

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY MAY 14, 2004 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 98 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern California Area. One large fire was contained in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Texas.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

COTTONWOOD, Riverside Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. This fire is in brush, five miles northeast of Whitewater, CA. Wind-driven fire behavior resulted in strong up canyon runs. Steep, inaccessible terrain has hampered suppression efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
COTTONWOOD	CA	RRU	1,180	15	5/15	556	32	8	9	0	NR

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SELLIN	MN	BGR	550	100	---	16	0	4	0	0	20K

BGR = Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure ridges are anchored along both the West and East coasts with a broad trough of low pressure over the central states. The main area of rainfall over the country will be associated with a slow-moving frontal system that extends from the Great Lakes to Texas.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Patchy morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.	65 to 75 coastal areas 65 to 80 mountains 80 to 90 valleys 80 to 90 upper deserts 90 to 100 lower deserts	10 to 20%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
SOUTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny and warmer Arizona and western New Mexico. Partly cloudy and cooler eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Slight chance thunderstorms northeast New Mexico and southwest Texas.	50s to 70s mountains and eastern New Mexico and west Texas plains, 80s to mid 90s southwest Texas, southern New Mexico and lower elevations of Arizona.	5 to 15% Arizona and western New Mexico, 15 to 30% eastern New Mexico, 30 to 40%+ west Texas.	West to southwest 5 to 15 mph with some gusts to 25 mph Arizona and western New Mexico. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph eastern New Mexico & west Texas.



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

ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

• If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

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- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.

• In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northern California	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES	2	2			13		17
	ACRES	0	1,180			21		1,201
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			3	1	5
	ACRES		0			1	115	116
Southwest	FIRES	5				1	1	7
	ACRES	7				0	0	7
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2	3				5
	ACRES		2	0				2
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		15		16
	ACRES			550		176		726
Southern Area	FIRES					40	3	43
	ACRES					275	80	355
TOTAL	FIRES	7	5	4	0	75	7	98
	ACRES	7	1,182	550	0	473	195	2,407

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					56		56
	ACRES					53		53
Northwest	FIREs	35	10	8	6	142	23	224
	ACRES	568	9	13	11	204	196	1,001
Northern California	FIREs					338	59	397
	ACRES					427	1,245	1,672
Southern California	FIREs	8	11	1	1	712	123	856
	ACRES	645	1,277	1	0	28,296	1,294	31,513
Northern Rockies	FIREs	560	14	7		266	89	936
	ACRES	3,652	187	170		12,281	3,278	19,568
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	38	1	2	17	13	72
	ACRES	2	53	1	29	193	496	774
Western Great Basin	FIREs	4	15		1	12	6	38
	ACRES	2	119		0	6	280	407
Southwest	FIREs	93	23	1	8	182	132	439
	ACRES	442	3,147	0	240	9,088	4,685	17,602
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	145	19	20	2	124	40	350
	ACRES	3,334	58	792	0	19,064	2,802	26,050
Eastern Area	FIREs	439		33	11	4,071	354	4,908
	ACRES	4,859		2,529	91	48,296	5,493	61,268
Southern Area	FIREs	105		35	18	19,266	486	19,910
	ACRES	15,212		4,314	518	212,758	71,390	304,192
TOTAL	FIREs	1,390	130	106	49	25,186	1,325	28,186
	ACRES	28,716	4,850	7,820	889	330,666	91,159	464,100

Nine Year Average Fires	30,285
Nine Year Average Acres	624,149

*** 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						0
	ACRES	100						100
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		20			5		25
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES			0	1			1
	ACRES			5	11			16
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					570		570
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0			1			1
	ACRES	65			20			85
Eastern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				7			7
Southern Area	FIRES				13	3		16
	ACRES				2,750	2,464		5,214
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	16	6	23
	ACRES	100	65	20	5	2,788	3,039	6,017

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1,122		1,122
Northwest	FIRES	32	73	33	0		213	351
	ACRES	5,697	6,785	3,623	30		54,787	70,922
Northern California	FIRES	14	38	8	14		160	234
	ACRES	251	722	13,575	624		19,698	34,870
Southern California	FIRES		4	5	3		70	82
	ACRES		28	462	51		6,081	6,622
Northern Rockies	FIRES	13	5	51	3	40	305	417
	ACRES	947	137	6,593	1,046	1,958	40,915	51,596
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	13	3	4	20	52	93
	ACRES	149	2,144	547	67	1,580	11,579	16,066
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4				4	8
	ACRES		80				71	151
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	6	8		273	314
	ACRES	2,796	4,743	519	1,727		43,643	53,428
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	35	84	16	10	110	297
	ACRES	5,117	11,303	17,175	2,969	3,246	40,023	79,833
Eastern Area	FIRES	18		281	16	560	152	1,027
	ACRES	11,447		36,505	3,594	52,651	26,757	130,954
Southern Area	FIRES	51		131	62	233	1,005	1,482
	ACRES	8,503		56,609	55,941	134,602	919,869	1,175,524
TOTAL	FIRES	185	185	602	126	865	2,344	4,307
	ACRES	34,907	25,942	135,608	66,049	195,159	1,163,423	1,621,088

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

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				1			1
	ACRES				101			101
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		30					30
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
	ACRES	0	30	0	101	0	0	131

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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	214	804
Yukon Territory	1	0	2	0
Alberta	3	0	330	1,093
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	3	0	43	355
Manitoba	0	0	24	134
Ontario	1	0	51	1,288
Quebec	10	7	80	82
Newfoundland	0	3	18	61
New Brunswick	1	0	130	288
Nova Scotia	3	0	63	44
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	6	2,435
Total	30	10	961	6,584

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										
Northwest				6			1			5
Northern California										
Southern California	8	26		8	9	4			49	32
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin				1						
Southwest	1		1							
Rocky Mountain					2					2
Eastern Area				4						17
Southern Area	1									4
Total	10	26	12	10	9	5	0	0	77	32

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