

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
TUESDAY JUNE 15, 2004 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 148 fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

SEDGWICK, Cibola National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Winchester) is assigned. This fire is 17 miles west of Grants, NM in ponderosa pine. Inaccessible terrain and smoke along the Interstate 40 corridor are major concerns. Fire activity is dominated by terrain-driven winds and low 1000 hour fuel moistures. The fire became plume dominated in the afternoon due to burn out operations.

THREE FORKS, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is 11 miles west of Alpine, AZ in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer. Active fire behavior was reported on the eastern flank and within the interior.

PEPPIN, Lincoln National Forest. This fire is six miles northeast of Capitan, NM in timber. Steep terrain, poor accessibility, heavy fuel loading, prolonged drought and high winds are ongoing concerns. Active surface fire with flame lengths of three to five feet and torching was observed. Increase in acreage is due to more accurate mapping and burn out operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SEDGWICK	NM	CIF	3,383	20	6/20	422	11	10	6	0	500K
THREE FORKS	AZ	ASF	7,905	85	6/17	524	12	28	3	0	2.6M
PEPPIN	NM	LNF	63,939	90	6/20	202	6	5	2	12	6.5M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SPADE RANCH, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 34 miles South of Sonora, TX in grass. Accessibility to the fire area is a concern. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SPADE RANCH	TX	TXS	600	25	6/15	70	0	17	0	0	NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GREASEWOOD - WFU	CO	WRD	7,928	N/A	N/A	68	1	7	1	0	200K

WRD = White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: Through Tuesday for the northern and western sections of the Sacramento Valley.

Weather Discussion: High pressure is building off the Pacific Northwest coast while an upper low remains parked over southern California. In Alaska, an upper ridge over the area is producing a southeast flow across the interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny west, partly cloudy east. Dry with locally breezy conditions. Widely scattered thunder-storms northern New Mexico mountains, eastern New Mexico plains and west Texas.	60s and 70s mountains, 80s and 90s lower elevations, 100 to 105 southwest Arizona deserts.	5 to 15% most areas, 15 to 30% northern New Mexico mountains, eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph with some higher gusts, except south to southeast 10 to 20 mph eastern plains of New Mexico and west Texas.
ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Breezy with widely scattered mixed wet/dry Thunder-storms, southern Colorado. Widely scattered wet Thunder-storms eastern plains.	70s and 80s for most of the Rocky Mountain Area. 60s and 70s for mountains. Eastern Rocky Mountain Area 80s and 90s.	Less than 15% southern Colorado and southern Wyoming.	West wind 10 to 20 mph over most of Wyoming and South Dakota. South wind 15 to 30 mph over southern Kansas.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise partly cloudy with scattered afternoon showers and thunderstorms over Central California from the Sierra eastward.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 70 to 85 mountains. 80 to 95 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	20 to 40%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear.	70s coast and higher elevations and mid 80s to upper 90s inland and lower slopes.	10 to 22% inland areas.	Northeast to east 6 to 12 mph except northeast 8 to 18 mph gusts 25 to 35 mph in the Sacramento Valley



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REFUSING RISK (TURNDOWN PROTOCOL)

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A "turndown" is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A "turndown" must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a "turndown" if:
 - There is a violation of safe work practices.
 - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
 - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
 - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
 - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
 - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
 - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
 - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		5	0		10		15
	ACRES		866	1		217		1,084
Northwest	FIRES	1				6	1	8
	ACRES	85				6	0	91
Northern California	FIRES	1				12	4	17
	ACRES	1				115	0	116
Southern California	FIRES			1		20		21
	ACRES			8		145		153
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7						7
	ACRES	3						3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1	1		2
	ACRES				0	0		0
Southwest	FIRES	7				6	1	14
	ACRES	5				7	4,433	4,445
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3			2		5
	ACRES		4			0		4
Eastern Area	FIRES					22	10	32
	ACRES					284	2	286
Southern Area	FIRES					25		25
	ACRES					794		794
TOTAL	FIRES	16	9	1	1	104	17	148
	ACRES	94	870	9	0	1,568	4,435	6,976

