

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY MAY 16, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 144 new fires reported yesterday. One new large fire was reported in the Southwest Area, and two new large fires were reported and contained in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

RED ROCK, Coronado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass and brush ten miles south of Sonoita, AZ. Direct attack utilizing crews and air support is planned for today. Predicted high winds for today may pose containment problems.

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. No new information was reported.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|--------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|
| RED ROCK | AZ | CNF | 1,250 | 0 | UNK | 86 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 20K |
| BOILER | NM | GNF | 20,300 | 0 | UNK | 38 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 186K |

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD |
|---------------|----|------|------|----------|------------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------------|---------------|
| PELAN FIRE | MN | MNS | 650 | 100 | --- | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | NR |
| STERLING | MI | MIS | 178 | 100 | --- | NR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | NR |

MNS = Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

MIS = Michigan Department of Natural Resources

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Look for showers over much of the Southeast as a storm system tracks across the Southern Plains. It will be dry elsewhere except for showers over portions of the Northwest and Northeast. In Alaska, a few light showers will be found in the northern interior while weak high pressure covers the southern half.

| Geographic Area Weather | High Temperatures | Minimum Relative Humidity | Wind |
|---|---|---|--|
| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA High clouds | 60-80 Mountains 80-92 Valleys 82-102 Deserts | 15-25% Mountains 20-30% Valleys 10-20% Deserts | W-NW 10 to 20 mph |
| EASTERN AREA Partly to mostly sunny across the northern 1/3 of MN where elevated fire potential is expected | 66 to 76 | 23 to 33% over Northern parts of MN | South to southeast winds increasing to 10 to 20 mph, especially over NW portions of MN |
| SOUTHWEST AREA Partly to mostly sunny and warm across AZ, NM and southwest TX, lighter winds. Breezy and cooler with a lingering chance of thunderstorms across plains of northwest TX. | 60s and 70 s mountains and northwest TX, 80s to low 100 s lower elevations. | 5-20% AZ and western %NM, 20-50%+ eastern %NM and northwest TX. | SW-NW at 5-15 mph AZ and western %NM and NE to NW 10-20 mph Texas and eastern NM. |



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

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 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Northwest | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | 1 | 19 | 7 | 27 |
| | ACRES | | | | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| | ACRES | 167 | | | | 0 | 0 | 167 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 1 | | | 0 | | 1 |
| | ACRES | | 0 | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 3 | | | | 1 | 4 |
| | ACRES | | 0 | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | 11 | | | 2 | 3 | 16 |
| | ACRES | | 11 | | | 2 | 1,253 | 1,266 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 6 | | | | 37 | 1 | 44 |
| | ACRES | 5 | | | | 1,090 | 8 | 1,103 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | 44 | | 44 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 188 | | 188 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 7 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 106 | 14 | 144 |
| | ACRES | 172 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1,284 | 11 | 2,728 |

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| Alaska | FIRES | 2 | | | 2 | 149 | | 153 |
| | ACRES | 20 | | | 672 | 437 | | 1,129 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 5 | 1 | 1 | | 8 | 12 | 27 |
| | ACRES | 2 | 0 | 1 | | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | 4 | 118 | 18 | 140 |
| | ACRES | | | | 2,210 | 23 | 12 | 2,245 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 280 | 63 | 353 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 100 | 135 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 426 | 1 | 13 | | 71 | 21 | 532 |
| | ACRES | 2,956 | 0 | 690 | | 16,328 | 1,372 | 21,346 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | 13 | | 1 | 17 | 3 | 34 |
| | ACRES | | 21 | | 0 | 315 | 0 | 336 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 15 | | | 5 | 1 | 21 |
| | ACRES | | 14 | | | 17 | 0 | 31 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 105 | 41 | 12 | 1 | 253 | 118 | 530 |
| | ACRES | 114 | 2,821 | 1,288 | 1 | 6,021 | 5,516 | 15,761 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 11 | 11 | 34 | 1 | 46 | 20 | 123 |
| | ACRES | 124 | 2 | 2,065 | 200 | 233 | 464 | 3,088 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 796 | | 77 | 16 | 6,340 | 304 | 7,533 |
| | ACRES | 51,425 | | 4,006 | 685 | 99,082 | 5,228 | 160,426 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 90 | | 8 | 11 | 9,148 | 275 | 9,532 |
| | ACRES | 20,250 | | 914 | 756 | 134,516 | 7,976 | 164,412 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 1,436 | 88 | 146 | 38 | 16,435 | 835 | 18,978 |
| | ACRES | 74,891 | 2,860 | 8,964 | 4,524 | 257,009 | 20,669 | 368,917 |

