

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2005 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 115 fires reported. Six new large fires were reported, two in the Southwest Area and one each in the Southern California, Southern, Rocky Mountain and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Six large fires were contained, two in the Northwest Area and one each in the Southern California, Alaska, Southern and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

**SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

CAVE CREEK COMPLEX, Tonto National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Lousy, Broad and Cave Creek fires, is six miles northeast of Carefree, AZ in chaparral and grass. Minimal fire activity with some interior heat in the southern portion was reported.

DRAGON COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Clark) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Dragon, Spine, Basin and Marble fires is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The complex is 10 miles north of Grand Canyon Village, AZ in pine, aspen and dead and down fuel. Increased fire activity with occasional torching and short crown runs in pockets of ladder fuels was reported.

OSHA PARK, Carson National Forest. This fire is 10 miles east of Taos, NM in timber litter and understory. The Rio Chiquito watershed, wildlife habitat and archeological sites are threatened. Forest Road 437 is closed. Crowning, spotting, running and torching were reported.

AGRO, Arizona State. This fire is five miles south of Augila, AZ in brush and grass. Highway 60 was closed for two hours. Rapid rates of spread were reported.

EAGLE EYE, Arizona State. This fire is 20 miles west of Buckeye, AZ in grass. No new information was reported.

SAWMILL 02, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is one mile east of Old Sawmill, AZ in timber, sagebrush and grass. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CAVE CREEK COMPLEX	AZ	TNF	248,310	95	7/12	580	10	10	8	11	16.5M	N/A
DRAGON COMPLEX - WFU	AZ	GCP	2,525	N/A	N/A	79	0	1	1	0	437K	NPS
OSHA PARK	NM	CAF	198	0	7/12	103	3	3	3	0	NR	FS
AGRO	AZ	AZS	1,300	50	7/8	70	2	12	0	3	NR	ST
EAGLE EYE	AZ	AZS	1,000	75	UNK	87	3	6	0	0	NR	ST
SAWMILL 02	AZ	NAO	150	95	UNK	19	1	3	1	0	NR	BIA
MUDERSBACH WFU	AZ	KNF	2,600	N/A	N/A	61	2	8	0	0	59K	FS
NORTH-SKINNER - WFU	AZ	KNF	680	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
NORTH GILA COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	NR	N/A	N/A	114	3	1	0	0	1.38M	FS
BLACK RANGE COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	58,101	N/A	N/A	53	3	3	1	0	933K	FS

GNF = Gila National Forest

KNF = Kaibab National Forest

### WESTERN GREAT BASIN INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

DELAMAR, Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Whalen) is assigned. This fire is 10 miles east of Alamo, NV in grass, pinyon and juniper. Grazing allotments, cultural resources and wildlife habitat are threatened. Slope-driven runs to the north and interior island torching were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
DELAMAR	NV	ELD	153,295	65	7/9	649	16	11	6	0	2.57M	BLM

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

YORBA LINDA, Orange County Fire Department. This fire is one mile north of Yorba Linda, CA in brush and tall grass. A Unified Command between California Department of Forestry Type 1 Incident Command Team (Winton), Orange County Fire Authority and Chino Valley Independent Fire District is in place. Access is difficult due to rain-damaged roads. Helicopter support allowed crews to make good progress toward containment. Smoldering within the interior was reported.

ELWOOD, Fresno-Kings Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This fire is 15 miles east of Sanger, CA in heavy brush and grass. The fire made significant runs in steep, rocky terrain.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
YORBA LINDA	CA	ORC	1,078	90	7/8	943	35	35	6	0	2.3M	PRI
ELWOOD	CA	FKU	400	30	7/8	515	12	51	4	0	NR	ST
BARTON	CA	BDF	71	100	---	324	11	10	2	0	621K	FS

BDF = San Bernardino National Forest

### ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

KING COUNTY CREEK, Kenai-Kodiak Area Forestry, State of Alaska. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Doty) is assigned. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 13 miles southeast of Sterling, AK in black spruce, mixed hardwoods and dead and down beetle killed spruce. Isolated torching and creeping were reported.

CHAPMAN CREEK, Alaska Fire Service, Northern Field Office. This fire is eight miles south of Coldfoot, AK in black spruce and tundra. The community of Coldfoot remains threatened. Minimal fire activity was observed.

