

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2005 0800 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 117 fires reported. Five new large fires were reported, two each in the Southwest and Southern California Areas, and one in the Rocky Mountain Area. Four large fires were contained, one in the Southwest Area and three in the Southern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, 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 was observed.

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 mixed conifer, ponderosa pine, aspen and dead and down fuel. Moderate intensity fire activity with occasional torching was observed.

FLORIDA, Coronado National Forest. This fire is 36 miles south of Tuscon, AZ in mixed conifer with heavy ground fuels. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. Short uphill runs with torching and spotting were reported.

EMPIRE, Safford Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 40 miles northwest of Sierra Vista, AZ in tall grass. One structure is threatened. The fire was wind-driven to the east. Burn out operations were successful.

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 remains closed. Isolated torching, creeping and short-range spotting were reported. Crews made good progress containing several spot fires.

AGRO, Arizona State. This fire is five miles south of Aguila, AZ in brush and grass. Highway 60 was closed for two hours. No further information was received.

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	492	6	8	5	11	16.7M	N/A
DRAGON COMPLEX - WFU	AZ	GCP	3,059	N/A	N/A	72	0	1	1	0	505K	NPS
FLORIDA	AZ	CNF	100	0	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
EMPIRE	AZ	SAD	600	60	7/9	75	3	7	0	0	77K	BLM
OSHA PARK	NM	CAF	198	NR	7/11	303	10	6	3	0	NR	FS
AGRO	AZ	AZS	1,300	50	UNK	0	0	0	0	3	NR	ST
NORTH GILA COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	20,404	N/A	N/A	114	3	1	0	0	1.5M	FS
BLACK RANGE COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	64,523	N/A	N/A	56	3	3	1	0	1.1M	FS
EAGLE EYE	AZ	AZS	1,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

GNF = Gila National Forest

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

MASON, Pike San Isabel National Forest and Grasslands. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This fire is two miles south of Wetmore, CO in timber and heavy brush. The Greenwood Village subdivision has been evacuated. Structure protection is in place. High winds associated with thunderstorms caused significant crown runs in mixed conifer and heavy brush.

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 runs, spotting, active flanking and backing fire were reported.

PACK TRAIL, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This fire is burning 10 miles west of Meeker, CO in timber litter, brush and hardwood slash. Independent crown runs, 100 foot flame lengths and spotting up to a quarter mile ahead of the fire were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MASON	CO	PSF	1,500	1	7/12	239	3	38	4	0	NR	FS
RIO BLANCO - WFU	CO	SJF	1,182	N/A	N/A	77	3	0	2	0	210K	FS
PACK TRAIL WFU	CO	WRD	250	N/A	N/A	20	0	1	2	0	NR	BLM

## 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 northwest 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	75	7/10	649	17	16	6	0	3.67M	BLM

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

SPRING, Kern County Fire Department. This fire is eight miles southwest of Lebec, CA in brush and tall grass. The community of Lebec, grazing lands, and commercial structures at Tejon Ranch headquarters are threatened. Moderate rates of spread and short-range spotting were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SPRING	CA	KRN	700	20	UNK	42	2	1	1	0	NR	ST
YORBA LINDA	CA	ORC	1,078	100	---	558	20	20	0	0	2.6M	PRI
ELWOOD	CA	FKU	252	100	---	515	2	5	0	0	NR	ST
MILLWOOD	CA	TUU	2,842	100	---	117	8	15	0	0	NR	ST

ORC = Orange County Fire Department      FKU = Fresno-Kings Unit, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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

## SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE DENNIS PREPAREDNESS, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Two Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Quesinberry and Custer) are staged in Homestead and Tallahassee, FL. A staging area for relief supplies is being established at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee. A third Type 1 Incident Management Team (Feser) has been ordered and will stage at Maxwell Air Force Base, AL.

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. Crews conducted successful burn-out operations. Air support assisted in securing firelines.

CHINATI, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land 35 miles southwest of Marfa, TX in grass and juniper. Progress is being made towards containment. No active fire was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
THREE POINTS	TX	TXS	7,648	75	UNK	118	3	3	3	0	172K	PRI
CHINATI	TX	TXS	5,000	50	UNK	11	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI

#### 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. Minimal fire activity was reported.

CHAPMAN CREEK, Alaska Fire Service, Northern Field Office. This fire is eight miles south of Coldfoot, AK in black spruce and tundra. Torching and running were reported on the south side of the fire early in the day. Otherwise fire activity was minimal.

