

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2005 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 103 fires reported. Two new large fires were reported in the Southwest Area. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Western Great Basin, Southern California and Northwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, and Utah.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

RICCO, Black Hills National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Martin) is assigned. This fire is two miles south of Piedmont, SD in ponderosa pine, logging slash, hardwood litter and grass. The North and South High Meadows, Indian Hills, Little Elk Creek, Stagebarn and Peidmont subdivisions are threatened. Public access is restricted to Elk Mountain, Stagebarn and Lower High Meadows subdivisions. A voluntary evacuation order is in effect for Woodland and Rolling Hills subdivisions. Structure protection is in place. The South Stagebarn Canyon Botanical Area and archeological sites are threatened. Steep, rocky, inaccessible terrain is impeding containment efforts. Group torching and short crown runs associated with gusty winds were reported.

MASON, Pike San Isabel National Forest and Grasslands. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Krugman) has been ordered. This fire is two miles south of Wetmore, CO in timber, heavy brush and hardwood litter. The communities of Beulah, Greenwood, Bears Head Ranch, Siloam Road subdivision, and the Hamilton Ranch are threatened and have been evacuated. Structure protection is in place. National Forest campgrounds, a work center, recreational and scenic areas, and wildlife habitat are threatened. Several highways have been closed. Poor vehicle access, steep, broken terrain and drought stressed fuels are hampering containment efforts. Plume-dominated, long range spotting and flame lengths exceeding 150 feet 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 mixed conifer with oak understory. No new information was reported.

PACK TRAIL, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) has been ordered. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning 10 miles west of Meeker, CO in timber litter, brush and hardwood slash. Some interior torching was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
RICCO	SD	BKF	3,150	5	7/16	424	8	54	5	2	232K	FS
MASON	CO	PSF	8,000	5	UNK	423	8	24	5	0	1.08M	FS
RIO BLANCO - WFU	CO	SJF	1,182	N/A	N/A	115	4	0	2	0	375K	FS
PACK TRAIL WFU	CO	WRD	300	N/A	N/A	37	1	4	1	0	NR	BLM

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

CAVE CREEK COMPLEX, Tonto National Forest. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) to the local unit will occur today. This complex, comprised of the Lousy, Broad, and Cave Creek fires is six miles northeast of Carefree, AZ in chaparral and grass. Fire activity was minimal.

DRAGON COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Clark) is assigned. A transfer of command from Clark's Fire Use Management Team to Cones Fire Use Management Team will occur tomorrow. 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. Fire activity included occasional torching and short crown runs on exposed sites.

FLORIDA, Coronado National Forest. This fire is 36 miles south of Tucson, AZ in brush, timber litter and understory. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. Spotted Owl, migratory bird habitat and the Mt. Wrightson Wilderness area are threatened. Crowning, uphill runs and backing fire activity were reported.

FLUTED ROCK, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is five miles west of Sawmill, AZ in pinyon, juniper, sagebrush and grass. Crowning, torching and spot fires were reported.

COOPER, Gila National Forest. This fire is 20 miles east of Glenwood, NM in logging slash, timber litter and understory. Low to moderate fire activity was observed.

OSHA PARK, Carson National Forest. This fire is 10 miles east of Taos, NM in timber litter and understory. Watershed, timber and heritage resources are threatened. Forest Road 437 remains closed. Fire activity was minimal, characterized by creeping and smoldering.

NORTH GILA COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, which began on 5/30, and is comprised of the Fork and Johnson fires, is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The complex is 13 miles southeast of Reserve, NM in mixed conifer, grass and timber understory. The Fork fire reported backing fire activity and isolated torching. Creeping and smoldering were observed on the Johnson fire.

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	97	7/12	330	5	10	3	11	18M	N/A
DRAGON COMPLEX - WFU	AZ	GCP	4,525	N/A	N/A	93	1	1	1	0	NR	NPS
FLORIDA	AZ	CNF	820	0	UNK	490	14	2	5	0	695K	FS
FLUTED ROCK	AZ	NAO	226	20	7/11	27	1	5	0	0	NR	BIA
COOPER	NM	GNF	206	90	7/12	51	2	0	0	0	NR	FS
OSHA PARK	NM	CAF	198	95	7/11	113	4	4	0	0	NR	FS
NORTH GILA COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	20,553	N/A	N/A	80	2	1	0	0	1.7M	FS
BLACK RANGE COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	62,544	N/A	N/A	51	2	3	1	0	1.3M	FS

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE DENNIS PREPAREDNESS, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Custer) is relocating to Duke Field at Eglin Air Force Base. The Team will manage a receiving and distribution center. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Quesinberry) is enroute to Saufley Field at Naval Air Station, Pensacola FL. The Teams are working in cooperation with the Florida National Guard, the Army Corps of Engineers and FEMA. A third Type 1 Incident Management Team (Feser) is relocating to Maxwell Air Force Base, AL today.

