

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2004 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light with 363 fires reported nationally. Two new large fires were reported in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Utah.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

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. Rough and rugged terrain, extreme travel time due to terrain, and drought conditions are ongoing concerns. Topographic features and prevailing winds varied fire behavior from moderate to extreme.

NUTTALL, Coronado National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles southwest of Safford, AZ in brush and heavy timber. Steep rugged terrain, difficult access and extremely dry fuels are major concerns. Light precipitation over the fire area yesterday morning decreased activity. Primarily backing fire behavior with moderate acreage growth was 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. 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
WILLOW	AZ	TNF	32,000	3	UNK	791	25	28	5	0	1M
NUTTALL	AZ	CNF	450	0	UNK	520	15	12	8	0	700K
JACKET	AZ	COF	5,500	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	4K

ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BOUNDARY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is 57 miles northeast of Fairbanks, AK in alpine tundra and black spruce. Operation has become strictly structure protection oriented and evacuations have occurred. The Steese Highway was closed most of the day. Extreme fire behavior driven by strong and gusting winds was reported.

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, Vundik Lake, Boulder Creek and Sheenjek fires. Hot, dry and windy weather conditions are major concerns. Very active and extreme fire behavior was reported on the Pingo and Winter Trail fires. Sucker River, Vundik Lake, Black Currant Lake, Boulder Creek and Sheenjek fires will be monitored by air.

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 and the previously reported Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Smoke is limiting mapping and visual confirmation of fire behavior and growth. Extreme fire behavior was observed on most fires with isolated torching and short uphill runs. The Gardiner Creek and Big Creek fire were not flown due to poor visibility from smoke.

AMERICAN SUMMIT, Alaska Fire Service-Upper Yukon Zone, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 17 miles southwest of Eagle, AK in black spruce. This fire will be placed into a monitor status and resources were released due to having met their suppression goals. Active fire behavior with torching and runs was observed

CAMP CREEK, Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 82 miles southeast of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce. Active surface fire with torching and small runs was reported. Multiple plumes of smoke were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BOUNDARY	AK	FAS	75,000	0	UNK	161	7	7	2	1	610K
SOLSTICE COMPLEX	AK	UYD	259,309	NR	UNK	331	13	0	6	0	5.8M
TAYLOR COMPLEX	AK	TAS	239,457	NR	UNK	128	2	12	2	3	482K
AMERICAN SUMMIT	AK	UYD	15,000	20	UNK	12	0	0	0	0	NR
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	28,688	0	8/1	44	2	1	2	0	77K

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

POT PEAK, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Berndt/Andring) is assigned. This fire is 15 miles west of Chelan, WA in timber. Extremely limited access, no anchor points, limited safety zones and escape routes are major concerns. A backing surface fire with a slow rate of spread and isolated torching was reported.

FREEZEOUT, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This fire is 65 miles northeast of Bellingham, WA in timber. Smoldering and creeping with isolated torching was observed.

HOPKINS CANYON, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team has been ordered. This fire is eight miles west of Nespelem, WA in timber and grass. Very active fire behavior was observed. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POT PEAK	WA	OWF	500	0	UNK	281	9	0	6	0	595K
FREEZEOUT	WA	OWF	150	10	UNK	24	0	0	1	0	40K
HOPKINS CANYON	WA	COA	3,200	80	6/30	190	4	12	6	0	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SQUARE COMPLEX, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Broyles) is assigned. This fire is 25 miles northwest of St. George, UT in grass, sagebrush, pinyon pine and juniper. Steep, rocky terrain has hampered containment efforts. Minimal fire behavior was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SQUARE COMPLEX	UT	CCD	17,979	40	7/4	470	13	22	4	0	765K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COLE COMPLEX, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Brunner) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Dana, Post, Marine, Vittori and Cole fires, is located 60 miles south of Reno, NV in sagebrush, pinyon pine and juniper. The Post, Dana and Cole fires have been contained. Minimal fire behavior with isolated torching of interior hot spots and islands 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
COLE COMPLEX	NV	HTF	3,028	75	6/30	402	10	10	10	0	1.3M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

EAST, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is 18 miles west of Tamarac, FL in tall grass. No further information was received.

