

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2005 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 128 fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, one each in the Southwest, Southern, Alaska and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Southwest, Western Great Basin and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, 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, and grass. North and South High Meadows, Indian Hills, Little Elk Creek, Stagebarn and Piedmont subdivisions remain threatened. Evacuation orders have been lifted for all communities except Lower High Meadows. Structure protection remains in place. The South Stagebarn Canyon Botanical Area and archeological sites remain threatened. Fire activity was limited to creeping and backing on the north and south portions of the fire. Small groups of trees burned more actively on the west side.

MASON, Pike San Isabel National Forest and Grasslands. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) to a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Krugman) will occur today. Mullenix's Team will remain to assist in community relations. This fire is two miles south of Wetmore, CO in timber, heavy brush and hardwood litter. The communities of Beulah, Bears Head Ranch, the Siloam Road subdivision, and Billingsly Ranch remain threatened and have been evacuated. Structure protection is in place. Greenwood subdivision residents have been allowed to return to their homes. Poor vehicle access, steep, broken terrain and drought stressed fuels continue to hamper containment efforts. Isolated torching, creeping and backing fire activity were reported.

PACK TRAIL, White River Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. 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. Creeping and isolated torching were observed.

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. The fire continues to burn out heavy fuels within the perimeter.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
RICCO	SD	BKF	3,158	40	7/16	559	12	53	5	2	300K	FS
MASON	CO	PSF	11,700	30	UNK	678	11	58	5	0	1.8M	FS
PACK TRAIL WFU	CO	WRD	300	N/A	N/A	33	0	1	1	0	NR	BLM
RIO BLANCO - WFU	CO	SJF	1,182	N/A	N/A	59	2	0	2	0	502K	FS

### **SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

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 remain threatened. Uphill runs and crowning were reported south of McCleary Peak, with backing fire activity on other portions of the fire.

DRAGON COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. A transfer of command from a Fire Use Management Team (Clark) to another Fire Use Management Team (Cones) will occur today. 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. Decreased winds reduced fire activity, with occasional torching reported.

NORTH GILA COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, 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 continues to back into Sheppard Canyon. Creeping, smoldering and isolated torching were observed on the Johnson fire.

FLUTED ROCK, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is five miles west of Sawmill, AZ in pinyon, juniper, sagebrush and grass. No new information was reported.

COOPER, Gila National Forest. This fire is 20 miles east of Glenwood, NM in logging slash, timber litter and understory. No new information was reported.

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. No further information was received.

SUNFLOWER, Apache-Stigreaves National Forest. This fire is 12 miles northeast of Clifton, AZ in pinyon, juniper, chaparral and grass. Creeping and smoldering were reported. The fire is being monitored from the air.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
FLORIDA	AZ	CNF	1,850	NR	7/15	677	16	15	6	0	1.53M	FS
DRAGON COMPLEX - WFU	AZ	GCP	5,547	N/A	N/A	103	1	1	2	0	654K	NPS
NORTH GILA COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	21,352	N/A	N/A	80	2	1	0	0	1.8M	FS
FLUTED ROCK	AZ	NAO	226	20	UNK	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	UNK	113	3	3	0	0	285	FS
SUNFLOWER	AZ	ASF	570	NR	7/31	1	0	0	0	0	0.5K	FS
BLACK RANGE COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	63,773	N/A	N/A	43	1	3	1	0	1.4M	FS
CAVE CREEK COMPLEX	AZ	TNF	248,310	100	---	199	2	6	3	11	18.3M	N/A

TNF = Tonto National Forest

### SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE DENNIS RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Custer) and a Florida State Type 1 All-Risk Incident Management Team (Koehler) are assigned to Duke Field at Eglin Air Force Base, FL. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Quesinberry) and a Florida State Type 1 All-Risk Incident Management Team (Hill) are assigned to Saufley Field at Pensacola Naval Air Station, FL. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Feser) is assigned to Maxwell Air Force Base, AL. The Teams are managing receiving and distribution centers in Florida and Alabama, and are working in cooperation with the National Guard, Army Corps of Engineers, American Red Cross, FEMA and the military.

ONION CREEK II, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land 18 miles southeast of Leakey, TX in tall grass. No further information was received.

