

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 |
|--|---|--|--|
| SOUTHWEST AREA 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. |
| ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA 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. |



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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 |

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| Ten Year Average Fires | 33,444 |
| Ten Year Average Acres | 688,360 |

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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 | | | | 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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