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. Interior islands continue to burn out. Smoldering and creeping were reported in the northern portion.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
KING COUNTY CREEK	AK	KKS	10,131	97	7/13	243	9	0	5	0	2.55M	FWS
CHAPMAN CREEK	AK	NOD	160,000	20	UNK	99	3	1	3	0	2.11M	BLM
SHEENJEK RIVER	AK	UYD	107,240	55	UNK	45	2	0	2	0	3.74M	FWS

#### NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

SECOND HUD, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Berndt/Lafave) is assigned. This fire is six miles northeast of Omak, WA in grass, brush and scattered timber. Timber, wildlife habitat, a watershed and cultural resources are threatened. 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	4,274	90	7/9	430	13	13	3	0	1.16M	BIA

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** A cold front moving through the Pacific Northwest and Idaho will bring gusty winds to portions of the Great Basin. A low pressure trough over Alaska will continue to produce scattered showers for much of the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southwest</b> Mostly sunny, hot, very dry and breezy Arizona and western New Mexico. Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Widely scattered dry thunderstorms western New Mexico and eastern Arizona.	Mountains: 70 to 90. Lower elevations: 90 to 110.	Arizona eastward to New Mexico central mountains: 3 to 15%. Eastern New Mexico and west Texas: 15 to 40%.	West to southwest 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 25 mph in Arizona and far western New Mexico. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph eastern half of New Mexico and west Texas.
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Increasing clouds from the northwest with a slight chance of showers near the Oregon border. Sunny in the south and east.	North Valleys: 73 to 90. South Valleys: 90 to 112. Mountains: 74 to 94.	North Valleys: 17 to 25%. South Valleys: 5 to 10%. Mountains: 10 to 33%.	North: southwest 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 35 mph. South: 5 to 10 mph with afternoon gusts near 20 mph.
<b>Southern California</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	Mountains: 70 to 85. Valleys: 80 to 90. Upper deserts: 90 to 100. Lower deserts: 100 to 110.	20 to 40%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
<b>Alaska</b> Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms, mainly in the afternoon and evening.	60 s to mid-70 s.	30% or higher.	Variable 5 to 15 mph, mostly southwest to west.
<b>Eastern Great Basin</b> Partly cloudy with widely scattered to scattered thunderstorms western Idaho. Mostly sunny elsewhere.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 68 to 78. Valleys: 75 to 88. Northern Utah: Mountains: 75 to 85. Valleys: 88 to 100. Southern Utah and Arizona Strip: Mountains: 73 to 85. Valleys: 90 to 105. Southwest Utah and Arizona Strip: 100 to 112.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 25 to 40%. Valleys: 18 to 28%. Northern Utah: Mountains: 12 to 22%. Valleys: 4 to 15%. Southern Utah and Arizona Strip: Mountains: 9 to 12%. Valleys: 3 to 10%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West to southwest 8 to 15 mph. Northern Utah: South 10 to 15 mph west of Wasatch range, upslope/upvalley 3 to 6 mph east of Wasatch range. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: South to southwest 10 to 15 mph.
<b>Northern California</b> Partly cloudy with a chance of light showers in the far north.	Coastal areas: 60 s and 70 s. Inland: Upper 70 s to near 90.	Inland: 20 to 40%. Along the coast: 65% plus.	Southwest to west 6 to 15 mph. Southwest to west 8 to 18 with gusts 22 to 32 mph east of the Cascade/Sierra Nevada crest



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## **Dozer/Tractor Plow Operations**

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

- Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.
- Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.
- Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.
- Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.
- When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.
- Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.
- Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.
- Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.
- Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.
- Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook, Appendix A, for hand signals.)
- Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.
- Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.
- Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.
- Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.
- Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.
- Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.
- Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.
- Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.
- When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs		0	1		3	1	5
	ACRES		600	25,800		2,414	0	28,814
Northwest	FIREs	3				1	1	5
	ACRES	0				1	0	1
Northern California	FIREs	1	1			10		12
	ACRES	0	0			14		14
Southern California	FIREs	2				10	1	13
	ACRES	0				263	0	263
Northern Rockies	FIREs	2	1			2		5
	ACRES	1	0			52		53
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	3			4	1	9
	ACRES	1	13			7	1	22
Western Great Basin	FIREs		2			2	5	9
	ACRES		3			0	8	11
Southwest	FIREs	2	1			5	22	30
	ACRES	0	0			230	114	344
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	7				6	3	16
	ACRES	5				6	2	13
Eastern Area	FIREs						3	3
	ACRES						4	4
Southern Area	FIREs			4		6		10
	ACRES			7		8		15
TOTAL	FIREs	18	8	5	0	49	37	117
	ACRES	7	616	25,807	0	2,995	129	29,554

