

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2004 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 225 fires reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Utah.

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in alpine tundra and black spruce. Fire behavior moderated due to scattered precipitation and higher humidity; slow creeping surface fire with some individual tree torching was reported. The Steese Highway remains closed to the public until further notice. Evacuations remain in effect for all developments southwest and west of Chatanika, AK.

WOLF CREEK, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Chrisman) is assigned. This fire is 80 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce and hardwoods. Cooler temperatures moderated fire activity; isolated torching and creeping surface fire were observed.

TAYLOR COMPLEX, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Wall Street, Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Big Creek, Anomaly, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire behavior was moderate due to higher humidity and light rain.

CAMP CREEK, Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Stegmier) is assigned. This fire is 82 miles southeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce. Fire behavior was minimal due to light rain.

EAGLE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) is assigned. This complex, three miles northeast of Eagle, AK in tundra, black spruce and mixed hardwoods, consists of the American Summit, Edwards Creek, King Creek, Kandik River, Indian Grave Creek, Deer Creek and seven additional fires. Fire behavior was minimal due to heavy smoke cover and storms. Precipitation was received on the Edwards Creek fire.

SOLSTICE COMPLEX, Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. A Fire Use Management Team (Bird) has been ordered. This incident is 57 miles northwest of Fort Yukon, AK in black spruce and tundra. The complex consists of the Pingo, Winter Trail, Sucker River, Black Currant River, Vundik Lake, Boulder Creek and Sheenjek fires. The northern perimeter of the Winter Trail fire was active. Isolated torching and flare-ups in pockets of black spruce were observed on the Pingo and Winter Trail fires.

FORT HAMLIN HILLS, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is ten miles west of Stevens Village, AK in grass, black spruce, aspen and birch. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	312,000	27	7/24	506	12	28	5	3	2.1M
WOLF CREEK	AK	UYD	200,000	0	UNK	257	10	6	2	5	360K
TAYLOR COMPLEX	AK	TAS	489,452	NR	8/1	148	2	11	1	3	1.1M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	115,503	0	8/1	106	0	0	0	0	500K
EAGLE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	453,656	NR	UNK	206	5	5	1	0	655K
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	320,627	5	UNK	368	14	0	6	0	4.8M
FORT HAMLIN HILLS	AK	UYD	44,970	5	UNK	33	2	0	0	2	NR

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

NUTTALL COMPLEX, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This complex, located 15 miles southwest of Safford, AZ in brush and heavy timber, consists of the Nuttall and Gibson fires. Fire behavior on the Nuttall included surface spread in pine and brush with occasional group tree torching. Crews completed all line construction on the Nuttall. The Gibson fire continued to actively burn with short duration crown runs observed.

WILLOW, Tonto National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) is assigned. This fire is 23 miles northeast of Scottsdale, AZ in grass and brush. A major power transmission line southeast of the fire is threatened. Intense, upslope runs were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
NUTTALL COMPLEX	AZ	CNF	16,360	10	UNK	837	22	26	11	0	4.2M
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	85,000	17	UNK	914	23	35	7	1	5.3M

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles northwest of Chelan, WA in timber. Steep terrain and extremely limited access continue to impede control efforts. Backing fire behavior was observed. The fire is making a slow steady advance on Slide Ridge. Crews continued burnout operations from Slide Peak to Stormy Mountain.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Minimal fire behavior was reported. Personnel are initiating structure protection for one threatened cabin.

BEEBE, Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 4 miles east of Chelan, WA in grass and sagebrush. Extremely steep slopes, dry fuels and erratic winds are major concerns. Active fire behavior was reported. Eight residences have been evacuated.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK	WA	OWF	6,550	35	UNK	878	26	26	12	0	3.9M
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	150	17	UNK	29	0	0	2	0	298K
BEEBE	WA	SPD	2,000	30	UNK	219	4	25	7	3	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MCGRUDER, Uncompahgre Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) has been ordered. This fire is five miles east of Cedaredge, CO in brush and hardwood slash. Active fire behavior with torching was observed. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MCGRUDER	CO	UPD	2,960	35	7/28	217	5	9	2	1	391K