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	21	25	6	138	2	193
	ACRES	3	6,056	236	11,198	6,182	0	23,675
Northwest	FIRES	58	24	14	6	297	78	477
	ACRES	708	531	71	3	920	159	2,392
Northern California	FIRES	25		6	4	800	155	990
	ACRES	23		15	1	2,514	1,086	3,639
Southern California	FIRES	14	24	5	10	1,206	207	1,466
	ACRES	647	1,318	11	14	32,617	1,442	36,049
Northern Rockies	FIRES	669	17	12	5	315	112	1,130
	ACRES	4,004	190	321	0	8,634	3,285	16,434
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	58	2	7	35	28	131
	ACRES	2	2,163	1	32	226	369	2,793
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	28		3	20	12	65
	ACRES	1	682		0	12	286	981
Southwest	FIRES	329	32	2	18	299	248	928
	ACRES	917	3,168	1	481	4,445	104,613	113,625
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	146	41	28	2	178	91	486
	ACRES	3,490	160	1,166	0	19,504	4,053	28,373
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	17	5,488	392	6,432
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	97	52,805	5,529	65,860
Southern Area	FIRES	113		43	32	21,726	517	22,431
	ACRES	15,478		4,625	1,018	257,326	71,793	350,240
TOTAL	FIRES	1,847	245	183	110	30,502	1,842	34,729
	ACRES	30,367	14,268	8,782	12,844	385,185	192,615	644,061

Ten Year Average Fires	37,871
Ten Year Average Acres	920,097

*** 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						1	1
	ACRES						31	31
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
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	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	31	32

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	76	34	1		226	375
	ACRES	7,626	6,807	3,641	30		57,247	75,351
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	10	16		181	260
	ACRES	251	731	13,566	1,858		22,466	38,872
Southern California	FIRES		4	8	7		71	90
	ACRES		28	723	326		6,212	7,289
Northern Rockies	FIRES	33	8	73	3	46	327	490
	ACRES	1,746	2,631	12,252	1,046	3,083	41,620	62,378
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	15	3	6	21	57	103
	ACRES	149	2,325	547	1,237	1,588	16,680	22,526
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4				4	8
	ACRES		80				71	151
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	7	8		276	318
	ACRES	2,796	4,821	10,519	1,727		56,884	76,747
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	38	108	16	12	110	326
	ACRES	5,117	11,850	19,596	2,969	3,947	45,430	88,909
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		344	18	608	172	1,162
	ACRES	14,454		39,828	3,752	59,274	27,789	145,097
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	67	365	1,048	1,670
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	58,852	190,896	944,453	1,261,174
TOTAL	FIRES	213	197	726	142	1,057	2,472	4,807
	ACRES	40,642	29,273	159,142	71,797	260,885	1,218,852	1,780,591

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				40			40
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						222	222
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				0			0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				101			101
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		7,490					7,490
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	0	4	0	1	8
	ACRES	0	7,490	0	141	0	222	7,853

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	7	0	361	1,009
Yukon Territory	0	0	11	2,334
Alberta	2	2	587	2,355
Northwest Territory	0	0	9	7
Saskatchewan	0	0	113	679
Manitoba	0	0	66	404
Ontario	1	0	130	1,358
Quebec	6	3	146	576
Newfoundland	4	9	81	1,961
New Brunswick	5	0	195	321
Nova Scotia	7	1	163	179
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	14	3,192
Total	32	13	1,876	14,374

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	2									
Northwest				10					1	
Northern California	2	6	8	13		1				1
Southern California	7	2	7	4	2				7	18
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin				1						
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	31		13	30	5	6			220	48
Rocky Mountain	3		12		1	2			33	1
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				17						4
Total	45	8	40	75	8	9	0	0	261	72

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