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

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
ONION CREEK II	TX	TXS	600	60	7/12	8	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
THREE POINTS	TX	TXS	7,590	98	7/12	115	3	5	3	0	376K	PRI

## ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

IRISH CHANNEL, Kenai-Kodiak Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 20 miles southeast of Sterling, AK in hemlock, spruce, hardwoods, and deep timber litter. Smoldering and creeping with backing fire were reported. The fire is being monitored from the air.

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. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
IRISH CHANNEL	AK	KKS	188	NR	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	0	FWS
CHAPMAN CREEK	AK	TAD	162,670	20	UNK	72	2	1	2	0	2.17M	BLM

## WESTERN GREAT BASIN INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MUD LAKE	NV	CCD	580	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	450K	BLM

CCD = Carson City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

## 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
INDIAN RIDGE	ID	TFD	3,414	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

TFD = Twin Falls District, Bureau of Land Management

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** Strong high pressure will continue to build over the West. Over Alaska, a weak trough passing through the area will bring mostly cloudy skies along with some showers to portions of the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Scattered afternoon thunderstorms on the southeast plains, otherwise dry. Isolated dry lightning over the Colorado mountains.	Mainly 90 s. Eastern Colorado: lower to mid 80 s. Mountains: 70 s to mid 80 s.	Western Colorado: 5 to 15%. Wyoming: 12 to 25%. Elsewhere: 25-35%.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southwest</b> Mostly sunny, hot and very dry in Arizona. Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in eastern and central New Mexico and west Texas. Scattered dry thunderstorms western New Mexico and eastern Arizona.	Mountains: 70 to 90. Lower elevations: 90 to 112.	Arizona eastward to the Continental Divide: 3 to 15%. From the Continental Divide eastward: 15 to 40%.	West to northwest 5 to 15 mph with gusts to 20 mph from Arizona into the Divide region. Southeast to east winds 10 to 20 mph from the Continental Divide eastward into west Texas.
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Sunny with near record heat and a slight chance for a dry thunderstorm near the Sierra Nevada.	North valleys: 93 to 108. South valleys: 97 to 115. Mountains: 75 to 97.	North valleys: 5 to 22%. South valleys: 3 to 8%. Mountains: 8 to 25%.	Generally upslope / upvalley at 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Southern California</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog in the coastal areas, otherwise sunny. Becoming partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms over the mountains and deserts in the afternoon.	Mountains: 85 to 100. Valleys: 95 to 105. Upper deserts: 100 to 110. Lower deserts: 115 to 125.	15 to 30%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Alaska</b> Partly cloudy. Chance of showers in the northwest interior.	60 s to mid 70 s.	Most locations: 35% or higher.	Southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Eastern Great Basin</b> Mostly sunny and hot.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 72 to 85. Valleys: 87 to 99. Northern Utah: Mountains: 80 to 95. Valleys: 90 to 102. Southern Utah and the Arizona Strip: Mountains: 89 to 99. Valleys: 90 to 107. Deep southwest Utah and Arizona Strip: 105 to 117.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 11 to 28%. Valleys: 11 to 18%. Northern Utah: Mountains: 28 to 34%. Valleys: 9 to 25%. Southern Utah and the Arizona Strip: Mountains: 14 to 21%. Valleys: 8 to 14%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Upslope/upvalley 3 to 8 mph. Northern Utah: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Southern Utah and the Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.
<b>Northern California</b> Patchy night and morning coastal fog. Otherwise, mostly clear skies.	Coast: 65 to 80. Inland: 88 to 108.	Ranging from 30 to 50% on inland ridges and upper slopes to 65% plus on the coast and in sheltered drainage bottoms.	Northwest to northeast 3 to 10 mph in the morning hours, with local gusts in the Sacramento Valley to the teens. Afternoon sea breezes to 12 mph near the coast. Light slope winds elsewhere.



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

### **EXTENDED ATTACK**

After your initial sizeup of the fire and/or transfer of command from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in fire conditions.

