

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 16, 2004 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 201 fires reported. Two new large fires were reported, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, 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 again became plume dominated in the afternoon with spotting due to southwest winds.

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. Fire behavior moderated considerably with most of the activity confined to 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 backing fire was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SEDGWICK	NM	CIF	6,000	20	6/25	489	15	14	6	0	900K
THREE FORKS	AZ	ASF	7,905	90	6/17	418	8	22	3	0	2.9M
PEPPIN	NM	LNF	64,448	95	6/20	200	6	5	3	12	6.7M

**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. Surface fire growth with some spotting due to high winds was reported.

CROCODILE, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is 30 miles west of Sunrise, FL in tall grass. The fire is in monitor status due to no access to the area and precipitation in the local forecast.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SPADE RANCH	TX	TXS	800	80	UNK	70	0	17	0	0	NR
CROCODILE	FL	FLS	400	0	UNK	2	0	0	0	0	NR

## EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

UTAH HILL, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is ten miles west of St. George, UT in grass, brush and hardwood slash. High temperatures, low relative humidity and variable winds from passing thunderstorms have caused control problems. Old Highway 91 is closed to traffic. Rapid rates of spread in lighter fuels and torching with flame lengths of 50 to 70 feet in heavier fuels was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
UTAH HILL	UT	CCD	640	0	UNK	61	2	4	0	0	50K

## 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	7,815	N/A	N/A	125	3	9	1	0	300K

WRD = White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** Through mid afternoon for the northern and western sections of the Sacramento Valley for breezy north winds and low humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** An upper level trough remains over southern California with a band of moisture from the Sierra Nevada into Colorado. High pressure continues to build off the Pacific Northwest coast. In Alaska, an upper level ridge along the Canadian border is producing a light southeast flow across the interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly to mostly sunny and hot. Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms far northern Arizona, northern and eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Storms in Arizona and northwest New Mexico will be dry.	60s and 70s mountains, 80s and 90s lower elevations, 100 to 105 southwest Arizona deserts.	3 to 15%, except 15 to 30% west Texas.	Southwest 10 to 20 mph and gusty Arizona and western New Mexico, south 10 to 25 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Scattered showers and afternoon thunderstorms south and east Rocky Mountain Area locations, with isolated showers north. Isolated dry lightning over southwest Colorado.	Upper 50s and 60s east of the Continental Divide, with 70s to lower 80s west of the divide.	Less than 20% across southwest Colorado, with much higher values elsewhere.	Northeast 10 to 20 mph east of the Continental Divide, with variable winds in the west.

<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> 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.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Clear.	Near 100 warmest inland valleys, otherwise mostly 80s and 90s except 70s at the coast.	10 to 25% inland areas.	North to east 5 to 15 mph with areas of gusts 20 to 30 mph in the morning, decreasing significantly in the afternoon, becoming northwest to southwest 2 to 8 mph.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Mostly sunny north, partly cloudy south with isolated to scattered wet and dry afternoon thunderstorms.	North Valleys: 80s to near 90 South Valleys: 90s Mountains: 70s	North: 12 to 20%. South: 10 to 15%. Mountains: 15 to 25%.	North: Northwest to northeast 5 to 10 mph South: South to southwest 10 to 15 mph.



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

### **TERRAIN AND FUELS MAKE ESCAPE TO SAFETY ZONES DIFFICULT**

When fighting wildland fires, it is often easy to get committed to areas that put you in Watchout Situation #17. As firefighters progress along the fireline, it is imperative to constantly keep the following considerations in mind:

- Does the crew's condition allow for fast travel? Discuss physical and mental conditions that could interfere with a crew's ability to travel quickly.
- Will you get adequate warning to make it to your safety zone? Who will you rely on to warn you? How will you ensure that everyone gets the word?
- Can escape routes be improved to make travel to safety zones faster? Are escape routes marked? Review what you have done on past fires to locate, mark, and improve escape routes.
- Will posting more lookouts give adequate warning? Talk about situations where there was more than one firefighter assigned to be lookout.
- To reduce the risks:
  - Consider other tactics that will allow you to be in a safer location. Review fires where you have had to change tactics because escape to safety zones was not adequate.