SHEENJEK RIVER, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land six miles northeast of Ft. Yukon, AK in birch, aspen, black and white spruce. Fire activity was minimal.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
KING COUNTY CREEK	AK	KKS	10,100	85	7/13	281	11	0	5	0	2.25M	FWS
CHAPMAN CREEK	AK	NOD	159,551	20	UNK	134	6	1	3	0	2.05M	BLM
SHEENJEK RIVER	AK	UYD	107,240	55	UNK	45	2	0	2	0	3.75M	FWS
MISSION CREEK	AK	TAD	1,830	100	---	176	8	0	1	0	784K	NCA

TAD = Alaska Fire Service, Tanana Zone

### NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

SECOND HUD, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Berndt/Lafavre) is assigned. This fire is six miles northeast of Omak, WA in grass, brush and scattered timber. Timber, wildlife habitat, and a watershed are threatened. Steep, rocky terrain is limiting access. Fire activity was minimal.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SECOND HUD	WA	COA	4,169	60	UNK	233	8	6	1	0	816K	BIA
WEATHER STATION	WA	SAR	4,918	100	---	9	0	2	0	0	20K	FWS
PEARRYGIN LAKE	WA	NES	530	100	---	242	3	14	2	0	1.2M	ST

SAR = Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge

NES = Northeast Region, Washington State

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

MASON, Pike San Isabel National Forest and Grasslands. This fire is two miles south of Wetmore, CO in timber and heavy brush. The Greenwood Village subdivision, sensitive plant species, a watershed and historical sites are threatened. One ranch has been evacuated and a pre-evacuation notice has been issued for Greenwood Village. Short crown runs and high intensity surface fire were reported.

RIO BLANCO, San Juan National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenberg) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning 10 miles southeast of Pagosa Springs, CO in timber with oak understory. A historic structure remains threatened. Short range spotting, torching and short runs were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MASON	CO	PSF	200	0	7/12	83	1	2	2	0	150K	FS
RIO BLANCO - WFU	CO	SJF	1,000	N/A	N/A	53	2	0	1	0	101K	FS

## SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

THREE POINTS, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land 20 miles northwest of Ft. Davis, TX in pinyon, juniper and grass. Smoke remains a problem at the University of Texas McDonald Observatory. The Texas Army National Guard is supporting suppression operations. Thunderstorms and terrain influenced fire behavior, contributing to increased acreage.

CHINATI, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land 35 miles southwest of Marfa, TX in grass and juniper. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
THREE POINTS	TX	TXS	6,617	65	7/8	117	3	11	2	0	127K	PRI
CHINATI	TX	TXS	5,000	0	7/8	1	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
MILLENIU RANCH	TX	TXS	1,000	100	---	17	0	3	0	2	NR	PRI

## EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BITTER CREEK	UT	MOD	843	100	---	4	0	1	0	0	NR	BLM

MOD = Moab Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** For western Nevada valleys (Sierra Front area) for gusty winds and low relative humidity.

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will continue over the West except for a cold front moving into the Pacific Northwest. Unsettled weather is on tap for the interior of Alaska as low pressure systems persist over the region.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southwest</b> Mostly sunny, hot, very dry and breezy in Arizona and the western half of New Mexico. Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Isolated dry thunderstorms in parts of western New Mexico and eastern Arizona.	Mountains: 70 to 90. Lower elevations: 90 to 110.	2 to 15%. Part of the Arizona rim region: 15 to 25% Eastern New Mexico and west Texas: 15 to 40%.	West to southwest 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 25 mph in Arizona and western New Mexico. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph eastern half of New Mexico and west Texas.
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Sunny with isolated dry afternoon thunderstorms in northeastern Nevada.	North Valleys: 84 to 100. South Valleys: 95 to 112. Mountains: 74 to 94.	North Valleys: 7 to 18%. South Valleys: 2 to 9%. Mountains: 10 to 30%.	In the West: southwest 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph. East and South: 5 to 10 mph with afternoon gusts to the low 20 s.
<b>Southern California</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	Mountains: 75 to 90. Valleys: 80 to 95. Upper deserts: 90 to 100. Lower deserts: 105 to 115.	20 to 40%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Isolated afternoon thunderstorms in the eastern portions, with isolated dry lightning in the west.	Upper 80 s to upper 90 s. Mountains: 70 s to lower 80 s.	West: 5 to 15%. Elsewhere: 25 to 35%.	Southerly 10 to 20 mph in the eastern plains and variable 8 to 18 mph in the west.
<b>Northern California</b> Fair inland, becoming partly cloudy locally in p.m. hours over north half of Area. Morning fog or low clouds along and near the coast.	Coastal areas: 60 s and 70 s. Inland: 80 s to mid 90 s.	Inland: 17 to 37%. Coast: 45% plus.	Increasing after midday to south-southwest to west-northwest 5 to 13 mph, except Cascade/Sierra crest eastward 10 to 18 mph with gusts 22 to 32 mph.



