

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2005 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 134 fires reported. Five new large fires were reported, two in the Southwest Area and one each in the Eastern Great Basin, Northwest and Alaska Areas. Three large fires were contained, two in the Southwest Area and one in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Washington.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

MASON, Pike San Isabel National Forest and Grasslands. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Krugman) is assigned. 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. Structure protection is in place. Poor vehicle access, steep, broken terrain and drought stressed fuels continue to hamper containment efforts. Creeping, isolated torching and backing fire activity were reported. Crews are making good progress towards containment on the south and southeast fire perimeter.

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. Evacuation orders have been lifted for all communities. The South Stagebarn Canyon Botanical Area and archeological sites remain threatened. Fire activity was limited to down slope creeping and backing. Interior islands continue to burn out.

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 reported.

RIO BLANCO, San Juan National Forest. A transfer of command from a Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenberg) to a fire use manager will occur tomorrow. 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. Minimal fire activity was reported. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MASON	CO	PSF	12,200	40	UNK	831	20	56	8	0	NR	FS
RICCO	SD	BKF	3,941	65	7/16	829	18	59	5	2	1.2M	FS
PACK TRAIL WFU	CO	WRD	300	N/A	N/A	31	0	1	1	0	11K	BLM
RIO BLANCO - WFU	CO	SJF	1,182	N/A	N/A	27	1	0	2	0	529K	FS

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

FLORIDA, Coronado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) has been ordered. This fire is 11 miles southeast of Green Valley, AZ in brush, timber litter and understory. Evacuations are in effect for Madera Canyon. Structure protection is in place for the community of Madera Canyon and the Florida Work Center. Spotted Owl, migratory bird habitat and the Mt. Wrightson Wilderness area remain threatened. High temperatures and a wind event caused substantial growth to the south and threatened additional structures. The fire made major runs to the northeast and west into Madera Canyon.

DRAGON COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Cones) 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. Fire activity increased. Short crown runs in brush and considerable torching in mixed conifer were 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 reported minimal fire activity. Ground fire with isolated torching was observed on the Johnson fire.

CRATER, Phoenix Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 18 miles northwest of Ajo, AZ in brush and grass. Access is limited on a military bombing range. Aerial resources are being utilized for suppression action. The incident is coordinating efforts with the military.

ROMINE, Chama District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is 22 miles east of Farmington, NM, in pinyon, juniper, sagebrush and grass. Several natural gas wells are threatened. Running fire activity was reported.

OSHA PARK, Carson National Forest. This fire is 10 miles east of Taos, NM in timber litter and understory. Fire activity was minimal.

SUNFLOWER, Apache-Sitgreaves 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 in confinement status and is being monitored from the air. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

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FLORIDA	AZ	CNF	6,000	NR	NR	732	17	20	6	0	2.28M	FS
DRAGON COMPLEX - WFU	AZ	GCP	5,984	N/A	N/A	109	1	1	2	0	713K	NPS
NORTH GILA COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	21,711	N/A	N/A	100	3	1	0	0	2.0M	FS
CRATER	AZ	PHD	900	30	7/13	29	1	3	0	0	NR	BLM
ROMINE	NM	N1S	200	NR	UNK	23	1	3	0	0	NR	ST
OSHA PARK	NM	CAF	198	95	7/14	53	2	3	0	0	350K	FS
SUNFLOWER	AZ	ASF	570	NR	7/31	1	0	0	0	0	0.5K	FS
BLACK RANGE COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	66,574	N/A	N/A	48	1	3	1	0	1.4M	FS
COOPER	NM	GNF	206	100	---	51	2	0	0	0	20K	FS
FLUTED ROCK	AZ	NAO	227	100	---	82	4	6	0	0	NR	BIA

NAO = Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs

### SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

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

ONION CREEK II, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land 18 miles southeast of Leakey, TX in tall grass. Shifting winds and rough terrain are hindering containment efforts. Moderate progress was made towards containment.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
ONION CREEK II	TX	TXS	600	90	UNK	50	0	13	0	0	NR	PRI
THREE POINTS	TX	TXS	7,590	100	---	49	1	0	1	0	401K	PRI

## **EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

DITTO, Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is nine miles south of Dugway, UT in sagebrush and cheatgrass. A historic Pony Express Station and a campground are threatened. Access is restricted in the Dugway Proving Ground due to bombing impact zone. Suppression action is being taken where the fire has burned onto BLM land. Fire whirls and rapid rates of spread were reported.

