

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY MAY 17, 2004 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 138 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas and Minnesota.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

DIAMOND, Tonto National Forest. This fire is 45 miles northeast of Phoenix, AZ in chapparal, grass and Sonoran Desert vegetation. Active fire behavior with flame lengths of up to 20 feet was observed. Steep and rugged terrain has hampered suppression efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DIAMOND	AZ	TNF	800	30	5/19	152	5	8	3	0	200K

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: The combination of an upper low over Oregon and high pressure over Texas will bring dry, gusty winds to the Southwest, Great Basin and Colorado. Elsewhere, a frontal system with scattered showers will move through the Great Lakes while a moist southerly flow brings rain to portions of the Southeast.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	60 to 70 coastal areas 60 to 75 mountains 70 to 80 valleys 75 to 85 upper deserts 90 to 100 lower deserts	25 to 45%	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.



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

RETARDANT DROP SAFETY

Having retardant dropped on a fire should be a routine event. However, there are risks associated with retardant drops that can pose serious threats to personnel and equipment. Consider the following for all drops:

- Be aware of the location of lead planes and airtankers during retardant drop operations.
- Be sure you have positive contact with the lead plane or airtanker before the drop.
- Personnel can be injured by the impact of retardant drops. Clear personnel out of the target area when the drop is conducted. If an individual is unable to retreat to a safe place, the best method for minimizing injury from the drop is to:
 - Hold your handtool away from your body.
 - Lie face down with hardhat in place and head toward the oncoming aircraft.
 - Grasp something firm to prevent being carried or rolled about by the retardant.
 - Do not run unless escape is ensured.
 - Get clear of dead snags and tops.
 - Be aware of rolling debris below the drop site in steep terrain.
- Working in an area covered by retardant should be done with caution due to slippery surfaces.
- If possible, wash the retardant off your skin to prevent irritation.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Northern California	FIRES				11	2		13
	ACRES				5	0		5
Southern California	FIRES				44	3		47
	ACRES				19	5		24
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	12				2	3	17
	ACRES	27				2	800	829
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES				59			59
	ACRES				29			29
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	13	0	0	0	116	9	138
	ACRES	27	0	0	0	55	805	887

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					57		57
	ACRES					54		54
Northwest	FIREs	36	10	8	6	142	23	225
	ACRES	568	9	13	11	204	196	1,001
Northern California	FIREs					428	63	491
	ACRES					590	1,246	1,836
Southern California	FIREs	10	12	1	1	788	128	940
	ACRES	645	1,282	1	0	29,705	1,302	32,935
Northern Rockies	FIREs	561	14	7		277	90	949
	ACRES	3,687	187	170		12,653	3,278	19,975
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	39	1	2	17	13	73
	ACRES	2	53	1	29	193	364	642
Western Great Basin	FIREs	4	15		1	12	6	38
	ACRES	2	119		0	6	280	407
Southwest	FIREs	143	23	1	9	191	141	508
	ACRES	517	3,147	0	240	9,095	5,483	18,482
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	145	19	20	2	125	41	352
	ACRES	3,334	58	792	0	19,064	2,802	26,050
Eastern Area	FIREs	446		33	11	4,207	354	5,051
	ACRES	4,879		2,529	91	48,854	5,493	61,846
Southern Area	FIREs	105		35	18	19,297	487	19,942
	ACRES	15,212		4,314	518	212,843	71,427	304,314
TOTAL	FIREs	1,451	132	106	50	25,541	1,346	28,626
	ACRES	28,846	4,855	7,820	889	333,261	91,871	467,542

Ten Year Average Fires	31,444
Ten Year Average Acres	632,188

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIREs						8	8
	ACRES						681	681
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						1,975	1,975
Rocky Mountain	FIREs						0	0
	ACRES						300	300
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2,956	2,956

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	74	33	0		215	354
	ACRES	5,753	6,805	3,623	30		55,160	71,371
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	8	14		170	245
	ACRES	251	725	13,575	624		20,666	35,841
Southern California	FIRES		4	6	3		70	83
	ACRES		28	465	53		6,081	6,627
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	5	20	53	95
	ACRES	149	2,144	547	132	1,580	13,519	18,071
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4				4	8
	ACRES		80				71	151
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	6	8		272	313
	ACRES	2,796	4,743	519	1,727		47,740	57,525
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	36	84	16	10	110	298
	ACRES	5,117	11,318	17,175	2,969	3,246	41,038	80,863
Eastern Area	FIRES	18		285	16	563	153	1,035
	ACRES	11,447		37,888	3,594	52,693	26,778	132,400
Southern Area	FIRES	51		131	62	233	1,007	1,484
	ACRES	8,503		56,609	55,941	134,602	919,978	1,175,633
TOTAL	FIRES	185	188	607	127	868	2,359	4,334
	ACRES	34,963	25,980	136,994	66,116	195,201	1,171,946	1,631,200

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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	0	0	214	805
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	0
Alberta	17	15	354	1,113
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	1	0	46	359
Manitoba	0	0	26	144
Ontario	1	0	53	1,288
Quebec	1	0	86	89
Newfoundland	0	0	25	61
New Brunswick	4	2	139	291
Nova Scotia	1	7	93	129
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	7	2,436
Total	25	25	1,045	6,715

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										
Northern California										
Southern California	6	37	17	1	7	5			8	104
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	5		8		3					10
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
Total	11	37	25	1	10	5	0	0	18	104

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