

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY MAY 28, 2003 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 104 new fires reported yesterday. No new large fires were reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

**ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

REX BRIDGE, State of Alaska. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This fire is burning in black spruce, tundra and hardwoods thirty miles southwest of Nenana, AK. Smoldering and creeping fire behavior was observed yesterday with isolated torching. Continued dozer and handline construction actions are planned for today.

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 activity was observed yesterday with flare-ups occurring in the interior of the fire due to 10 to 20 mph winds. Resources will continue mopup and patrol actions today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
REX BRIDGE	AK	STA	1,500	60	5/29	169	8	5	2	3	260K
ILIAMNA	AK	STA	5,360	95	5/30	101	3	1	2	0	454K

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

GRADUATION, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is burning in ponderosa pine and grass near the town of Ojo Feliz, NM. Minimal fire was activity observed yesterday. Mopup and patrol of the fireline is planned for today. No significant change occurred.

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
GRADUATION	NM	N4S	325	90	UNK	35	1	7	0	0	37K
BOILER	NM	GNF	42,000	---	UNK	18	1	3	0	0	NR

**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 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
L67	FL	EVP	350	50	6/15	23	0	5	2	0	4K

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** A strong high pressure ridge will produce very hot temperatures over much of the west. Dry thunderstorms are possible in portions of Arizona and western New Mexico. Thunderstorms are also possible over the Pacific Northwest as a cold front moves through the region. In the east, low humidity and gusty winds are expected in portions of Florida and northern Minnesota. In Alaska, a frontal system stretches across the northern and western sections while high pressure begins to build in the eastern interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> Sunny, hot, and dry.	80s-90s Mountains 90-103 Valleys 105-115 Deserts	8-15% Mountains 10-20% Valleys 5-15% Deserts	SW-NW 5-15 mph.
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly to mostly sunny, isolated thunderstorms along the Mogollon Rim in AZ and along the Continental Divide northward to north central NM.	Upper 60s to 80 s in the mountains, and northeast NM and northwest TX. 80s and 90s remaining at the lower elevations, and 100 to 110 in the AZ deserts.	5-15% in AZ and northwest NM, 15-35% in north central NM to southeast AZ, 35-60% for the remainder of NM and west TX.	South to southeast 5-15 mph in parts of AZ, NM, and southwest TX, terrain driven winds across southwest AZ at 10-15 mph and shifting to North across northwest TX.
<b>EASTERN AREA</b> Becoming partly cloudy across northern MN, elevated fire potential is expected over this area outside of any significant rainfall which fell Tuesday and Tuesday night, a chance of thunderstorms over the eastern Great Lakes	66 to 76	25 to 35%	North to northwest wind at 15 to 25 mph over the northwest part of the Great Lakes Compact
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Southern Colorado: Isolated to scattered thunderstorms mainly in the front range.	75-85	15%-25%	5-10 mph upslope-upvalley winds.
<b>ALASKA</b> Southern Interior Southwest Central/Eastern Interior	50s to low 60s 40s and low 50s High 60 s to Low 70 s	20%-30% 45%-55% 20-30%	Variable to South 5 to 10 mph East 10 to 20 mph Variable to SW 5 to 10 mph



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

**INITIATE ALL ACTIONS BASED ON CURRENT AND EXPECTED FIRE BEHAVIOR**

- Can the resources you are replacing give you a thorough briefing? What information will you want to get from resources you are replacing?
- Can you observe the area or use scouts? What information are the scouts looking for?
- Have escape routes and safety zones been thoroughly scouted? List some ways your crew will scout out an area before you begin working
- Are escape routes and safety zones marked for night use? How do you adjust marking safety zones and escape routes for night use?
- Have potential dangers been located and can they be dealt with? List some dangerous fire behavior you may encounter and how you would deal with it.
- Do you have access to weather and fire behavior forecasts? What is your unit's procedure for obtaining forecasts?
- To reduce risk, initiate the following:
  - Post lookouts.
  - Check communications.
  - Retreat if you have doubts about your escape routes or safety zones or if the situation becomes too complex. Discuss fires where you have adjusted your actions based on current and expected fire behavior.