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DITTO	UT	SLD	9,000	40	7/13	40	0	8	1	0	NR	BLM

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

WEST OMAK LAKE, Colville Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is ten miles southeast of Omak, WA in timber grass and understory. Timber, range land and sensitive species habitat are threatened. Extreme fire behavior, uphill runs and spotting were reported.

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WEST OMAK LAKE	WA	COA	800	NR	UNK	125	2	15	2	0	NR	BIA

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

FOX CREEK, Kenai-Kodiak Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. This fire is 35 miles southeast of Soldotna, AK in beetle-killed spruce, hardwoods, timber litter and understory. Some torching with surface fire was observed. The fire is being monitored from the air.

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. Heavy fuel pockets are actively burning, with creeping and smoldering in the understory. This fire will be managed under a Wildland Fire Use strategy. This will be the last narrative report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
FOX CREEK	AK	KKS	910	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	ST
IRISH CHANNEL	AK	KKS	311	NR	UNK	1	0	0	0	0	0	FWS

## OUTLOOK:

**Fire Weather Watch:** For northeast Wyoming and the Black Hills for winds, low relative humidity and hot temperatures.

**Weather Discussion:** Very hot weather is on tap for much of the West as a strong high is centered over the Great Basin. Moisture is gradually spreading into the Southwest and Great Basin for an increasing chance of thunderstorms. Unsettled weather is expected to continue in Alaska.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Rocky Mountain</b> Scattered afternoon thunderstorms in the southeast plains, otherwise dry. Isolated dry lightning over the southern Colorado mountains and the South Dakota Black Hills.	Mainly 90 s. Mountains: upper 70 s and 80 s.	Western Colorado and Wyoming: 5 to 15%. Black Hills and southeast Colorado: 15 to 20%.	Southeast 15 to 25 mph in northeast Wyoming and the Black Hills. Variable 5 to 15 mph elsewhere.
<b>Southwest</b> Mostly sunny, hot and very dry much of Arizona. Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms eastern, central New Mexico and west Texas. Scattered to numerous dry thunderstorms far western New Mexico into eastern, central and northern Arizona.	Mountains: 70 to 90. Lower elevations: 90 to 113.	Arizona eastward to the Continental Divide: 3 to 15%. From the Continental Divide eastward: 15 to 40%.	West to southwest 5 to 15 mph with gusts to 20 mph Arizona into the Divide region. Southeast to east winds 10 to 20 mph from the Continental Divide eastward into west Texas.
<b>Alaska</b> Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or isolated thunderstorms in the eastern interior.	60 s and 70 s.	35% or higher. Eastern interior: 22% to 32%.	West to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Eastern Great Basin</b> Mostly sunny and hot.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 74 to 88. Valleys: 92 to 102. Northern Utah: Mountains: 80 to 95. Valleys: 90 to 105. Southern Utah and the Arizona Strip: Mountains: 89 to 99. Valleys: 100 to 114. Deep southwest Utah and Arizona Strip: 112 to 118.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mountains: 18 to 25%. Valleys: 12 to 20%. Northern Utah: Mountains: 16 to 25%. Valleys: 8 to 16%. Southern Utah and the Arizona Strip: Mountains: 13 to 19%. Valleys: 6 to 13%.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Southwest 5 to 15 mph. Northern Utah: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph. Southern Utah and the Arizona Strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Western Great Basin</b> Mostly sunny in the central and southern portions, partly cloudy with a slight chance for a dry thunderstorm in the far west and isolated thunderstorms in the far north.	North valleys: 93 to 114. South valleys: 97 to 120. Mountains: 80 to 97.	North valleys: 5 to 22%. South valleys: 3 to 8%. Mountains: 8 to 22%.	Generally upslope / upvalley at 5 to 15 mph with southwesterly afternoon gusts to the low 20 s.
<b>Southern California</b> Areas of morning low clouds and fog in coastal areas, otherwise sunny in the morning. Becoming partly cloudy with isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly 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.	10 to 20%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Northern California</b> Patchy night and morning coastal fog. Otherwise mostly clear except a slight chance isolated p.m. thunderstorms southeast portion of the Area.	Coast: 65 to 80. Inland: 87 to 107.	Inland: 10 to 28%. Coast: 40%. Poor to fair overnight relative humidity recovery mid slope and above inland.	Northwest to northeast 3 to 10 mph in a.m. hours, with local Sacramento Valley gusts 15 to 20 mph. Afternoon sea breezes to 12 mph near the coast. Light slope type winds elsewhere.



