

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**MONDAY MAY 26, 2003 - 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 107 new fires reported yesterday. One large fire was reported in the Southern Area yesterday. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Michigan, Texas, and Wisconsin.

**ALASKA LARGE FIRES:**

ILIAMNA, State of Alaska. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. This fire is burning in tundra and black spruce two miles north of Iliamna, AK. Minimal fire behavior was reported yesterday with isolated torching and backing fire observed in the afternoon. Resources performed successful burnout operations along dozer lines and continued mopup around structures inside fire area.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ILIAMNA	AK	STA	4,930	80	5/27	116	5	0	1	0	267K

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

L67, Everglades National Park. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is burning in sawgrass south of the Tamiami Trail between the L67 Canal and Shark Valley. Minimal fire behavior was observed yesterday with flanking head fires and four to eight foot flames lengths. Continued monitoring of fire spread is planned for today.

L67CIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
L67	FL	EVP	350	50	6/15	23	0	5	2	0	4K

**OUTLOOK:**

**Fire Weather Watch:** Central Alaska in and around Denali National Park for strong winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will strengthen over the west today, keeping California and the Great Basin dry. Thunderstorms are possible through the middle of the country, with some lightning activity as far south as western New Mexico. Late in the day, a front will slide along the continental divide in Montana, bringing a chance of showers and thunderstorms to the upper plains. In the east, a low north of Lake Erie along with a front draped from southern Texas to the Carolinas will cause showers and thunderstorms once again today. Western Alaska will be under the influence of a low pressure system parked off the Seward Peninsula. Rain showers are likely there. However, much of the northeast quadrant of Alaska will not see showers today, and wind will increase along the Alaska Range with only scattered showers west of the Toklat River.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST</b> Partly to mostly sunny. A slight chance for dry thunderstorms near the AZ/NM border. Scattered thunderstorms with wetting rainfall across portions of northern and eastern NM and west TX.	60s to near 80 mountains, northeast NM and northwest TX. 80s and 90s remaining lower elevations, except 100 to 108 in the AZ deserts.	5-15% AZ and southwest NM, 15-35% northwest NM to southwest TX, 35-45% remainder of NM and west TX.	Southwest 5-15 mph AZ and western NM, S to E 10-15 mph across eastern NM and west TX.
<b>ALASKA</b> Alaska North  Alaska South	Low 50 s to High 60 s  Low 60 s	Below 20% to 40%  30-35%	South winds gusting to 30 mph plus, South/Southeast winds to 20 mph. Wind accompanied by more precipitation than in North.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> Patchy morning low clouds and fog coastal basins. Otherwise mostly sunny.	70-90 Mountains 75-90 Valleys 98-108 Deserts	15-30% Mountains 20-35% Valleys 10-20% Deserts	West to northwest winds 10 to 20 mph in the mountains and deserts, with higher gusts deserts. Local nighttime winds 30 mph San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara counties.



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#### HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SAFETY

The following points should be considered when operating around an unimproved landing site:

- Always wear your personal protective equipment (PPE) when working around an operating helicopter.
- Always get the approval of a flight crewmember or the pilot before approaching a starting or operating helicopter.
- Only approach and depart a helicopter as directed, in a slightly crouched position, and in full view of a crewmember.
- When approaching or departing an operating helicopter, never approach or depart uphill and do not hold equipment overhead.
- Always approach and depart an operating helicopter on the downhill side.
- Remove or secure loose articles when working around an operating helicopter.
- Be aware of the dust abatement conditions of the landing area, as blowing dust, sand, or rocks caused by the helicopter's rotor wash can be hazardous.

