

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY MAY 24, 2004 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 56 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported in the Southern California Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southern California and Southwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

LOOKOUT, Cibola National Forest. This fire is 70 miles southeast of Albuquerque, NM in grass. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Winchester) is assigned. Drought stressed fuels and high winds resulted in active surface fire, torching and uphill runs.

KP, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles south of Alpine, AZ in brush and pine timber. Unstable atmospheric conditions resulted in significantly more active fire behavior yesterday. US Highway 191 will be closed to public access for approximately one or two days due to burnout operations and rolling debris.

PEPPIN, Lincoln National Forest. This fire is six miles north of Capitan, NM in timber. Hazardous terrain and heavy dead fuel loading have hampered suppression efforts. Active fire behavior with crowning and spotting was observed.

ROSE, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is 40 miles north of Clifton, AZ in chaparral. Minimal fire activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LOOKOUT	NM	CIF	4,600	40	5/28	562	17	19	3	4	312K
KP	AZ	ASF	6,642	15	UNK	583	17	21	3	0	1M
PEPPIN	NM	LNF	2,400	5	6/5	44	0	3	3	0	55K
ROSE	AZ	ASF	780	95	5/24	0	0	0	0	0	228K
PIGEON	AZ	ASF	5,558	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	163K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLOCKS H&J, Everglades National Park. This fire is 15 miles west of Homestead, FL in grass, brush and hardwood timber. Active fire behavior with occasional flare ups was observed. Personnel continue to implement Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST).

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLOCKS H&J	FL	EVP	1,450	85	5/31	118	1	6	2	0	120K

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MONTEZUMA MESA, Southern Ute Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 15 miles south of Pagosa Springs, CO in ponderosa pine and oakbrush. Isolated torching was observed. Suppression efforts were aided by decreased wind and cloud cover.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MONTEZUMA MESA	CO	SUA	156	95	5/24	73	2	4	2	0	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
STAGE	CA	TUU	344	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	91K

TUU = Tulare Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Most of northern New Mexico for strong southwest winds and low humidity.

Fire Weather Watches: Northeast and east-central Arizona and most of southern New Mexico for strong southwest winds and low humidity.

Weather Discussion: Cool low pressure will lift away from the Great Basin and into the Dakotas today. As a result, showers and thunderstorms will decrease today in the Northwest and Idaho. However, showers will be on the increase in the Northern Rockies. South of the low, strong winds will continue to surface during the afternoon from Arizona eastward to west Texas. Wind gusts around 40 mph will not be uncommon. In addition, the Southern Area will remain dry with some afternoon relative humidity values dipping to critical levels in parts of Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHWEST AREA Breezy to occasionally windy, with partly to mostly sunny skies.	60s and 70s mountains 80s and 90s lower elevations	10 to 25%	Southwest 10 to 25 mph with higher gusts.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog to the lower coastal slopes. Otherwise partly cloudy in the afternoon.	60 to 70 coastal areas 60 to 75 mountains 70 to 80 valleys 70 to 80 upper deserts 80 to 95 lower deserts	20 to 40% except 8 to 15% lower deserts	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph with locally higher gusts.



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

HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SELECTION

Consider the following points when selecting a landing area for a helicopter:

- Locate a flat area that is of sufficient size for the helicopter you are expecting to land.
 - Type I -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 30 feet by 30 feet; safety circle measuring 110 feet in diameter.
 - Type II -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 20 feet by 20 feet; safety circle measuring 90 feet in diameter.
 - Type III -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 15 feet by 15 feet; safety circle measuring 75 feet in diameter.
- Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, and obstructions such as trees, poles, and especially overhead wires.
- The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or anything over 18 inches high.
- Consider the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind.
- Choose an approach free of obstructions. Any obstruction should be relayed to the helicopter crew during initial radio contact.
- Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing area such as trash, blankets, hats, or equipment.
- Wet down the landing area if dusty conditions are present.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					7	6	13
	ACRES					4	4	8
Southern California	FIRES		1			22	5	28
	ACRES		0			572	2	574
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			2	2	6
	ACRES	0	0			0	6,185	6,185
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0				1	3	4
	ACRES	6				0	0	6
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
TOTAL	FIRES	1	2	0	0	35	18	56
	ACRES	6	0	0	0	577	6,192	6,775