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

**Topic of Choice**

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	1		2	4
	ACRES			512	100		0	612
Northwest	FIRES	3	2			1		6
	ACRES	700	0			11		711
Northern California	FIRES	2				17	3	22
	ACRES	2				9	1	12
Southern California	FIRES					12	1	13
	ACRES					203	0	203
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	1	1		2		5
	ACRES	1	3	250		0		254
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	1			4	2	8
	ACRES	20	9,004			2	2	9,028
Western Great Basin	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			5			0	5
Southwest	FIRES	2	3			6	14	25
	ACRES	45	806			210	1,535	2,596
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1		5	4	10
	ACRES			0		15	620	635
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	1	4	6
	ACRES				0	2	53	55
Southern Area	FIRES			1		30	2	33
	ACRES			1		175	37	213
TOTAL	FIRES	9	10	3	1	80	31	134
	ACRES	768	10,330	351	0	627	2,248	14,324

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	67	46	15	281	13	424
	ACRES	3	711,491	241,619	2,692	113,278	334	1,069,417
Northwest	FIRES	101	35	9	13	426	178	762
	ACRES	5,438	1,801	4,957	5	32,868	75	45,144
Northern California	FIRES	32	5	2	2	698	129	868
	ACRES	16	0	0	0	3,236	52	3,304
Southern California	FIRES	21	47	7	16	1,142	219	1,452
	ACRES	135	1,231	126	72,010	21,163	352	95,017
Northern Rockies	FIRES	318	16	18		215	78	645
	ACRES	4,600	207	1,163		2,171	1,333	9,474
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	13	230	3	16	204	96	562
	ACRES	895	111,598	21	218	5,830	898	119,460
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	144	8	15	20	24	213
	ACRES	3	850,701	6,572	50	21,693	115	879,134
Southwest	FIRES	1,138	170	12	30	1,773	613	3,736
	ACRES	14,070	133,665	9,249	281	49,339	297,273	503,877
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	194	173	19	14	246	164	810
	ACRES	2,887	492	172	10	15,226	14,299	33,086
Eastern Area	FIRES	549		33	45	7,718	440	8,785
	ACRES	7,086		1,721	948	54,860	7,785	72,400
Southern Area	FIRES	170		131	33	15,272	419	16,025
	ACRES	25,972		18,312	1,829	191,834	10,879	248,826
TOTAL	FIRES	2,540	887	288	199	27,995	2,373	34,282
	ACRES	61,105	1,811,186	283,912	78,043	511,498	333,395	3,079,139

<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			1				1
	ACRES			40				40
Northern California	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		3			30		33
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					2		2
	ACRES					893		893
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	1	0	0	3	5
	ACRES	0	3	40	0	0	923	966

**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	75	2		209	395
	ACRES	5,651	12,267	3,644	249		17,945	39,756
Northern California	FIRES	12	21	135	24		167	359
	ACRES	188	1,101	24,724	2,690		18,437	47,140
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	1,071	1,683
	ACRES	7,180		78,888	27,168	249,547	879,375	1,242,158
TOTAL	FIRES	143	250	1,030	146	1,476	2,263	5,308
	ACRES	37,728	75,228	221,769	61,802	321,880	1,076,348	1,794,755

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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	11	14
	ACRES				7,470	5	89,474	96,949
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		20		3		3	26
	ACRES		1,010		1		1,283	2,294
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				5			5
	ACRES				102			102
TOTAL	FIRES	0	24	0	23	1	23	71
	ACRES	0	1,011	0	31,734	5	90,783	123,533

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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	522	26,815
Yukon Territory	0	0	64	111,182
Alberta	18	10	1,036	60,350
Northwest Territory	5	711	121	10,318
Saskatchewan	17	20,075	251	126,314
Manitoba	5	10,296	188	31,480
Ontario	5	163	522	15,968
Quebec	20	781	600	661,596
Newfoundland	1	3	112	2,863
New Brunswick	4	1	222	247
Nova Scotia	0	0	220	501
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	350	55	34,002
Total	75	32,389	3,913	1,081,635

**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	2			26	
Northwest	7		10	23	2	2			98	4
Northern California	7		5		1					
Southern California	1									
Northern Rockies			7							
Eastern Great Basin	5		14		6				3	
Western Great Basin				1						
Southwest	28	5	22	18	8	2			268	109
Rocky Mountain	35	5	41	120	12	5			244	113
Eastern Area									4	
Southern Area	1		1	14	1				21	24
Total	84	12	100	176	31	11	0	0	664	250

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