

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2004 0800 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southern California Area and light elsewhere with 306 fires reported nationally. Three new large fires were reported, two in the Southwest Area and one in the Southern California Area. One large fire was contained in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

**ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

SOLSTICE COMPLEX, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. 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 and Vundik Lake fires. The Black Currant Lake and Khaalli fires have been contained. Extreme fire behavior was reported on the Pingo and Winter Trail fires due to high temperatures and dry fuel conditions. Crews continue to construct indirect fireline and prepare for burnout operations on the Pingo fire.

CHICKEN, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) has been ordered. This fire is located 50 miles northeast of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Active fire behavior with a large run was reported. A burnout operation was successfully completed. Taylor Highway is closed due to smoky conditions.

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 57 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in alpine tundra and black spruce. Extreme fire behavior was reported. Wind and unfavorable weather conditions are major concerns. Burnout operations along Steese Highway were successfully completed.

PORCUPINE, Tok Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is ten miles northeast of Tok, AK in grass and timber. Active fire behavior due to winds was reported. Smoke has caused poor visibility and hindered traffic on Taylor Highway.

AMERICAN SUMMIT, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 17 miles southwest of Eagle, AK in black spruce. Heavy fuels, steep terrain, lack of water and low visibility due to smoke are ongoing concerns. An inversion resulted in minimal fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	124,730	8	UNK	239	9	0	3	0	1.7M
CHICKEN	AK	TAS	35,000	NR	UNK	33	0	8	1	2	286K
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	40,000	NR	UNK	103	5	2	1	0	303K
PORCUPINE	AK	TAS	15,000	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	30K
AMERICAN SUMMIT	AK	UYD	10,240	0	UNK	80	3	0	1	0	NR

## **SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

WILLOW, Tonto National Forest. This fire is 23 miles northeast of Scottsdale, AZ in grass and brush. Rough, rugged terrain and drought conditions are major concerns. Extreme fire behavior with uphill runs of up to 50 chains per hour was observed.

DAVENPORT, Cibola National Forest. This fire is ten miles northwest of Datil, NM in ponderosa and pinyon pine. Steep terrain and poor access to the fire area have hampered suppression efforts. Short crown and uphill runs, flame lengths ranging from two to 30 feet and spotting about one quarter mile ahead of the fire were observed.

JACKET, Coconino National Forest. This fire is 13 miles southeast of Winona, AZ in grass, juniper and pinyon pine. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	1,800	0	UNK	84	4	0	4	0	200K
DAVENPORT	NM	CIF	100	0	UNK	117	3	6	3	0	NR
JACKET	AZ	COF	600	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	2K
PEPPIN	NM	LNF	64,488	100	---	38	1	1	1	12	7.3M