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs		1			81	1	83
	ACRES		50			169	0	219
Northwest	FIREs	45	12	10	5	208	48	328
	ACRES	576	9	14	3	265	202	1,069
Northern California	FIREs	3				506	93	602
	ACRES	0				879	1,256	2,135
Southern California	FIREs	10	14	1	6	904	145	1,080
	ACRES	645	1,297	1	5	31,119	1,370	34,437
Northern Rockies	FIREs	588	14	8		281	100	991
	ACRES	3,863	187	185		8,359	3,285	15,879
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	41	2	6	19	17	86
	ACRES	2	97	1	32	194	364	690
Western Great Basin	FIREs	2	17		1	15	8	43
	ACRES	1	49		0	9	280	339
Southwest	FIREs	179	24	1	12	211	160	587
	ACRES	703	3,147	0	241	9,161	26,655	39,907
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	146	21	24	2	132	44	369
	ACRES	3,490	62	855	0	19,178	2,794	26,379
Eastern Area	FIREs	488		36	11	4,753	364	5,652
	ACRES	5,093		2,650	91	49,420	5,506	62,760
Southern Area	FIREs	106		35	18	20,420	493	21,072
	ACRES	15,214		4,554	518	223,725	71,494	315,505
TOTAL	FIREs	1,568	144	117	61	27,530	1,473	30,893
	ACRES	29,587	4,898	8,260	890	342,478	113,206	499,319

Ten Year Average Fires	33,227
Ten Year Average Acres	679,389

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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					1		1
	ACRES					15		15
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				51			51
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	51	0	15	66

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					2,087		2,087
Northwest	FIRES	33	74	34	1		217	359
	ACRES	6,271	6,805	3,641	30		55,276	72,023
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	8	15		178	254
	ACRES	251	731	13,575	624		20,905	36,086
Southern California	FIRES		4	6	7		71	88
	ACRES		28	465	305		6,091	6,889
Northern Rockies	FIRES	17	5	64	3	46	305	440
	ACRES	1,307	137	8,957	1,046	3,083	40,915	55,445
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	13	3	6	21	54	98
	ACRES	149	2,144	547	1,237	1,588	14,754	20,419
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	38	84	16	10	110	300
	ACRES	5,117	11,460	17,183	2,969	3,246	41,078	81,053
Eastern Area	FIRES	21		312	18	588	158	1,097
	ACRES	11,695		40,371	3,752	55,321	26,829	137,968
Southern Area	FIRES	51		129	62	263	1,012	1,517
	ACRES	8,503		56,259	55,941	148,146	921,784	1,190,633
TOTAL	FIRES	193	190	646	136	933	2,381	4,479
	ACRES	36,089	26,128	141,517	67,631	213,471	1,175,443	1,660,279

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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				1			1
	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		2					2
	ACRES		30					30
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	2	0	0	4
	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	272	850
Yukon Territory	0	0	4	6
Alberta	11	9	421	2,155
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	3	0	67	515
Manitoba	2	0	32	355
Ontario	2	2	70	1,302
Quebec	2	0	98	103
Newfoundland	4	0	41	235
New Brunswick	7	6	160	300
Nova Scotia	1	1	115	154
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	8	2,436
Total	32	17	1,288	8,411

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	1		1		1				10	
Northern California										
Southern California	1		7							
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			3							
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	36	1	13	30	7	2			202	43
Rocky Mountain	2		8		4				22	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	1		6		1	1			59	16
Total	41	1	38	30	13	3	0	0	293	59

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