

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2005 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 59 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, two in the Southern California Area and one in the Southwest Area. Two large fires were contained in the Southern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Kansas.

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

FORK, Gila National Forest. This lightning-caused (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is 13 miles southeast of Reserve, NM in timber and grass. Low to moderate fire intensity with active burning and occasional torching were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
FORK-WFU	NM	GNF	900	N/A	N/A	35	1	0	1	0	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

ELM, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Riverside Unit. This fire is two miles southeast of Cabazon, CA in grass. Excellent progress was made in line construction. Smoldering fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ELM	CA	RRU	300	75	6/4	281	12	12	1	0	470K
DOS AMIGOS	CA	MMU	1,232	100	---	63	0	13	2	0	NR
LEHIGH	CA	KRN	800	100	---	NR	4	5	2	0	NR

KRN = Kern County Fire Department

MMU = Merced-Mariposa Unit

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

UNIT 4-05-01, Sabine National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is seven miles south of Hackberry, LA in grass. A burn out operation is planned for today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
UNIT 4-05-01	LA	SBR	8,469	85	6/4	15	0	3	1	0	10K

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: A weak ridge of high pressure will move through the intermountain West in advance of a strong trough of low pressure moving into the Pacific Northwest. In Alaska, a broad trough of low pressure both at the surface and aloft will stretch from the western Brooks Range in the northwest southeastward to the Alaskan Panhandle.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern California Morning, low clouds and fog coastal basins and lower coastal mountain slopes, otherwise mostly sunny.	65 to 75 mountains. 70 to 85 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	20 to 35%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph.
Western Great Basin Mostly sunny skies.	North Valleys: 68 to 84. South Valleys: 84 to 98. Mountains: 59 to 79.	North Valleys: 10 to 30%. South Valleys: 9 to 14%. Mountains: 15 to 35%.	West at 10 to 15 along the Sierra Front. Upslope/Upvalley elsewhere.
Southwest Partly to mostly sunny, breezy and seasonably cool. Slight chance for showers and thunderstorms northeast AZ, far northern NM and west TX.	55 to 75 mountains. 75 to 95 lower elevations.	8 to 20% much of AZ, NM & southwest TX. 20 to 30% far northern NM and remainder of west TX.	W to SW 10 to 25 mph AZ and NM, S to SW 10 to 20 mph west TX.



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UNINFORMED ON STRATEGY, TACTICS OR HAZARDS

Firefighters who are uninformed on strategy, tactics or hazards are in conflict with Watchout Situation #5. Before going to the fireline, it is imperative that firefighters obtain information about strategies, tactics or hazards by asking themselves the following questions:

- Can communications be established to find out strategy, tactics or hazards? Discuss ways you might establish communications; for example, contacting someone who is already on the fire and asking them what tactics and strategies are working or not working, what hazards they have witnessed, etc.
- Can scouting safely identify potential hazards? Talk about different methods of scouting a fire (e.g., using a lookout from your crew or sending a line scout ahead, utilizing air attack or the spotter on a smokejumper airplane). Discuss what types of hazards you might come across and ways you would mitigate them. For example, arriving at a fire after dark and a being instructed to dig line downhill with the fire below. How could you make this a safe situation?
- Have strategy, tactics or hazards changed since last informed? Discuss situations that might alter the way you are fighting a fire (e.g., wind shifts, resources you expected don't arrive, etc.). Also, think about what new hazards can develop while you are on the fireline (e.g., roots burning out and trees coming down, winds shifting direction and speed, etc.)
- Can you get a briefing from your supervisor? Talk about the importance of constant communications and ensuring firefighters are on the same page with strategies and tactics. For example, if one crew decides to do a burnout, but doesn't let the crew at the other end of the line know what they are doing, then what can happen?
- To reduce the risks:
 - Post lookouts.
 - Determine escape routes and establish safety zones.
 - Consider retreating until you are informed.
 - Don't leave a staging area or operational briefing until you have all the pertinent information. Emphasize ways to inform firefighters about strategies, tactics and hazards. Tell a story about when you were uninformed and what you did to correct the situation so that you were safe.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					1,427		1,427
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					2		2
Southern California	FIRES				14	2		16
	ACRES				489	2		491
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	1					1	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		10			2	3	15
	ACRES		205			0	1	206
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		2,912					2,912
Southwest	FIRES		2			5	2	9
	ACRES		0			123	1	124
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2			1	4		7
	ACRES	0			3	1		4
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES	1		0		1		2
	ACRES	1		4,443		0		4,444
TOTAL	FIRES	4	15	0	1	30	9	59
	ACRES	2	3,117	4,443	3	2,041	7	9,613