THREE POINTS, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land 20 miles northwest of Ft. Davis, TX in pinyon, juniper and grass. Fire activity was minimal. Crews continue to mopup and patrol.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
THREE POINTS	TX	TXS	7,590	95	7/11	115	3	5	3	0	273K	PRI

WESTERN GREAT BASIN INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

MUD LAKE, Carson City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 50 miles south of Reno, NV in pinyon, juniper, brush and grass. The East Fork of the Carson River Wild and Scenic Area and winter deer range are threatened. Torching within interior islands of pinyon and juniper was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MUD LAKE	NV	CCD	580	70	7/12	239	9	10	3	0	300K	BLM
DELAMAR	NV	ELD	153,295	100	---	540	12	10	6	0	4.7M	BLM

ELD = Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

CHAPMAN CREEK, Alaska Fire Service, Tanana Zone. This fire is eight miles south of Coldfoot, AK in black spruce and tundra. No new information was reported.

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. No further information was received. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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CHAPMAN CREEK	AK	TAD	162,670	20	UNK	72	2	1	2	0	2.17M	BLM
SHEENJEK RIVER	AK	UYD	107,240	55	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	3.74M	FWS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NINE	CA	SQF	1,150	100	---	0	0	0	0	3	NR	FS

SQF = Sequoia National Forest

NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SECOND HUD	WA	COA	4,274	100	---	335	11	11	0	0	1.9M	BIA

COA = Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: The West will be warming up as high pressure begins to build over the area. Damp weather will continue over Alaska as low pressure systems remain over the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Rocky Mountain Scattered afternoon thunderstorms in the east, dry in the west. Isolated dry lightning over eastern Colorado.	Mid 80 s to lower 90 s. Western Colorado: 95. Mountains: 70 s.	Western Colorado: 5 to 15%. Wyoming and Colorado: 15 to 25%. Elsewhere: 25 to 35%.	Northerly 10 to 20 mph in eastern Colorado with variable winds 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.
Southwest Area 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 western New Mexico and eastern Arizona.	Mountains: 70 to 90. Lower elevations: 90 to 110.	Arizona eastward to the New Mexico central mountains: 3 to 15%. Eastern half of New Mexico and west Texas: 15 to 40%.	West to southwest 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 25 mph in Arizona. West to northwest 5 to 15 mph in western New Mexico. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph eastern half of New Mexico and west Texas.
Western Great Basin Mostly sunny and hot.	North Valleys: 85 to 100. South Valleys: 92 to 112. Mountains: 75 to 99.	North Valleys: 8 to 23%. South Valleys: 5 to 10%. Mountains: 7 to 30%.	Generally upslope / upvalley 5 to 15 mph.
Southern California Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms.	Mountains: 80 to 95. Valleys: 95 to 105. Upper deserts: 95 to 105. Lower deserts: 110 to 120.	20 to 40%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
Alaska Partly to mostly cloudy with some showers, especially in the morning. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms.	60 s to mid 70 s.	35% or higher.	Mostly southwest to west 5 to 15 mph with areas of 10 to 20 mph.
Eastern Great Basin Mostly sunny and warmer.	Idaho and Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 65 to 80. Valleys: 80 to 92. Northern Utah: Mountains: 68 to 80. Valleys: 83 to 96. Southern Utah and Arizona Strip: Mountains: 75 to 90. Valleys: 90 to 103. Deep southwest Utah and Arizona Strip: 105 to 115.	Idaho and Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 30 to 40%. Valleys: 17 to 30%. Northern Utah: Mountains: 20 to 30%. Valleys: 10 to 22%. Southern Utah and Arizona Strip: Mountains: 13 to 20%. Valleys: 6 to 13%.	Idaho and Bridger-Teton: Upslope/upvalley 4 to 8 mph. Northern Utah: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Southern Utah and Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.
Northern California Night and morning coastal fog and low clouds. Clear elsewhere.	Coastal areas: 60 s to low 80 s. Mountains: 70 s and 80 s. Inland valleys: 90 s to 105.	Coastal areas: 40 to 60%. Inland: 12 to 25%. East Side: 6 to 14%.	Northwest to northeast 3 to 9 mph with local gusts to 15 mph until midday, then southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph. Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph in coastal areas.



