

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SATURDAY MAY 17, 2003 - 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 100 new fires reported yesterday. Three new large fires were reported two in the Eastern Area and one in the Southern Area. Two large fires were contained one each in the Eastern and Southern Areas. 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. Light to moderate spread with occasional short upslope runs were observed. Significant progress was made in containment with air attack and direct attack by hand crews. Structure protection is in place in the Vaughn canyon area.

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. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RED ROCK	AZ	CNF	1,300	35	UNK	353	11	16	2	0	130K
BOILER	NM	GNF	20,300	0	UNK	38	1	5	0	0	186K

**EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

FEN WILDFIRE, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stegmeir) is assigned. The fire is located one mile south of Zim on highway seven. It is burning in grasses, peat, and tamarack. Extreme fire behavior was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FEN WILDFIRE	MN	MNS	730	0	5/17	71	1	10	3	0	40K
ECLIPSE FIRE	MN	MNS	380	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	1K

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FIRST FIRE	NC	NCS	2600	100	---						170K

NCS = North Carolina Division of Forestry

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion.** Low pressure will progress across northern Washington today, eventually moving into northern Idaho and western Montana. These locations will receive scattered shower activity today. The low will also drag a cold front across the Northwest, increasing wind across most of the western states. Ahead of the front, temperatures will be warmer and minimum humidity will be slightly drier across the Great Basin and Southwest. From eastern Wyoming into the Dakotas, some thunderstorms are possible. In the Southeast, thunderstorms may become severe today from east Texas northeastward into western Tennessee. South-central Alaska will remain dry in westerly flow.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> Some high clouds with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms over the Sierras and northern deserts	60-80 Mountains 75-85 Valleys 78-98 Deserts	20-30% Mountains 30-40% Valleys 15-25% Deserts	SW-W 10 to 20 mph
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Mostly sunny and warmer with afternoon breezes.	Upper 60s to mid 80s mountains, mid 80s to near 105 lower elevations.	5-15% AZ and western NM, 15-30% eastern NM and west TX.	+ S to SW 10-20 mph
<b>EASTERN AREA</b> Becoming partly sunny across the northern 1/2 of MN and far NW WI, slight chance of isolated afternoon thunderstorms over far NW MN	66 to 76	27 to 37%	South to southeast winds increasing to 10 to 20 mph, especially over NW 1/2 of MN



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **RETARDANT DROP SAFETY**

Having retardant dropped on a fire should be a routine event. However, there are risks associated with retardant drops that can pose serious threats to personnel and equipment. Consider the following for all drops:

- Be aware of the location of lead planes and airtankers during retardant drop operations.
- Be sure you have positive contact with the lead plane or airtanker before the drop.
- Personnel can be injured by the impact of retardant drops. Clear personnel out of the target area when the drop is conducted. If an individual is unable to retreat to a safe place, the best method for minimizing injury from the drop is to:
  - Hold your handtool away from your body.
  - Lie face down with hardhat in place and head toward the oncoming aircraft.
  - Grasp something firm to prevent being carried or rolled about by the retardant.
  - Do not run unless escape is ensured.
  - Get clear of dead snags and tops.
  - Be aware of rolling debris below the drop site in steep terrain.
- Working in an area covered by retardant should be done with caution due to slippery surfaces.
- If possible, wash the retardant off your skin to prevent irritation.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					6		6
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	1				1	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	14				4	4	22
	ACRES	43				8	81	132
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1				1	3
	ACRES	0	0				0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	3		3		32	10	48
	ACRES	1		2,599		414	9	3,023
Southern Area	FIRES					24		24
	ACRES					255		255
TOTAL	FIRES	19	1	3	0	61	16	100
	ACRES	45	0	2,599	0	684	90	3,418

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	146		150
	ACRES	20			672	443		1,135
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	427	1	14		72	22	536
	ACRES	2,957	0	690		16,329	1,372	21,348
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	106	41	12	1	257	123	540
	ACRES	157	2,821	1,288	1	6,029	5,600	15,896
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	13	34	1	46	21	127
	ACRES	124	3	2,065	200	233	464	3,089
Eastern Area	FIRES	799		80	16	6,372	315	7,582
	ACRES	51,426		6,605	685	99,496	5,238	163,450
Southern Area	FIRES	90		8	11	9,184	275	9,568
	ACRES	20,250		914	756	134,956	7,976	164,852
TOTAL	FIRES	1,442	90	150	38	16,505	853	19,078
	ACRES	74,936	2,861	11,563	4,524	257,878	20,763	372,525
<b>Nine Year Average Fires</b>								<b>32,818</b>
<b>Nine Year Average Acres</b>								<b>661,039</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					5	5	
	ACRES					592	592	
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				2	4	
	ACRES	5				261	266	
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				5			5
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					0	0	
	ACRES					12	12	
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			23			6	29
	ACRES			5,371		780	780	6,151
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	23	0	1	13	39
	ACRES	5	0	5,371	0	5	1,645	7,026

**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	74	146	1		83	329
	ACRES	2,578	8,950	4,675	7		4,690	20,900
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	11	9	52	3	17	143	235
	ACRES	492	3,788	7,772	510	766	9,350	22,678
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	11	3		6	17	38
	ACRES	18	1,188	300		135	2,880	4,521
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	7	36	4	4		216	267
	ACRES	1,985	11,654	816	4,877		26,502	45,834
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		248	15	346	167	806
	ACRES	10,660		53,166	1,796	69,279	24,690	159,591
Southern Area	FIRES	50		241	44	11,445	1,075	12,855
	ACRES	8,979		85,528	60,846	705,160	833,794	1,694,307
TOTAL	FIRES	152	152	864	87	11,825	1,921	15,001
	ACRES	26,461	26,995	178,204	69,202	776,578	919,410	1,996,850

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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	5	30	164	1,416
Yukon Territory	0	0	7	12
Alberta	9	4	123	226
Northwest Territory	0	0	4	8
Saskatchewan	6	22	93	1,241
Manitoba	50	3,637	278	18,058
Ontario	2	15	222	953
Quebec	1	1	124	227
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	73	3,708	1,150	22,405

**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		4							8
Northern California										
Southern California									21	328
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	10	3	9	21	2				53	13
Rocky Mountain			1							
Eastern Area	2		2	8	2	1			16	15
Southern Area	10		3			5			8	71
Total	23	3	19	29	4	6	0	0	106	427

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