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	64	42	15	260	13	396
	ACRES	3	685,162	246,828	2,692	104,682	334	1,039,701
Northwest	FIRES	97	32	9	13	421	169	741
	ACRES	4,199	1,799	4,957	5	32,856	68	43,884
Northern California	FIRES	27	5	2	2	635	123	794
	ACRES	12	0	0	0	3,211	50	3,273
Southern California	FIRES	21	47	7	16	1,076	198	1,365
	ACRES	135	1,231	126	72,010	18,100	284	91,886
Northern Rockies	FIRES	311	10	16		159	74	570
	ACRES	4,594	186	913		1,704	1,332	8,729
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	11	226	3	15	186	89	530
	ACRES	819	108,212	21	208	5,641	885	115,786
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	138	8	15	18	22	203
	ACRES	3	850,082	6,572	50	21,685	115	878,507
Southwest	FIRES	1,121	152	12	29	1,748	641	3,703
	ACRES	14,013	132,186	9,249	281	48,991	295,975	500,695
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	185	166	19	14	222	146	752
	ACRES	2,821	482	172	10	14,996	1,749	20,230
Eastern Area	FIRES	549		33	42	7,594	432	8,650
	ACRES	7,086		1,721	947	54,715	7,678	72,147
Southern Area	FIRES	170		125	33	15,184	416	15,928
	ACRES	25,972		18,288	1,829	174,514	10,841	231,444
TOTAL	FIRES	2,496	840	276	194	27,503	2,323	33,632
	ACRES	59,657	1,779,340	288,847	78,032	481,095	319,311	3,006,282

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>45,300</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,846,859</b>

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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						1	1
	ACRES						6	6
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						29	29
Southern California	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES				75			75
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						40	40
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES			150				150
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						304	304
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	ACRES	0	150	0	75	0	379	604

**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		209	394
	ACRES	5,651	12,267	3,604	249		17,945	39,716
Northern California	FIRES	12	20	135	24		165	356
	ACRES	188	1,098	24,724	2,690		18,367	47,067
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	4	13		79	102
	ACRES	1,000	282	8	2,511		6,819	10,620
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	28	100	3	31	239	406
	ACRES	155	3,244	20,212	22	2,131	22,264	48,028
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	41,105	3,210	14,212		64,916	125,785
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	1,069	1,681
	ACRES	7,180		78,888	27,168	249,547	878,482	1,241,265
TOTAL	FIRES	143	249	1,029	146	1,476	2,258	5,301
	ACRES	37,728	75,225	221,729	61,597	321,880	1,075,362	1,793,521

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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				4,924	5	87,019	91,948
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		20		3		3	26
	ACRES		960		1		1,188	2,149
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs				5			5
	ACRES				102			102
TOTAL	FIREs	0	24	0	23	1	20	68
	ACRES	0	961	0	27,822	5	88,233	117,021

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### CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	16	514	26,800
Yukon Territory	0	0	63	111,117
Alberta	3	0	1,002	60,333
Northwest Territory	1	806	107	9,556
Saskatchewan	8	0	158	65,398
Manitoba	12	3,111	135	15,199
Ontario	7	4	478	15,500
Quebec	2	2	539	653,707
Newfoundland	1	0	105	2,710
New Brunswick	2	0	216	246
Nova Scotia	0	0	220	501
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	7	1,683	55	35,722
Total	43	5,622	3,592	996,789

### 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	8	12		1	5	5			68	68
Northwest	11	7	8	17		6			69	92
Northern California	6		11		3					
Southern California	2	21	8	21	4				2	87
Northern Rockies			3							
Eastern Great Basin	5		6	2	2	2				
Western Great Basin	17	3	8	8	2	4			111	63
Southwest	35	20	20	12	4	6			326	153
Rocky Mountain	10	4	16	77	12				79	19
Eastern Area										3
Southern Area	2	1	5	5	1	2			19	40
Total	96	68	85	143	33	25	0	0	677	522

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