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BACKFIRING OR BURNOUT OPERATIONS

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	2		5		8
	ACRES		17,879	371		2,264		20,514
Northwest	FIRES	1				2	1	4
	ACRES	65				1	0	66
Northern California	FIRES	1				17	1	19
	ACRES	1				4	0	5
Southern California	FIRES					21	7	28
	ACRES					10	2	12
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		4			4	1	9
	ACRES		37			19	1	57
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0			1		1
	ACRES		98			8		106
Southwest	FIRES	3				1	6	10
	ACRES	0				7	197	204
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3			2	4	9
	ACRES		7			7	2,706	2,720
Eastern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					7		7
Southern Area	FIRES			4		3	1	8
	ACRES			8		705	1	714
TOTAL	FIRES	5	8	6	0	62	22	103
	ACRES	66	18,021	379	0	3,032	2,907	24,405

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	66	45	15	274	13	415
	ACRES	3	707,807	241,519	2,692	113,276	334	1,065,631
Northwest	FIRES	98	32	9	13	425	175	752
	ACRES	4,264	1,799	4,957	5	32,857	72	43,954
Northern California	FIRES	28	5	2	2	665	127	829
	ACRES	13	0	0	0	3,226	50	3,289
Southern California	FIRES	21	47	7	16	1,116	209	1,416
	ACRES	135	1,231	126	72,010	19,613	305	93,420
Northern Rockies	FIRES	313	11	16		166	77	583
	ACRES	4,594	186	913		1,713	1,332	8,738
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	12	226	3	16	197	93	547
	ACRES	875	111,606	21	218	5,772	881	119,373
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	142	8	15	19	23	209
	ACRES	3	850,695	6,572	50	21,693	115	879,128
Southwest	FIRES	1,131	158	12	30	1,759	680	3,770
	ACRES	14,016	132,254	9,249	281	49,097	296,816	501,713
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	188	172	19	14	235	157	785
	ACRES	2,886	492	172	10	15,006	4,474	23,040
Eastern Area	FIRES	549		33	42	7,603	433	8,660
	ACRES	7,086		1,721	947	54,721	7,680	72,155
Southern Area	FIRES	170		131	33	15,234	417	15,985
	ACRES	25,972		18,312	1,829	190,611	10,842	247,566
TOTAL	FIRES	2,514	859	285	196	27,693	2,404	33,951
	ACRES	59,847	1,806,070	283,562	78,042	507,585	322,901	3,058,007

Ten Year Average Fires	45,860
Ten Year Average Acres	1,928,912

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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						40	40
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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	40	40

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		166	357
	ACRES	188	1,098	24,724	2,690		18,407	47,107
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	4	13		79	102
	ACRES	1,000	282	8	2,716		6,819	10,825
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	2,259	5,302
	ACRES	37,728	75,225	221,729	61,802	321,880	1,075,402	1,793,766

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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				23,474			23,474
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3			3
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						22	22
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				2		6	8
	ACRES				101		4	105
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES				2	1	10	13
	ACRES				6,448	5	85,449	91,902
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		20		3		3	26
	ACRES		1,010		1		1,189	2,200
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				5			5
	ACRES				102			102
TOTAL	FIRES	0	24	0	23	1	22	70
	ACRES	0	1,011	0	30,129	5	86,664	117,809

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	3	0	519	26,813
Yukon Territory	1	65	64	111,182
Alberta	7	0	1,011	60,337
Northwest Territory	0	0	112	9,574
Saskatchewan	40	0	208	96,016
Manitoba	10	4,804	171	21,076
Ontario	14	12	511	15,801
Quebec	10	0	553	660,630
Newfoundland	2	0	110	2,710
New Brunswick	0	0	216	246
Nova Scotia	0	0	220	501
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	55	33,652
Total	87	4,881	3,750	1,038,539

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	2	9				5			27	41
Northwest	10	8	2	15					46	55
Northern California	8		7		4					
Southern California	2	6	1	13	2	1			1	12
Northern Rockies			1							
Eastern Great Basin	2		8	1					1	
Western Great Basin	17	4	11	14	5	4			116	64
Southwest	26	5	15	11	8	3			306	146
Rocky Mountain	18	5	13	121	12	2			192	89
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area	2	1	5	9	2	2			43	35
Total	87	38	63	184	33	17	0	0	736	442

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