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will build over much of the West. A few thunderstorms are expected from the southern Sierra across the southern Great Basin and into Colorado. The Southwest will be dry and breezy except for some thunderstorms mainly over central and eastern New Mexico. In Alaska, weak high pressure builds over the central and eastern interior for drier weather along with increased southwest winds.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
ALASKA Central and Eastern Interior: Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers, mainly in the morning.	Central and Eastern Interior: 60 to 75.	Central and Eastern Interior: 35 to 50%.	Central and Eastern Interior: Southwest to northwest 15 to 25 mph.
NORTHWEST AREA Showers likely in Washington and chance northwest Oregon. Becoming partly cloudy elsewhere.	Mostly cooler. West of Cascades, 60s and 70s except in 80s SW Oregon. Eastside, 70s and 80s.	West of cascade, 70% north to 30% extreme south interior. Eastside, 25 to 40% eastern Washington and 15 to 25% eastern Oregon.	Becoming Windy by later in the afternoon. West 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 to 40 across Cascade peaks and eastside.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Isolated thunderstorms in the central Sierra s. Partly to mostly sunny elsewhere.	North: 89 to 99. South: 95 to 105. Mountains: 73 to 83.	North Valleys: 5 to 20%. South Valleys: 5 to 10%. Mountains: 15 to 30%.	North: West-northwest at 10 to 15 mph. South: West-southwest at 10 mph.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog from the coast into the coastal basins. Otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy in the afternoon over the Sierra and Inyo with a few thunderstorms.	68 to 78 coastal areas. 79 to 89 mountains. 88 to 98 valleys. 90 to 98 upper deserts. 102 to 110 lower deserts.	25 to 40% valleys. 10 to 20% mountains. 8 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 15 mph over the mountains. 10 to 20 mph over the deserts. Onshore 8 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Scattered afternoon thunderstorms in the southeast; otherwise dry.	70s and 80s. 60s to mid 70s mountains.	12 to 20% over western Colorado. 25 to 40% elsewhere.	Variable 8 to 18 mph.



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

NFDRS POCKET CARDS

An aid to identifying local fuels conditions that might contribute to severe fire behavior is the NFDRS Pocket Card. The Pocket Card displays a general assessment of the fire potential compared to local fire occurrence and historical fire danger. It is a tool that can be used to track daily outputs of the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) throughout the fire season for a local area.

● The Pocket Card provides:

- A general indicator of the potential for extreme fire behavior and difficulty of control.
- A graph to show the trend and status of the current year's fire season.
- A comparison of current year's conditions to historical worst and average conditions.
- Fire danger values related to past large fires.
- Locally significant values for temperature, humidity, wind speed, and more.

● Discuss the following ways to use the Pocket Card:

- Use it primarily before fires occur, before arriving to a fire, and during initial stages of fire events, such as initial fire size-up, initial attack, and extended attack.
- Use the Pocket Card to track local fire danger and in so doing increase the safety of your firefighters through increased awareness of fire danger conditions. NOTE: If fire danger is running at or above seasonal highs, be alert to those weather conditions that can lead to extreme fire behavior; e.g., low RH, 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%, high temperatures, moderate to high winds.
- Use it to track daily fire dangers so that there are no surprises when extreme fire behavior occurs.
- Use it to supplement local experience.
- Use the Pocket Card as a point of reference for firefighters not familiar with the area represented by the card.
- When you receive your fire assignment outside your local area, visit the National Pocket Card website at <http://famweb.nwcg.gov/pocketcards/>. Click on the map and locate a Pocket Card for the area to which you are going.
- Put the Card in the Pocket of all your firefighters and keep a copy in your fire vehicle.
- Post the card in dispatch. Use them in briefings. Provide them to incoming crews.
- Do not use the Pocket Card for site specific fire behavior predictions and fireline actions.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	3	0	6		9
	ACRES		106,763	7,859	1,894	58,702		175,218
Northwest	FIRES	53	0			15	2	70
	ACRES	1,583	400			25	0	2,008
Northern California	FIRES	3	1		2	25	4	35
	ACRES	3	0		0	165	0	168
Southern California	FIRES				0	45	5	50
	ACRES				2	25	0	27
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1			2	7	11
	ACRES	0	1			0	2	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			3	4	11
	ACRES		5			62	1	68
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES		2			2	6	10
	ACRES		1			1	8,727	8,729
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	6			1	1	11
	ACRES	1	1			0	0	2
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	6	9
	ACRES					1	2	3
Southern Area	FIRES	3						3
	ACRES	3						3
TOTAL	FIRES	63	20	3	2	102	35	225
	ACRES	1,590	107,173	7,859	1,896	58,981	8,732	186,231