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| Nine Year Average Fires | 32,462 |
| Nine Year Average Acres | 654,165 |

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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 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | 6 | 6 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 195 | 195 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 155 | 155 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 106 | 106 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | 908 | 52 | | | 960 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 12 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 908 | 52 | 0 | 458 | 1,418 |

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | | | | 3 | | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 1,125 | | 1,125 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 25 | 73 | 146 | 1 | | 75 | 320 |
| | ACRES | 2,578 | 8,750 | 4,675 | 7 | | 3,980 | 19,990 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 2 | 8 | 98 | 13 | | 78 | 199 |
| | ACRES | 31 | 128 | 15,474 | 700 | | 4,061 | 20,394 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | 2 | 2 | 1 | | 74 | 79 |
| | ACRES | | 27 | 99 | 20 | | 8,985 | 9,131 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 9 | 9 | 45 | 3 | 17 | 141 | 224 |
| | ACRES | 487 | 3,788 | 7,193 | 510 | 766 | 9,089 | 21,833 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1 | 11 | 3 | | 5 | 16 | 36 |
| | ACRES | 18 | 1,232 | 300 | | 130 | 2,819 | 4,499 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| | ACRES | | 100 | | | | 230 | 330 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 5 | 36 | 4 | 4 | | 216 | 265 |
| | ACRES | 1,485 | 11,654 | 816 | 4,877 | | 26,490 | 45,322 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 26 | 11 | 70 | 6 | 8 | 67 | 188 |
| | ACRES | 1,718 | 1,160 | 10,374 | 446 | 113 | 4,228 | 18,039 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 30 | | 225 | 15 | 346 | 162 | 778 |
| | ACRES | 10,660 | | 47,795 | 1,796 | 69,279 | 24,135 | 153,665 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 50 | | 241 | 43 | 11,445 | 1,075 | 12,854 |
| | ACRES | 8,979 | | 85,528 | 59,846 | 705,160 | 833,794 | 1,693,307 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 148 | 151 | 834 | 86 | 11,824 | 1,905 | 14,948 |
| | ACRES | 25,956 | 26,839 | 172,254 | 68,202 | 776,573 | 917,811 | 1,987,635 |

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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 | | | | | | | 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 | | | | | | 21,100 | 21,100 |
| 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 | 21,100 | 21,100 |

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

| PROVINCES | FIRES YESTERDAY | HECTARES YESTERDAY | FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE | HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| British Columbia | 7 | 89 | 159 | 1,386 |
| Yukon Territory | 0 | 0 | 7 | 12 |
| Alberta | 11 | 13 | 114 | 222 |
| Northwest Territory | 2 | 5 | 4 | 8 |
| Saskatchewan | 7 | 509 | 87 | 1,219 |
| Manitoba | 0 | 630 | 228 | 14,421 |
| Ontario | 3 | 0 | 220 | 938 |
| Quebec | 4 | 4 | 123 | 226 |
| Newfoundland | 0 | 0 | 7 | 18 |
| New Brunswick | 0 | 0 | 47 | 51 |
| Nova Scotia | 0 | 0 | 80 | 196 |
| Prince Edward Island | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| National Parks | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 27 | 1,240 | 1,077 | 18,697 |

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 | 1 | | 3 | | | | | | 6 | |
| Northern California | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern California | | | | | | | | | | |
| Northern Rockies | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Great Basin | | | | | | | | | 9 | |
| Western Great Basin | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest | 2 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 2 | | | | 17 | 8 |
| Rocky Mountain | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Area | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | 9 | |
| Southern Area | 9 | | 15 | | 1 | 1 | | | 4 | |
| Total | 13 | 3 | 28 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 8 |

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