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					4		4
	ACRES					1,922		1,922
Northwest	FIREs	1					1	2
	ACRES	1					0	1
Northern California	FIREs					2		2
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIREs				9	3		12
	ACRES				18	21		39
Northern Rockies	FIREs	1				3	1	5
	ACRES	1				1	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs	21				2	6	29
	ACRES	10				2	1	13
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		1			2	2	5
	ACRES		1			1	1	3
Eastern Area	FIREs					24		24
	ACRES					48		48
Southern Area	FIREs					20	1	21
	ACRES					225	2	227
TOTAL	FIREs	23	1	0	0	64	16	104
	ACRES	12	1	0	0	2,217	25	2,255

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	183	2	189
	ACRES	20			672	7,410	0	8,102
Northwest	FIRES	8	2	1		8	20	39
	ACRES	3	0	1		4	5	13
Northern California	FIRES				4	211	25	240
	ACRES				2,210	68	13	2,291
Southern California	FIRES	2	17	2	2	361	93	477
	ACRES	10	1,274	1	0	119	133	1,537
Northern Rockies	FIRES	430	2	14		80	25	551
	ACRES	2,959	3	690		16,331	1,373	21,356
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		22		1	22	8	53
	ACRES		43		0	315	7	365
Western Great Basin	FIRES		20			6	5	31
	ACRES		15			17	1	33
Southwest	FIRES	164	58	12	3	327	204	768
	ACRES	242	2,829	1,288	1	7,885	7,245	19,490
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	17	43	23	3	58	40	184
	ACRES	150	6	1,623	200	237	470	2,686
Eastern Area	FIRES	808		80	15	7,081	350	8,334
	ACRES	51,450		6,605	685	101,596	5,292	165,628
Southern Area	FIRES	93		11	11	9,437	288	9,840
	ACRES	20,297		2,681	756	140,625	7,991	172,350
TOTAL	FIRES	1,524	164	143	41	17,774	1,060	20,706
	ACRES	75,131	4,170	12,889	4,524	274,607	22,530	393,851
<b>Nine Year Average Fires</b>								<b>35,569</b>
<b>Nine Year Average Acres</b>								<b>760,358</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					1	2
	ACRES	50					20	70
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	9	10
	ACRES					35	700	735
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			12		3		15
	ACRES			627		516		1,143
Southern Area	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1,775	1,775
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	12	0	4	14	31
	ACRES	50	0	627	0	551	2,495	3,723

**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		126	389
	ACRES	3,229	10,297	4,675	88		18,758	37,047
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	22	164	272
	ACRES	492	3,788	8,431	510	1,326	11,020	25,567
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	12	3		7	22	45
	ACRES	18	2,566	300		150	5,987	9,021
Western Great Basin	FIREs		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIREs	10	36	7	4	2	220	279
	ACRES	3,232	12,004	26,230	4,877	2	27,406	73,751
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	26	13	59	6	10	70	184
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	9,996	446	132	4,757	18,385
Eastern Area	FIREs	32		270	15	382	176	875
	ACRES	10,720		55,198	1,818	74,206	25,413	167,355
Southern Area	FIREs	52		245	52	11,446	1,084	12,879
	ACRES	15,879		86,322	62,826	705,960	838,445	1,709,432
TOTAL	FIREs	159	169	894	101	11,875	2,024	15,222
	ACRES	35,319	30,271	207,161	71,728	783,331	946,311	2,074,121

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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				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					42,000		42,000
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		3					3
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				550			550
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	0	4	0	1	9
	ACRES	0	3	0	550	0	42,000	42,553

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	1	1	195	3,287
Yukon Territory	0	0	14	12
Alberta	8	13	265	1,402
Northwest Territory	0	0	4	8
Saskatchewan	6	3,558	155	7,995
Manitoba	12	107	353	22,200
Ontario	6	0	277	1,329
Quebec	1	0	267	7,192
Newfoundland	0	0	36	79
New Brunswick	0	0	97	131
Nova Scotia	9	4	152	1,223
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	6	343
Total	43	3,670	1,821	45,200

**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	6	17		6	1	3	1	1	32	29
Northwest	1		14	3						18
Northern California										
Southern California	4			7	2				10	345
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	1									
Western Great Basin										
Southwest		1		8						4
Rocky Mountain										2
Eastern Area						1				2
Southern Area										
Total	12	18	21	19	2	3	1	1	64	378

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