LNF = Lincoln National Forest

## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

CRAG, Sequoia National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kerr) has been ordered. This fire is 51 miles east of Porterville, CA in Jeffrey pine and sage. Active fire behavior in light fuels was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CRAG	CA	SQF	400	NR	6/27	150	6	0	5	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure continues over the West with a low pressure system along the Pacific Northwest coast. Scattered thunderstorms are expected across much of the area east of the Cascades and Sierra. However, drier air will be spreading into portions of Arizona. In Alaska, high pressure over the area will continue the hot and dry weather with some thunderstorms mainly over the eastern interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly to mostly sunny. Substantially drier in Arizona. A few dry thunderstorms in parts of northern and eastern Arizona and far western New Mexico with scattered, wet, thunderstorms across the remainder of New Mexico and west Texas.	60s and 70s mountains. 80s to mid 90s lower elevations. 95 to 105 southern Arizona deserts.	5 to 15% Arizona and western third of New Mexico. 15 to 25% central New Mexico. 25 to 40% eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	Southwest 5 to 15 mph in Arizona and western New Mexico with gusts to 20 to 25 mph in northern and western Arizona. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph across eastern New Mexico and west Texas.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy with isolated afternoon thunderstorms from the Sierra crest eastward.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 75 to 85 mountains. 88 to 93 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 105 to 108 lower deserts.	12 to 25%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Partly to mostly sunny with isolated, mainly dry, thunderstorms possible in the north and east.	North Valleys: 85 to 96. South Valleys: 90 to 100. Mountains: 70s to low 80s.	North Valleys: 7 to 15%. South Valleys: 6 to 12%. Mountains: 10 to 22%.	Central and East: southwest to west at 5 to 15 mph. West: southwest at 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 30 mph.
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly clear with a 10% chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms near Lake Tahoe. Patchy morning coastal low clouds and fog.	Warmest areas will be inland valleys in the 80s to mid 90s.	10 to 17% in drier inland valleys.	Afternoon wind southwest to northwest at 5 to 15 mph with local gusts 18 to 25 mph, except 30 mph east of the Cascade/Sierra crest.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Isolated showers and scattered afternoon thunderstorms. Isolated dry lightning over southwest Colorado.	75 to 85. 60s to low 70s mountains.	Less than 20% across southwest Colorado and northwest South Dakota, 25 to 45% elsewhere.	Variable at 5 to 15 mph.
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Partly Cloudy east of the Cascades with scattered showers and thunderstorms. West: mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy with isolated showers.	80 to 94 east of Cascades with warmest lowlands. 65 to 75 west with coolest on coast.	East of Cascades: 25 to 40% highest in mountains. West of Cascades: 50 to 65%.	Southwest at 5 to 10 mph becoming west to northwest at 10 to 15 mph and gusty. Locally west 20 to 30 mph and gusty on the east slopes of Cascades and across Columbia Basin.



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

## LOOKOUTS

Lookouts are often better situated to notice the cumulative changes of fire behavior.

• Fire Order #8 says, "Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations." Should you utilize lookouts at all times?

- Lookouts should be posted at all times.

• What are you looking for when you are selecting a lookout location?

- Choose a good vantage point, preferably with a good overview of the entire area where firefighters are located, including escape routes and safety zones.
- Utilize aircraft but have an alternative on the ground.

• What are the desired qualities, capabilities, knowledge and responsibilities of a lookout person?

- Experienced firefighter.
- Solid knowledge of fire behavior and ability to recognize and monitor other environmental hazards.
- Good communicator--keeps the crew advised of fire behavior changes, tracks weather trends and relays the information, informs crew of work progress and updates from the latest strategy and tactical briefings.
- Monitors and accounts for all individuals within his/her assigned area at all times and will notify others if breaks are needed.

• What is the necessary equipment for a lookout?

- PPE, radio with extra batteries, compass, binoculars, belt weather kit, IAP, map, food and water.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	6	1	8
	ACRES				0	31,620	0	31,620
Northwest	FIRES	5	4				8	17
	ACRES	9	2				6	17
Northern California	FIRES	1				10	3	14
	ACRES	0				21	1	22
Southern California	FIRES	1				18	3	22
	ACRES	1				210	500	711
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1			17	3	22
	ACRES	1	1			2	0	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	48		1	10	25	85
	ACRES	0	123		0	12	5	140
Western Great Basin	FIRES		28			3	6	37
	ACRES		9			50	50	109
Southwest	FIRES	10	1		1		44	56
	ACRES	14	0		0		1,817	1,831
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	4		3	1	5	16
	ACRES	0	1		0	0	0	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					28		28
	ACRES					12		12
Southern Area	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	2						2
TOTAL	FIRES	23	86	0	6	93	98	306
	ACRES	27	136	0	0	31,927	2,379	34,469

