

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**TUESDAY MAY 25, 2004 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 122 new fires reported. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Southwest and Rocky Mountain Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

**SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:**

PEPPIN, Lincoln National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Bateman) has been ordered. This fire is six miles north of Capitan, NM in timber. Hazardous terrain and heavy dead fuel loading have impacted suppression efforts. Fire activity fluctuated between wind-driven and plume dominated behavior with significant crowning, torching and spotting.

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. Poor access, heavy fuel loading and steep rugged terrain have hampered suppression efforts. Active fire behavior with spotting, torching and short crown runs was observed. US Highway 191 will be closed to public access for approximately one or two days due to burnout operations and rolling debris.

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, steep terrain and high winds remain a concern for suppression resources. Active surface fire with torching and upslope runs was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PEPPIN	NM	LNF	9,500	1	6/5	146	4	6	1	0	600K
KP	AZ	ASF	9,379	20	UNK	583	17	22	3	0	1.3M
LOOKOUT	NM	CIF	4,750	60	5/27	565	17	14	3	5	514K
ROSE	AZ	ASF	780	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	441K

**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 surface fire continues to creep with occasional flare ups. Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST) have been implemented with good success.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLOCKS H&J	FL	EVP	1,450	88	5/31	102	1	5	2	0	280K

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MONTEZUMA MESA	CO	SUA	156	100	---	68	2	1	2	0	85K

SUA = Southern Ute Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

## OUTLOOK:

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

**Fire Weather Watches:** Much of southern New Mexico and parts of eastern Arizona for strong southwest winds and low humidity.

**Fire Weather Watches:** Southwest Colorado for winds, dry humidity, and dry fuels

**Weather Discussion:** Low pressure has departed the northern Great Basin, leaving behind drier southwest flow for most of the northwest quarter of the country. However, low pressure is forming off the coast of southern California. The low will provide enough moisture to the Sierras to trigger some thunderstorms today. Conditions will remain very dry and windy once again today across eastern Arizona, New Mexico and southern Colorado. In addition, hot temperatures and dry conditions will prevail over Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Breezy to windy, warm and dry with partly to mostly sunny skies most areas. More humid and not as warm northeast New Mexico and parts of west Texas, with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms.	60s and 70s mountains to 80s and 90s lower elevations.	5 to 20%, except 20 to 30%+ parts of west Texas.	Southwest 15 to 30 mph with higher gusts. Strongest winds across eastern Arizona and New Mexico.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Partly sunny. A few showers and afternoon thunderstorms.	75 to 80 west to southwest Colorado, near 60 elsewhere.	10% to 18% over west to southwest Colorado.	Strongest winds over the fire weather watch area of southwest Colorado with a 15 to 30 mph southwest flow.



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

### **HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SAFETY**

The following points should be considered when operating around an unimproved landing site:

- Always wear your personal protective equipment (PPE) when working around an operating helicopter.
- Always get the approval of a flight crewmember or the pilot before approaching a starting or operating helicopter.
- Only approach and depart a helicopter as directed, in a slightly crouched position, and in full view of a crewmember.
- When approaching or departing an operating helicopter, never approach or depart uphill and do not hold equipment overhead.
- Always approach and depart an operating helicopter on the downhill side.
- Remove or secure loose articles when working around an operating helicopter.
- Be aware of the dust abatement conditions of the landing area, as blowing dust, sand, or rocks caused by the helicopter's rotor wash can be hazardous.

# FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES	2		1				3
	ACRES	1		20				21
Northern California	FIRES	1				18	2	21
	ACRES	0				11	15	26
Southern California	FIRES		3			8	2	13
	ACRES		18			5	10	33
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	0					0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	8				5	9	22
	ACRES	5				2	203	210
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1	1		1		3
	ACRES		1	0		2		3
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					3		3
Southern Area	FIRES	1		1		45		47
	ACRES	5		20		107		132
TOTAL	FIRES	13	5	3	0	87	14	122
	ACRES	11	19	40	0	131	228	429

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			84	1	86
	ACRES		50			170	0	220
Northwest	FIRES	47	12	11	5	208	53	336
	ACRES	576	9	34	3	265	207	1,094
Northern California	FIRES	4				524	97	625
	ACRES	0				890	1,271	2,161
Southern California	FIRES	10	17	1	6	912	146	1,092
	ACRES	645	1,315	1	5	31,124	1,380	34,470
Northern Rockies	FIRES	589	14	8		282	101	994
	ACRES	3,863	187	185		8,359	3,285	15,879
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	41	2	6	19	18	87
	ACRES	2	97	1	32	194	364	690
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	18		1	15	8	44
	ACRES	1	49		0	9	280	339
Southwest	FIRES	187	24	1	12	216	169	609
	ACRES	708	3,147	0	241	9,163	26,858	40,117
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	146	22	25	2	133	44	372
	ACRES	3,490	63	855	0	19,180	2,794	26,382
Eastern Area	FIRES	488		36	11	4,783	364	5,682
	ACRES	5,093		2,650	91	49,461	5,506	62,801
Southern Area	FIRES	107		35	18	20,575	493	21,228
	ACRES	15,219		4,554	518	224,769	71,494	316,554
TOTAL	FIRES	1,581	149	119	61	27,751	1,494	31,155
	ACRES	29,597	4,917	8,280	890	343,584	113,439	500,707

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>33,444</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>688,360</b>

\*\*\* 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
	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				2	3	6
	ACRES	12				69	62	143
Southern Area	FIRES					9	2	11
	ACRES					3,275	1,810	5,085
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	11	6	18
	ACRES	12	0	0	0	3,344	1,887	5,243

**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		179	255
	ACRES	251	731	13,575	624		20,920	36,101
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	15,834	21,499
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	22		312	18	590	161	1,103
	ACRES	11,707		40,371	3,752	55,390	26,891	138,111
Southern Area	FIRES	51		129	62	293	1,014	1,549
	ACRES	8,503		56,259	55,941	160,168	923,594	1,204,465
TOTAL	FIRES	194	190	646	136	965	2,387	4,518
	ACRES	36,101	26,128	141,517	67,631	225,562	1,178,410	1,675,349

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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	14	3	435	2,159
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	13	0	80	527
Manitoba	1	0	33	355
Ontario	4	2	74	1,305
Quebec	6	0	104	103
Newfoundland	4	0	45	235
New Brunswick	5	3	165	303
Nova Scotia	0	0	115	154
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	8	2,436
Total	47	9	1,335	8,431

### 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						6	
Northern California	1									
Southern California	1		1		1					
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	1	1	1							
Western Great Basin	2									
Southwest	40	1	10	32	7				244	59
Rocky Mountain	2		5		4				18	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	1		5		1	1			65	18
Total	48	2	28	32	13	1	0	0	333	77

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