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	35	48	18	239	7	350
	ACRES	63	607,045	219,876	20,413	1,131,977	1	1,979,375
Northwest	FIRES	190	84	19	10	615	281	1,199
	ACRES	5,711	1,552	75	16	1,488	3,289	12,131
Northern California	FIRES	60	28	6	17	1,260	499	1,870
	ACRES	70	417	15	2	4,075	1,763	6,342
Southern California	FIRES	28	43	7	31	1,552	321	1,982
	ACRES	655	4,369	313	23	35,574	4,722	45,656
Northern Rockies	FIRES	773	26	14	6	405	220	1,444
	ACRES	4,160	255	485	0	8,684	3,368	16,952
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	268	2	20	151	196	641
	ACRES	3	26,076	1	33	1,229	424	27,766
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	237	1	4	39	43	329
	ACRES	151	10,107	1,000	0	1,155	476	12,889
Southwest	FIRES	532	66	2	38	442	587	1,667
	ACRES	4,915	4,527	1	509	5,669	230,942	246,563
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	169	150	28	11	220	187	765
	ACRES	3,612	444	1,166	9	19,721	4,090	29,042
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	21	5,896	407	6,859
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	106	53,665	5,541	66,741
Southern Area	FIRES	120		47	36	22,123	547	22,873
	ACRES	15,606		4,682	1,054	267,166	73,117	361,625
TOTAL	FIRES	2,373	937	220	212	32,942	3,295	39,979
	ACRES	40,040	654,792	229,949	22,165	1,530,403	327,733	2,805,082

Ten Year Average Fires	44,295
Ten Year Average Acres	1,565,141

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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
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					2,097		2,097
Northwest	FIRES	38	78	43	1		255	415
	ACRES	7,626	6,823	3,781	30		58,229	76,489
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	10	17		183	263
	ACRES	251	731	13,566	2,690		22,617	39,855
Southern California	FIRES		4	9	10		76	99
	ACRES		28	869	718		6,213	7,828
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	352	519
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,351	63,481
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	3	3	18	42	83
	ACRES	149	2,330	547	1,102	1,493	14,008	19,629
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	5			5	14
	ACRES		80	541			971	1,592
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	7	10		277	321
	ACRES	2,796	4,821	10,519	7,777		66,146	92,059
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	39	110	18	12	113	334
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	19,700	12,964	3,947	45,672	99,251
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		347	23	611	178	1,179
	ACRES	14,454		39,843	4,443	59,379	27,876	145,995
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	68	14,857	1,065	16,180
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,202	917,735	960,341	2,004,251
TOTAL	FIRES	217	201	747	153	15,548	2,546	19,412
	ACRES	40,781	29,295	160,338	89,972	987,717	1,244,424	2,552,527

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				52,221			52,221
Northwest	FIRES				2		1	3
	ACRES				1		150	151
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				2		2	4
	ACRES				0		222	222
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		3	5
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		342					342
Southwest	FIRES				1		8	9
	ACRES				101		2,505	2,606
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5			0	1	6
	ACRES		5,575			2,271	43	7,889
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	9	0	9	0	20	38
	ACRES	0	5,917	0	52,323	2,271	2,920	63,431

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	8	0	1,081	145,694
Yukon Territory	1	70,662	163	509,284
Alberta	8	1	859	3,224
Northwest Territory	1	2,556	54	14,928
Saskatchewan	0	0	136	9,600
Manitoba	0	0	86	423
Ontario	1	0	173	1,375
Quebec	0	0	189	589
Newfoundland	1	2	102	8,333
New Brunswick	0	0	213	318
Nova Scotia	0	0	191	210
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	0	0	25	13,706
Total	20	73,220	3,288	707,698

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	35	10	1	49	9	6			399	191
Northwest	31	14	6	61	27	4			248	165
Northern California	7		31		4				1	3
Southern California	4	2	10	5	2	1				
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			3	1	2				20	2
Western Great Basin	2	3		16	1	1			51	19
Southwest	43	2	13	49	18				385	124
Rocky Mountain	13	1	11	9	2				43	28
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	135	32	75	190	65	12	0	0	1147	532

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