,332	25,321	39,373	4,877	12	43,128	116,043
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	26	14	74	7	10	73	204
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	12,196	8,892	132	5,677	29,951
Eastern Area	FIREs	23		308	16	443	194	984
	ACRES	10,562		56,030	1,823	78,470	26,708	173,593
Southern Area	FIREs	53		254	62	11,456	1,137	12,962
	ACRES	19,379		90,182	81,099	715,301	876,023	1,781,984
TOTAL	FIREs	157	177	974	119	11,950	2,394	15,771
	ACRES	40,893	45,552	228,524	100,151	798,130	1,020,466	2,233,716

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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			1				1
	ACRES			1				1
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs					5		5
	ACRES					1		1
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs			1		9		10
	ACRES			750		79,923		80,673
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	15		2			1	18
	ACRES	95		0			1	96
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs			3				3
	ACRES			830				830
TOTAL	FIREs	0	15	0	8	0	18	41
	ACRES	0	95	0	1,581	0	79,925	81,601

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	8	39	428	3,608
Yukon Territory	0	0	40	2,898
Alberta	1	1	459	2,452
Northwest Territory	13	160	34	258
Saskatchewan	3	1	232	38,840
Manitoba	0	67,791	605	189,173
Ontario	3	13,055	598	245,066
Quebec	23	535	419	48,149
Newfoundland	4	263	84	1,132
New Brunswick	1	0	124	169
Nova Scotia	0	0	195	1,261
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	6	343
Total	56	81,845	3,224	533,348

**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	15	9				3			30	21
Northwest			1							2
Northern California	2		8		1					
Southern California	4	17	23	98	11	13			23	717
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			16		2		1			9
Western Great Basin	1				1					
Southwest	96	13	22	77	19	10			621	286
Rocky Mountain			1						3	3
Eastern Area										1
Southern Area										
Total	118	39	71	175	34	26	1	0	689	1027

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