- Do you have a current fire weather forecast for the fire location?
- Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
- Have you established a new organizational structure and communicated it to the other forces associated with the fire?
- Can you control the fire with the resources available (either on the incident or soon to be on the incident) under expected conditions?
- Have you developed a plan to attack the fire?
  - Direct or indirect
  - Anchor points
  - Escape routes
  - Head or flank attack
  - Priority areas
- Have you communicated this to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
- Can you see all of the fire area?
- Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
- Are escape routes established?
  - If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
- Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed?
- Will you contain the fire before the next operational period?
- Have you reported the status of the fire to dispatch?
- Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	0		5		5
	ACRES		3,172	1		4		3,177
Northwest	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES	2				16		18
	ACRES	1				1		2
Southern California	FIRES					14	4	18
	ACRES					5	0	5
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	4	1			1	10
	ACRES	5	18	0			1	24
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			1	1	5
	ACRES		4			1	15	20
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		1			0		1
Southwest	FIRES	6	8			3	4	21
	ACRES	10	5			1	23	39
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	6				6	3	15
	ACRES	1				205	9,205	9,411
Eastern Area	FIRES					20	1	21
	ACRES					9	1	10
Southern Area	FIRES			1		8		9
	ACRES			40		1,048		1,088
TOTAL	FIRES	18	16	2	0	75	17	128
	ACRES	17	3,200	41	0	1,274	9,245	13,777

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	66	45	15	279	13	420
	ACRES	3	710,979	241,519	2,692	113,278	334	1,068,805
Northwest	FIRES	98	33	9	13	425	178	756
	ACRES	4,264	1,801	4,957	5	32,857	75	43,959
Northern California	FIRES	30	5	2	2	681	127	847
	ACRES	14	0	0	0	3,227	50	3,291
Southern California	FIRES	21	47	7	16	1,130	213	1,434
	ACRES	135	1,231	126	72,010	20,960	305	94,767
Northern Rockies	FIRES	317	15	17		204	78	631
	ACRES	4,599	204	913		2,070	1,333	9,119
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	12	229	3	16	198	94	552
	ACRES	875	111,610	21	218	5,773	896	119,393
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	143	8	15	20	23	211
	ACRES	3	850,696	6,572	50	21,693	115	879,129
Southwest	FIRES	1,138	167	12	30	1,767	600	3,714
	ACRES	14,071	132,859	9,249	281	49,129	295,739	501,328
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	194	172	19	14	241	160	800
	ACRES	2,887	492	172	10	15,211	13,679	32,451
Eastern Area	FIRES	549		33	44	7,633	436	8,695
	ACRES	7,086		1,721	948	54,732	7,732	72,219
Southern Area	FIRES	170		131	33	15,242	417	15,993
	ACRES	25,972		18,312	1,829	191,659	10,842	248,614
TOTAL	FIRES	2,533	877	286	198	27,820	2,339	34,053
	ACRES	59,909	1,809,872	283,562	78,043	510,589	331,100	3,073,075

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>46,146</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,950,492</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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						23	23
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	23	23

**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	240	407
	ACRES	155	3,244	20,212	22	2,131	22,287	48,051
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	2,260	5,303
	ACRES	37,728	75,225	221,729	61,802	321,880	1,075,425	1,793,789

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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				24,057			24,057
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				7,470	5	85,796	93,271
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		20		3		3	26
	ACRES		1,010		1		1,208	2,219
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	31,734	5	87,030	119,780

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	3	4	522	26,817
Yukon Territory	0	0	64	111,182
Alberta	7	2	1,018	60,340
Northwest Territory	4	34	116	9,607
Saskatchewan	26	10,223	234	106,239
Manitoba	12	108	183	21,184
Ontario	6	3	517	15,805
Quebec	27	185	580	660,816
Newfoundland	1	150	111	2,860
New Brunswick	2	0	218	246
Nova Scotia	0	0	220	501
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	55	33,652
Total	88	10,709	3,838	1,049,248

**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							1	
Northwest	3	2	6	2					19	4
Northern California	6		4		1					
Southern California	1		1							
Northern Rockies			3							
Eastern Great Basin	1		5	1	2				1	
Western Great Basin	2		3	1						
Southwest	23	5	16	18	9	4			327	141
Rocky Mountain	21	6	7	156	11	3			241	115
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area	3	1	1	6	1	2			9	33
Total	60	16	46	184	24	9	0	0	602	293

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