

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SATURDAY MAY 10, 2003 - 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 125 new fires reported yesterday. Three new large fires were reported one in the Southwest Area and two in the Eastern Area. Two large fires were contained in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, Minnesota and New Mexico.

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 60 percent of the 1,161 acre area.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

WALKER, Lincoln National Forest. A Type 2 Team (Raley) is assigned and will assume command today. This fire 15 miles east of Cloudcroft, NM is burning in juniper, ponderosa and pinyon pine. Spotting up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile and sustained crown fire were observed.

BOILER, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles northwest of Poverty Creek, NM and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The north and west sides of the fire continue to be active with a moderate rate of spread. Continued monitoring and mapping of fire spread is planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WALKER	NM	LNF	3,000	0	UNK	163	5	12	0	2	NR
BOILER	NM	GNF	19,100	100	UNK	61	2	4	0	0	30K

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NOZZLE	MN	MNS	1000	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	3K
ST. JOSEPH	MN	MNS	600	100	---	1	0	1	0	0	4.2K

MNS = Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

**OUTLOOK:**

**Fire Weather Watches:** West-central and southwest Texas for strong west winds, minimum humidity 15 percent or less.

**Weather Discussion:** The northern half of the country will generally see unsettled weather due to a low pressure trough in the West and a frontal system in the Midwest. Winds will be diminishing over the Southwest. In Alaska, strong southerly winds will cause dry, gusty Chinook winds in the eastern portions of the Alaska Range.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Windy in west TX, otherwise mostly sunny with winds diminishing.	50s and 60s mountains, 70s to 90 lower elevations.	5-20%.	W 10-25 mph.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Southeast Colorado: Mostly Cloudy with Scattered Showers.	50-60	30%-40%	North-Northwest 5-15 mph



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

### AVIATION WATCH OUT SITUATIONS

As part of risk management, especially during high activity fires, each aviation manager and employee should be asking questions.

- Is the flight necessary?
- Who is in charge?
- Are all hazards identified and have you made them known?
- Should the operation or the flight be stopped due to a change in conditions? Consider the following:
  - Communications
  - Confusion
  - Personnel
  - Weather
  - Turbulence
  - Conflicting priorities
- Is there a better way to do it?
- Are you driven by the task and sense of urgency?
- Can you justify your actions?
- Are there other aircraft in the area?
- Will the pilot accept the mission?
- Are any guidelines being ignored or policies being broken?
- Are communications getting tense?
- Are you deviating from the assigned operation or flight?

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES					4	1	5
	ACRES					1	0	1
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		3			30	3	36
	ACRES		6			2,514	2	2,522
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	0				0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES	5				58	3	66
	ACRES	5				2,155	5	2,165
Southern Area	FIRES					9	2	11
	ACRES					15	2	17
TOTAL	FIRES	6	3	0	0	107	9	125
	ACRES	5	6	0	0	4,686	9	4,706

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	2			2	129		133
	ACRES	20			672	433		1,125
Northwest	FIREs	4	1	1		5	11	22
	ACRES	1	0	1		1	1	4
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	13		66	17	497
	ACRES	2,547	0	690		16,320	1,370	20,927
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	233	95	444
	ACRES	71	2,810	1,288	1	5,536	298	10,004
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	10	9	26	1	43	17	106
	ACRES	123	2	1,645	200	233	471	2,674
Eastern Area	FIREs	775		66	16	5,820	288	6,965
	ACRES	51,375		3,597	685	95,906	5,207	156,770
Southern Area	FIREs	90		7	11	9,514	274	9,896
	ACRES	20,250		757	756	132,981	7,975	162,719
TOTAL	FIREs	1,355	67	126	37	16,204	777	18,566
	ACRES	74,387	2,838	7,978	4,524	251,794	15,433	356,954

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>30,517</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>622,707</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				3		4
	ACRES	135					171	306
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES						45	45
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					20	33	53
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES						3	3
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES						19	19
Southern Area	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES			1,423			2,762	4,185
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	1	0	1	14	17
	ACRES	135	0	1,423	0	20	3,033	4,611

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	21	73	146	1		71	312
	ACRES	1,864	8,750	4,675	7		3,879	19,175
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		74	80
	ACRES		27	99	12		8,983	9,121
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	9	34	3	9	105	169
	ACRES	487	3,788	5,617	510	445	7,679	18,526
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		206	253
	ACRES	485	11,397	816	4,877		22,371	39,946
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	41	6	8	67	159
	ACRES	1,718	1,160	8,842	446	113	4,162	16,441
Eastern Area	FIRES	24		232	15	343	157	771
	ACRES	10,500		43,505	1,796	48,762	23,622	128,185
Southern Area	FIRES	50		232	36	11,445	1,067	12,830
	ACRES	8,979		81,939	56,497	705,160	826,008	1,678,583
TOTAL	FIRES	137	150	787	80	11,810	1,840	14,804
	ACRES	24,082	26,582	161,162	64,845	754,610	903,627	1,934,908

**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						19,000	19,000
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	19,000	19,000

**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	1	0	109	649
Yukon Territory	0	0	4	11
Alberta	2	0	64	161
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	64	301
Manitoba	3	150	207	13,662
Ontario	15	159	186	900
Quebec	9	1	98	210
Newfoundland	0	0	7	18
New Brunswick	3	11	43	60
Nova Scotia	0	0	79	194
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	0	0
Total	33	302	861	16,165

**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	335
Northern Rockies				1						
Eastern Great Basin	3		1			1			26	3
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	7		16						32	6
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area	1			1						9
Southern Area										
Total	11	0	18	1	0	1	0	0	90	344

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