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	6	5		151	10	175
	ACRES	3	1,708	269		19,268	320	21,568
Northwest	FIRES	30	19	5	2	92	72	220
	ACRES	142	12	8	3	172	45	382
Northern California	FIRES					219	51	270
	ACRES					69	34	103
Southern California	FIRES	3	19	2	4	422	87	537
	ACRES	2	538	0	2	2,378	25	2,945
Northern Rockies	FIRES	249	3	15		101	30	398
	ACRES	4,560	136	673		1,261	1,299	7,929
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	28		3	25	18	76
	ACRES	810	213		1	239	1	1,264
Western Great Basin	FIRES		27	2	5	3	2	39
	ACRES		3,288	70	11	0	1	3,370
Southwest	FIRES	527	156	5	8	416	222	1,334
	ACRES	7,162	9,352	9,001	30	35,476	19,124	80,145
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	113	23	15	3	103	35	292
	ACRES	2,669	74	157	6	14,859	1,616	19,381
Eastern Area	FIRES	496		28	31	6,668	380	7,603
	ACRES	7,052		1,518	940	53,867	7,463	70,840
Southern Area	FIRES	157		73	9	13,745	395	14,379
	ACRES	25,677		14,191	149	147,726	10,462	198,205
TOTAL	FIRES	1,580	281	150	65	21,945	1,302	25,323
	ACRES	48,077	15,321	25,887	1,142	275,315	40,390	406,132

Ten Year Average Fires	35,586
Ten Year Average Acres	810,879

*** 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						2	2
	ACRES						205	205
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						751	751
Southern California	FIRES		1				0	1
	ACRES		150				155	305
Northern Rockies	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						7	7
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						35	35
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	0						0
	ACRES	300						300
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						34	34
Southern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					3,000	400	3,400
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	1	15	17
	ACRES	300	150	0	0	3,000	1,587	5,037

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	89	33	2		174	316
	ACRES	5,651	11,549	2,054	249		10,581	30,084
Northern California	FIRES	12	17	120	22		139	310
	ACRES	188	732	22,501	1,502		14,587	39,510
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	4	6		59	75
	ACRES	1,000	623	8	1,502		2,990	6,123
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	28	88	3	30	226	378
	ACRES	135	3,244	18,357	22	1,999	21,980	45,737
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	14	4	1	10	30	60
	ACRES	1	4,774	711	11	128	5,688	11,313
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	10			2	17
	ACRES		106	2,711			2,775	5,592
Southwest	FIRES	7	26	2	7		210	252
	ACRES	1,256	23,498	3,210	12,175		56,388	96,527
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	37	99	14	16	100	295
	ACRES	3,709	9,907	20,099	10,312	2,501	28,627	75,155
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		402	34	1,017	133	1,622
	ACRES	17,502		63,702	4,422	66,251	25,481	177,358
Southern Area	FIRES	34		141	35	353	1,015	1,578
	ACRES	7,180		78,220	16,044	227,887	835,867	1,165,198
TOTAL	FIRES	141	221	903	124	1,430	2,088	4,907
	ACRES	36,622	54,433	211,573	46,239	299,392	1,004,964	1,653,223

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

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					0		0
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					4		4
	ACRES					942		942
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			1				1
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	5	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	942	943

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	6	3,793	404	30,664
Yukon Territory	0	0	13	27
Alberta	32	34	689	12,110
Northwest Territory	2	1,317	17	1,772
Saskatchewan	0	0	89	4,453
Manitoba	1	1	64	1,055
Ontario	8	16	259	1,849
Quebec	12	103,411	366	141,841
Newfoundland	6	190	50	910
New Brunswick	3	0	179	235
Nova Scotia	4	1	182	470
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	2	21	48
Total	76	108,765	2,333	195,434

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										
Northwest	1		10						5	
Northern California										
Southern California	2	12	7	20		3			1	14
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	2		21	4	1			1		
Western Great Basin	2		3							
Southwest	1				1				4	
Rocky Mountain			6							
Eastern Area			1						6	
Southern Area			3			1			7	
Total	8	12	51	24	2	4	0	1	23	14

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