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		5	8	4	10		27
	ACRES		835	32	275	405		1,547
Northwest	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					2		2
Northern California	FIRES	3	2			16	6	27
	ACRES	2	0			18	3	23
Southern California	FIRES					21		21
	ACRES					14		14
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		15		1	3	9	28
	ACRES		642		0	3	2	647
Western Great Basin	FIRES		16					16
	ACRES		30					30
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			2	4	8
	ACRES	3	1			4	8	16
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		9			3	3	15
	ACRES		1			8	0	9
Eastern Area	FIRES					16	1	17
	ACRES					33	1	34
Southern Area	FIRES					37		37
	ACRES					402		402
TOTAL	FIRES	4	48	8	5	113	23	201
	ACRES	5	1,509	32	275	889	14	2,724

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	26	33	10	148	2	220
	ACRES	3	6,891	268	11,473	6,587	0	25,222
Northwest	FIRES	58	24	14	6	303	77	482
	ACRES	708	531	71	3	923	159	2,395
Northern California	FIRES	28	2	6	4	816	161	1,017
	ACRES	25	0	15	1	2,532	1,089	3,662
Southern California	FIRES	14	24	5	10	1,227	207	1,487
	ACRES	647	1,318	11	14	32,631	1,442	36,063
Northern Rockies	FIRES	669	17	13	5	317	113	1,134
	ACRES	4,004	190	445	0	8,634	3,285	16,558
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	73	2	8	38	37	159
	ACRES	2	2,862	1	32	229	371	3,497
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	44		3	20	12	81
	ACRES	1	712		0	12	286	1,011
Southwest	FIRES	368	33	2	18	301	254	976
	ACRES	973	3,169	1	481	4,449	107,619	116,692
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	146	50	28	2	181	94	501
	ACRES	3,490	161	1,166	0	19,512	4,053	28,382
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	17	5,505	393	6,450
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	97	52,838	5,530	65,894
Southern Area	FIRES	113		43	32	21,747	517	22,452
	ACRES	15,478		4,625	1,018	257,631	71,793	350,545
TOTAL	FIRES	1,889	293	192	115	30,603	1,867	34,959
	ACRES	30,425	15,834	8,938	13,119	385,978	195,627	649,921

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>38,116</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>935,334</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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						15	15
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	15	15

**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				5	9
	ACRES		80				971	1,051
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	23	608	173	1,168
	ACRES	14,454		39,828	4,443	59,274	27,804	145,803
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	147	1,057	2,474	4,814
	ACRES	40,642	29,273	159,142	72,488	260,885	1,219,767	1,782,197

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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		4			0		4
	ACRES		4,787			3,171		7,958
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	0	4	0	1	9
	ACRES	0	4,787	0	141	3,171	222	8,321

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### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	1	0	362	1,009
Yukon Territory	2	7	13	2,341
Alberta	1	0	588	2,356
Northwest Territory	2	0	11	7
Saskatchewan	0	0	113	679
Manitoba	3	0	69	404
Ontario	0	0	130	1,358
Quebec	3	0	149	577
Newfoundland	4	0	85	1,961
New Brunswick	4	54	199	375
Nova Scotia	3	3	166	182
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	100	14	3,292
Total	23	165	1,899	14,539

### 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	1								
Northwest	1					1			1	
Northern California	1	8	7	13						2
Southern California	6	3	10	31	1				3	9
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	2		16	2	1				10	1
Western Great Basin			6							
Southwest	33		12	29	6	7			235	51
Rocky Mountain	5	2	26	5	3	1			37	8
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				18						4
Total	52	14	77	98	11	9	0	0	286	75

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