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					5		5
	ACRES					1,934		1,934
Northwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs				10	4		14
	ACRES				0	3		3
Northern Rockies	FIREs				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1				1		2
	ACRES	0				0		0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs	12			1	9	26	48
	ACRES	3			0	92	58	153
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		21		1	3	5	30
	ACRES		2		2	1	1	6
Eastern Area	FIREs						5	5
	ACRES						7	7
Southern Area	FIREs	1					1	2
	ACRES	2					1	3
TOTAL	FIREs	13	22	0	2	28	42	107
	ACRES	5	2	0	2	2,027	70	2,106

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	176	2	182
	ACRES	20			672	3,986	0	4,678
Northwest	FIRES	7	1	1		8	16	33
	ACRES	3	0	1		4	4	12
Northern California	FIRES				4	211	23	238
	ACRES				2,210	68	13	2,291
Southern California	FIRES	2	12	2	2	345	84	447
	ACRES	10	529	1	0	101	111	752
Northern Rockies	FIRES	428	1	14		74	24	541
	ACRES	2,957	0	690		16,330	1,373	21,350
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		21		1	20	7	49
	ACRES		38		0	315	7	360
Western Great Basin	FIRES		20			6	5	31
	ACRES		15			17	1	33
Southwest	FIRES	130	47	12	3	311	189	692
	ACRES	209	2,828	1,288	1	7,245	7,150	18,721
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	40	23	3	54	32	164
	ACRES	144	5	1,623	202	236	465	2,675
Eastern Area	FIRES	808		80	15	6,945	338	8,186
	ACRES	51,450		6,605	685	101,367	5,282	165,389
Southern Area	FIRES	93		11	11	9,408	287	9,810
	ACRES	20,297		2,681	756	140,380	7,989	172,103
TOTAL	FIRES	1,482	142	143	41	17,558	1,007	20,373
	ACRES	75,090	3,415	12,889	4,526	270,049	22,395	388,364
<b>Nine Year Average Fires</b>								<b>35,188</b>
<b>Nine Year Average Acres</b>								<b>739,646</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							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			300				300
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1				2	1	4
	ACRES	50				2,864	738	3,652
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	1	0	2	1	5
	ACRES	50	0	300	0	2,864	738	3,952

**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	25	87	146	5		125	388
	ACRES	3,179	10,297	4,675	88		18,306	36,545
Northern California	FIREs	2	9	99	15		82	207
	ACRES	31	153	15,910	1,143		5,029	22,266
Southern California	FIREs		2	2	1		79	84
	ACRES		27	99	20		9,266	9,412
Northern Rockies	FIREs	11	9	63	3	21	154	261
	ACRES	492	3,788	8,431	510	1,291	10,120	24,632
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	12	3		7	23	46
	ACRES	18	2,566	300		150	5,991	9,025
Western Great Basin	FIREs		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIREs	10	36	7	4		220	277
	ACRES	3,232	12,004	26,230	4,877		27,406	73,749
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	26	13	43	6	10	70	168
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	8,418	446	132	4,757	16,807
Eastern Area	FIREs	32		258	15	379	174	858
	ACRES	10,720		54,571	1,818	73,690	25,326	166,125
Southern Area	FIREs	52		245	52	11,446	1,080	12,875
	ACRES	15,879		86,322	62,826	705,960	836,670	1,707,657
TOTAL	FIREs	159	169	866	101	11,869	2,008	15,172
	ACRES	35,269	30,271	204,956	71,728	782,778	943,101	2,068,103

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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						26	26
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			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						39,000	39,000
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		3					3
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				550			550
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	4	0	27	32
	ACRES	0	3	0	550	0	39,000	39,553

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	181	1,546
Yukon Territory	0	0	11	12
Alberta	7	204	251	528
Northwest Territory	0	0	4	8
Saskatchewan	7	140	132	1,232
Manitoba	1	0	339	22,058
Ontario	4	0	256	1,203
Quebec	5	22	262	7,141
Newfoundland	4	0	33	78
New Brunswick	5	2	97	130
Nova Scotia	0	0	133	1,210
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	6	343
Total	33	317	1,705	35,487

**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	4	6				1		1	23	8
Northwest			10	3		1				27
Northern California										
Southern California	1								10	342
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	1									
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	1	3	6	1					3	3
Rocky Mountain			2							
Eastern Area									2	
Southern Area			5		2				5	
Total	7	9	23	4	2	2	0	1	70	353

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