WEST, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is 21 miles west of Tamarac, FL in tall grass. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
EAST	FL	FLS	3,800	90	UNK	3	0	1	0	0	NR
WEST	FL	FLS	3,500	70	6/30	3	0	1	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Southerly air flow will continue for one more day around a low pressure trough over California. The flow will continue to provide the moisture necessary for showers and thunderstorms over the Intermountain West. The driest areas once again today will be in southern California, Arizona and far north-central Washington. A ridge of high pressure continues over Alaska for more mainly dry weather.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny Arizona and partly cloud remainder. Widely scattered dry thunderstorms New Mexico and west Texas, with a few dry thunderstorms far western New Mexico and eastern Arizona.	60s and 70s mountains and 80s to mid 90s lower elevations, except 95 to 105 southern and western Arizona deserts.	5 to 15% most of Arizona, 15 to 25% western New Mexico, 25 to 40% eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	West to southwest 5 to 15 mph Arizona and western New Mexico, with gusts to 20 to 25 mph parts of Arizona. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph across eastern New Mexico and west Texas.
ALASKA Central and Eastern Interior Partly to mostly sunny and smoky with isolated afternoon thunderstorms over the Alaska Range. South Central Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated afternoon thunderstorms.	Central and Eastern Interior 75 to 90. South Central 65 to 80.	Central and Eastern Interior 15 to 30%. South Central 30 to 45%, except 15 to 30% in the Copper River Basin.	Central and Eastern Interior Northeast to east 10 to 20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. South Central Variable 5 to 10 mph.
EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy with scattered showers and wet thunderstorms. Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy with scattered wet and dry thunderstorms, mainly over mountains and east.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 66 to 78 mountains, 78 to 92 valleys. Utah and Arizona Strip: 68 to 83 mountains, 83 to 99 valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 33% mountains, 17 to 28% valleys. Utah, Arizona Strip: 18 to 35% mountains, 6 to 20% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Variable winds 5 to 10 mph. Utah, Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10, gusty near thunderstorms. Southwest winds 10 to 5 mph in southwest Utah.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Partly cloudy skies with isolated showers and thunderstorms across the west. Mostly sunny skies central and east.	North Valleys: 82 to 92. South Valleys: 84 to 94. Mountains: 70s to low 80s.	North Valleys: 12 to 22%. South Valleys: 6 to 15%. Mountains: 15 to 30%.	South: South at 5 to 20 mph. North: South to southwest at 5 to 15 mph.
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Fair to partly cloudy, with scattered p.m. thunderstorms Cascade/ Sierras eastward, and isolated thunderstorms over high terrain elsewhere. Cells will have at least light precipitation associated with them.	Warmest inland valleys will be in the mid 90s.	18 to 30% in warmer valleys.	Southeast to southwest 4 to 10 mph with higher afternoon gusts.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog from the coast into the valleys. Otherwise mostly sunny, except partly cloudy in the afternoon over the Sierra with scattered thunderstorms.	65 to 75 coastal areas. 75 to 85 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 85 to 91 upper deserts. 98 to 104 lower deserts.	35 to 50% valleys, 12 to 25% mountains and deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 15 mph over the mountains. 15 to 25 mph and gusty over the upper deserts. Onshore 8 to 15 mph in the coastal areas.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA Isolated showers and scattered afternoon thunderstorms.	70s to mid 80s, with 60s to mid 70s in the mountains.	Above 25 to 45%.	10 to 20mph across western Kansas into Nebraska, otherwise variable 5 to 15mph.
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SAFETY ZONES

A safety zone is a location where the threatened firefighter can find adequate refuge from an approaching fire.

● What is the difference between a safety zone and a deployment site?

- The safety zone is the area where a firefighter can survive without using a fire shelter. The deployment site is used when fire conditions are such that escape routes and safety zones have been compromised.

● How do you identify a good safety zone?

- Consider the distance from the escaped fire as well as topography, winds, fire behavior, and fuels in the area.
- The best locations are usually "in the black;" those with a minimum of, or devoid of, ground/aerial vegetation; or large bodies of water.
- Size is sufficient for all present resources with a minimum distance from fire of at least four times the maximum flame length.
- Location is scouted and marked well for visibility at all times.
- Location has been reassessed in relation to line work progress, fatigue, changes in fire behavior, and arrival of additional resources.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		3	1	5
	ACRES			6,611		18,972	0	25,583
Northwest	FIRES	4	8			10	13	35
	ACRES	5	0			7	1	13
Northern California	FIRES	3	6		5	43	65	122
	ACRES	11	0		0	229	71	311
Southern California	FIRES		1	1	1	37	13	53
	ACRES		900	2	1	80	25	1,008
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3				7	15	25
	ACRES	5				5	6	16
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		5		2	3	6	16
	ACRES		108		0	0	0	108
Western Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						6	6
Southwest	FIRES	6	6			9	28	49
	ACRES	3	1			7	2	13
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		7			1	2	10
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					16		16
	ACRES					7		7
Southern Area	FIRES				1	28	1	30
	ACRES				5	248	6	259
TOTAL	FIRES	16	33	2	9	157	146	363
	ACRES	24	1,009	6,613	6	19,555	117	27,324