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	2	34	41	15	207	5	304
	ACRES	3	56,664	83,811	12,219	213,741	1	366,439
Northwest	FIREs	75	33	15	8	376	113	620
	ACRES	739	551	71	9	1,024	273	2,667
Northern California	FIREs	41	11	6	4	961	214	1,237
	ACRES	35	391	15	2	3,031	1,505	4,979
Southern California	FIREs	20	35	6	13	1,354	240	1,668
	ACRES	650	1,339	311	14	33,939	4,013	40,266
Northern Rockies	FIREs	735	20	14	5	344	137	1,255
	ACRES	4,139	195	485	0	8,662	3,288	16,769
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	3	167	2	11	77	110	370
	ACRES	3	6,133	1	32	821	399	7,389
Western Great Basin	FIREs	4	172		4	32	25	237
	ACRES	1	9,871		0	65	351	10,288
Southwest	FIREs	432	39	2	25	356	372	1,226
	ACRES	1,264	3,314	1	502	4,787	114,084	123,952
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	149	104	28	7	192	128	608
	ACRES	3,490	245	1,166	2	19,603	4,076	28,582
Eastern Area	FIREs	489		46	18	5,730	397	6,680
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	105	53,522	5,533	66,589
Southern Area	FIREs	115		46	33	21,909	539	22,642
	ACRES	15,600		4,681	1,024	261,327	72,935	355,567
TOTAL	FIREs	2,065	615	206	143	31,538	2,280	36,847
	ACRES	31,018	78,703	92,877	13,909	600,522	206,458	1,023,487

Ten Year Average Fires	41,395
Ten Year Average Acres	1,192,139

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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		1					1
	ACRES		2					2
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs			1				1
	ACRES				80			80
Northern Rockies	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
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		2
	ACRES			5		5		10
Southern Area	FIREs					1	3	4
	ACRES				250	3,991		4,241
TOTAL	FIREs	0	1	1	1	2	4	9
	ACRES	0	2	5	80	255	3,992	4,334

**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	77	34	1		251	401
	ACRES	7,626	6,809	3,641	30		58,177	76,283
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	9		71	93
	ACRES		28	869	408		6,212	7,517
Northern Rockies	FIRES	36	8	74	3	45	349	515
	ACRES	1,827	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,277	63,349
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	3	6	21	57	104
	ACRES	149	2,330	547	1,237	1,588	16,680	22,531
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4				5	9
	ACRES		80				971	1,051
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	7	10		276	320
	ACRES	2,796	4,821	10,519	7,777		66,084	91,997
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	39	108	18	12	112	331
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	19,596	12,964	3,947	45,521	98,996
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		347	23	608	177	1,175
	ACRES	14,454		39,843	4,443	59,280	27,868	145,888
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	68	14,850	1,058	16,166
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,202	915,968	951,338	1,993,481
TOTAL	FIRES	216	200	731	155	15,541	2,539	19,382
	ACRES	40,723	29,281	159,553	89,797	985,946	1,237,745	2,543,045

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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				11,640			11,640
Northwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs					2		2
	ACRES					222		222
Northern Rockies	FIREs				2		1	3
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs		4					4
	ACRES		342					342
Southwest	FIREs				1		5	6
	ACRES				101		2	103
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		4			0	1	5
	ACRES		5,574			2,271	43	7,888
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	0	8	0	5	0	9	22
	ACRES	0	5,916	0	11,741	2,271	267	20,195

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### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	63	0	775	21,239
Yukon Territory	12	19,701	74	139,634
Alberta	5	70	690	2,826
Northwest Territory	0	47	24	13,079
Saskatchewan	1	0	119	682
Manitoba	0	0	70	404
Ontario	0	0	147	1,365
Quebec	2	1	178	591
Newfoundland	0	0	88	1,924
New Brunswick	0	0	209	381
Nova Scotia	0	0	183	206
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	0	0	22	12,042
Total	83	19,818	2,595	194,387

### 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	12	11		42	4	2			91	70
Northwest	45		8		15				43	2
Northern California	7	10	8	28	2	5				18
Southern California	27	15	21		17		1		132	7
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	4		26	4	4					1
Western Great Basin	4	6	18	14	6	2			11	2
Southwest	8		4	3	6	2			21	1
Rocky Mountain			16	3	2	1				1
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				2		1				4
Total	107	42	103	94	57	12	1	0	304	100

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