

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY MAY 9, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 58 new fires reported yesterday. Two new large fires were reported and contained in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned to search operations near Modena, Utah. Crews have searched approximately seventy percent of the 865 acre area.

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NELSON PRAIRIE	MN	DLR	1200	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	1K
WHITE SMOKE	MN	MNS	500	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	.1K

DLR = Detroit Lakes WMD

MNS = Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Northern and central New Mexico below 9,000 feet for strong southwest winds and low relative humidity, 15 percent and less.

Fire Weather Watches: Eastern Arizona, southern New Mexico and southwest Texas for strong west to southwest winds and low relative humidity, 15 percent and less.

Weather Discussion: An upper low pressure area over the Great Basin will generate dry, gusty winds to the Southwest states. A storm system over the Great Lakes will induce showers; thundershowers are expected over much of the northeast quarter of the country. In Alaska, a frontal system should produce showers over a good portion of the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Scattered showers over the Sierra and Inyo, otherwise widely scattered.	35-55 mountains 58-68 valleys 55-80 deserts	45-60% Mountains 45-60% Valleys 20-35% Deserts	W-NW 15-30 mph over the mountains and deserts, and locally 20 mph over coastal valleys.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Southeast-South central Colorado: Partly cloudy.	Mountains: 55-65 Lower elevations: 70-75.	10%-16%	Southwest 15 to 25 mph.
SOUTHWEST AREA Windy with mostly sunny skies. A few sprinkles possible along northern border	50 s and 60 s mountains, 70 s to 90 s lower elevations.	5-20% except 15-30% mountains of AZ and northern NM	W- SW 15-30 mph.



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CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT A SAFE ANCHOR POINT

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				0	8		8
	ACRES				160	5		165
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		2			12	2	16
	ACRES		1			2	0	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			2		3
	ACRES		1			27		28
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		3		1	1	1	6
	ACRES		7		1	0	0	8
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	12				6	1	19
	ACRES	26				15	1	42
Southern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					10		10
TOTAL	FIRES	12	6	0	1	35	4	58
	ACRES	26	9	0	161	59	1	256

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	124		128
	ACRES	20			672	432		1,124
Northwest	FIRES	4	1	1		1	10	17
	ACRES	1	0	1		0	1	3
Northern California	FIRES				4	111	16	131
	ACRES				2,210	23	11	2,244
Southern California	FIRES	1	6	1	1	261	56	326
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	30	100	132
Northern Rockies	FIRES	400	1	14		66	17	498
	ACRES	2,547	0	710		16,320	1,370	20,947
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11		1	17	3	32
	ACRES		20		0	314	0	334
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9			5		14
	ACRES		4			17		21
Southwest	FIRES	73	30	12	1	193	95	404
	ACRES	71	2,810	1,288	1	5,091	296	9,557
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	9	9	26	1	42	17	104
	ACRES	123	2	1,645	200	233	470	2,673
Eastern Area	FIRES	770		66	15	5,772	284	6,907
	ACRES	51,370		3,597	615	93,747	5,201	154,530
Southern Area	FIRES	90		7	11	9,512	272	9,892
	ACRES	20,250		757	756	132,970	7,973	162,706
TOTAL	FIRES	1,349	67	127	36	16,104	770	18,453
	ACRES	74,382	2,838	7,998	4,454	249,177	15,422	354,271
Eight Year Average Fires								30,416
Eight Year Average Acres								617,551

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			2	3
	ACRES			61			95	156
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						352	352
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		78				30	108
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						1,733	1,733
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			3	1	11	1	16
	ACRES			510	78	1,972	200	2,760
Southern Area	FIRES			2			1	3
	ACRES			1,456			207	1,663
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	6	1	11	11	29
	ACRES	0	78	2,027	78	1,972	2,617	6,772

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	19	73	146	1		68	307
	ACRES	1,594	8,750	4,675	7		3,708	18,734
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	93	13		78	194
	ACRES	31	128	15,369	700		4,049	20,277
Southern California	FIRES		2	2	2		73	79
	ACRES		27	99	12		8,938	9,076
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	9	32	3	8	103	164
	ACRES	487	3,788	5,511	510	425	7,646	18,367
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	11	3		5	14	34
	ACRES	18	1,232	300		130	2,644	4,324
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	4	35	4	4		205	252
	ACRES	485	11,397	816	4,877		22,518	40,093
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	41	6	8	67	159
	ACRES	1,718	1,160	8,842	446	113	4,161	16,440
Eastern Area	FIRES	16		232	15	343	153	759
	ACRES	10,249		43,505	1,796	48,762	23,678	127,990
Southern Area	FIRES	50		231	36	11,445	1,065	12,827
	ACRES	8,979		80,516	56,497	705,160	823,246	1,674,398
TOTAL	FIRES	127	150	784	80	11,809	1,827	14,777
	ACRES	23,561	26,582	159,633	64,845	754,590	900,818	1,930,029

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							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						1	1
	ACRES						14,550	14,550
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	14,550	14,550

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	3	14	108	658
Yukon Territory	0	0	4	21
Alberta	9	5	62	161
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	1	0	64	301
Manitoba	5	252	204	13,512
Ontario	8	30	171	741
Quebec	4	43	89	208
Newfoundland	3	15	7	18
New Brunswick	0	0	40	49
Nova Scotia	3	1	79	194
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	0	0
Total	36	345	828	15,864

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										
Northern California										
Southern California									23	336
Northern Rockies			1							
Eastern Great Basin	3		1			1			27	3
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			4						4	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area			7		1					
Total	3	0	13	0	1	1	0	0	58	339

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