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	35	43	17	220	7	325
	ACRES	63	166,896	169,258	14,222	474,199	1	824,639
Northwest	FIRES	116	43	19	10	1,877	208	2,273
	ACRES	3,744	788	75	10	1,173	645	6,435
Northern California	FIRES	52	20	6	9	1,063	332	1,482
	ACRES	61	392	15	2	3,421	1,605	5,496
Southern California	FIRES	21	41	7	17	1,420	267	1,773
	ACRES	650	4,367	313	18	34,102	4,602	44,052
Northern Rockies	FIRES	744	23	14	5	374	177	1,337
	ACRES	4,149	195	485	0	8,679	3,299	16,807
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	207	2	15	111	161	499
	ACRES	3	19,136	1	32	1,108	411	20,691
Western Great Basin	FIRES	4	209	1	4	35	31	284
	ACRES	1	10,053	1,500	0	174	374	12,102
Southwest	FIRES	476	57	2	38	410	543	1,526
	ACRES	2,085	4,423	1	509	4,818	132,495	144,331
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	161	125	28	7	204	153	678
	ACRES	3,494	249	1,166	4	19,638	4,076	28,627
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		46	19	5,802	398	6,754
	ACRES	5,094		2,335	106	53,556	5,534	66,625
Southern Area	FIRES	116		47	36	22,069	540	22,808
	ACRES	15,602		4,682	1,054	266,024	72,941	360,303
TOTAL	FIRES	2,185	760	215	177	33,585	2,817	39,739
	ACRES	34,946	206,499	179,831	15,957	866,892	225,983	1,530,108

Ten Year Average Fires	42,484
Ten Year Average Acres	1,311,762

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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						1	1
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				95			95
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			2				2
	ACRES			103				103
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,689	1,689
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	0	0	3	5
	ACRES	0	0	103	95	0	1,690	1,888

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	43	1		254	413
	ACRES	7,626	6,809	3,781	30		58,204	76,450
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		71	94
	ACRES		28	869	556		6,212	7,665
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			5	14
	ACRES		80	541			971	1,592
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	110	18	12	112	333
	ACRES	5,117	11,851	19,700	12,964	3,947	45,521	99,100
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		347	23	609	177	1,176
	ACRES	14,454		39,843	4,443	59,360	27,868	145,968
Southern Area	FIRES	51		139	68	14,850	1,062	16,170
	ACRES	8,503		58,470	59,202	915,968	954,780	1,996,923
TOTAL	FIRES	216	200	747	156	15,542	2,546	19,407
	ACRES	40,723	29,281	160,338	89,945	986,026	1,241,214	2,547,527

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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				14,177			14,177
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						222	222
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		3	5
	ACRES				0		0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		342					342
Southwest	FIRES				1		6	7
	ACRES				101		107	208
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	5	0	16	30
	ACRES	0	5,917	0	14,278	2,271	372	22,838

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	13	0	978	89,373
Yukon Territory	12	16,278	129	229,194
Alberta	14	14	742	2,951
Northwest Territory	10	855	44	11,126
Saskatchewan	2	0	124	707
Manitoba	6	7	78	411
Ontario	1	0	153	1,367
Quebec	3	0	184	591
Newfoundland	0	0	90	1,924
New Brunswick	0	0	211	382
Nova Scotia	0	0	183	206
Prince Edward Island	0	0	16	14
National Parks	0	751	22	12,808
Total	61	17,905	2,954	351,054

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	14	13	1	19	6	6			129	117
Northwest	18	2	14	14	9	14			109	76
Northern California	20	9	53	17	9	1			5	5
Southern California	9	1	14		11				58	33
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	10	3	28	12	4	2			62	24
Western Great Basin	10	5	5	5		10			86	67
Southwest	38	3	10	37	13				200	58
Rocky Mountain	1		12	1	2	1			4	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				2						2
Total	120	36	137	107	54	34	0	0	653	382

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