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

### **COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES**

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mopup stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or air tankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and air tankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	3		5		9
	ACRES		30,514	17,891		20,185		68,590
Northwest	FIRES	2				1	2	5
	ACRES	15				83	1	99
Northern California	FIRES	2	1			11	2	16
	ACRES	2	0			121	3	126
Southern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				2		4
	ACRES	4				0		4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	5			7	1	14
	ACRES	1	867			52	0	920
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	6		1	1	2	11
	ACRES	2	393		1	7	0	403
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	5	7			7	8	27
	ACRES	1	50			16	6	73
Eastern Area	FIRES					8	1	9
	ACRES					6	1	7
Southern Area	FIRES			3		13		16
	ACRES			16		1,081		1,097
TOTAL	FIRES	13	20	6	1	1,060	20	115
	ACRES	25	31,824	17,907	1	21,551	11	71,319

# FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	64	41	15	257	12	391
	ACRES	3	684,562	221,028	2,692	102,268	334	1,010,887
Northwest	FIRES	94	32	9	13	420	165	733
	ACRES	4,199	1,799	4,957	5	32,856	68	43,884
Northern California	FIRES	26	4	2	2	625	124	783
	ACRES	12	0	0	0	3,201	47	3,260
Southern California	FIRES	19	47	7	16	1,049	197	1,335
	ACRES	135	1,231	126	72,010	17,830	284	91,616
Northern Rockies	FIRES	302	9	16		157	74	558
	ACRES	4,585	186	913		1,652	1,332	8,668
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	10	223	3	15	181	88	520
	ACRES	818	108,199	21	208	5,588	884	115,718
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	136	8	15	16	17	194
	ACRES	3	850,079	6,572	50	21,685	107	878,496
Southwest	FIRES	1,067	132	12	29	1,743	624	3,607
	ACRES	14,003	132,305	9,249	281	48,761	295,963	500,562
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	178	166	19	14	216	143	736
	ACRES	2,816	482	172	10	14,990	1,747	20,217
Eastern Area	FIRES	549		33	42	7,587	428	8,639
	ACRES	7,086		1,721	947	54,715	7,674	72,143
Southern Area	FIRES	170		121	33	15,179	416	15,919
	ACRES	25,972		18,281	1,829	174,906	10,841	231,829
TOTAL	FIRES	2,419	813	271	194	27,430	2,288	33,415
	ACRES	59,632	1,778,843	263,040	78,032	478,452	319,281	2,977,280

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>44,948</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,814,222</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						1	1
	ACRES						6	6
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						11	11
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		350					350
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	350	0	0	0	17	367

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	91	74	2		208	393
	ACRES	5,651	12,267	3,604	249		17,939	39,710
Northern California	FIRES	12	20	135	24		165	356
	ACRES	188	1,098	24,724	2,690		18,338	47,038
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	4	13		79	102
	ACRES	1,000	282	8	2,436		6,819	10,545
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	28	100	3	31	238	405
	ACRES	155	3,244	20,212	22	2,131	22,224	47,988
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	4	1	10	39	71
	ACRES	1	7,049	711	11	128	9,595	17,495
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	10			2	17
	ACRES		106	2,711			2,903	5,720
Southwest	FIRES	7	44	2	9		224	286
	ACRES	2,342	40,955	3,210	14,212		64,916	125,635
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	40	99	14	21	100	303
	ACRES	3,709	10,074	20,099	10,312	2,526	28,629	75,349
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		454	34	1,025	132	1,681
	ACRES	17,502		67,562	4,422	66,922	25,442	181,850
Southern Area	FIRES	34		147	46	385	1,067	1,679
	ACRES	7,180		78,888	27,168	249,547	878,178	1,240,961
TOTAL	FIRES	143	249	1,029	146	1,476	2,254	5,297
	ACRES	37,728	75,075	221,729	61,522	321,880	1,074,983	1,792,917

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				22,691			22,691
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3			3
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						22	22
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				2		5	7
	ACRES				101		4	105
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES				2	1	10	13
	ACRES				4,399	5	79,032	83,436
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		20		3		2	25
	ACRES		735		1		920	1,656
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				5			5
	ACRES				102			102
TOTAL	FIRES	0	24	0	23	1	19	67
	ACRES	0	736	0	27,297	5	79,978	108,016

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### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	2	0	514	26,784
Yukon Territory	0	0	63	111,117
Alberta	0	0	999	59,882
Northwest Territory	0	433	106	8,750
Saskatchewan	8	0	150	65,142
Manitoba	5	5,309	123	12,088
Ontario	13	7	471	15,496
Quebec	3	460	537	653,705
Newfoundland	3	5	104	2,710
New Brunswick	1	0	214	247
Nova Scotia	0	0	220	501
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	14,000	48	34,039
Total	35	20,214	3,549	990,461

### 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	21	13		1	6	5			100	71
Northwest	8	8	16	23	3	5			45	171
Northern California	4		11		3					
Southern California	8	54	20	80	8	7			23	145
Northern Rockies			1							
Eastern Great Basin	4		11	3	2	2			1	
Western Great Basin	16	3	8	3	2	4			114	66
Southwest	24	1	28	13	5	10			332	154
Rocky Mountain	9	3	15	23	4				83	15
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area	2	1	3	14	1	2			6	41
Total	96	83	113	160	34	35	0	0	707	663

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