

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2005 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 195 new fires reported. Four new large fires were reported, two in the Alaska Area, and one each in the Southwest and Northwest Areas. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Northwest and Eastern Great Basin Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Oregon, Washington, California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Kansas.

ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

SHEENJEK RIVER, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 23 miles north of Ft. Yukon, AK in birch, aspen, black and white spruce. Cabins and outbuildings remain threatened. Use of aerial resources and natural boundaries are enabling containment efforts. Active runs in brush and hardwoods, along with torching and crowning were reported.

DISCOVERY, Alaska Division of Forestry, Southwest Area. This fire is ten miles southwest of Aniak, AK in black spruce and tundra. Running and torching with some open flames was reported.

GROUNDHOG, Alaska Division of Forestry, Southwest Area. This fire is ten miles northwest of Nondalton, AK in timber and tundra. Running and torching with occasional spotting was reported.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD | ORIGIN OWN |
|----------------|----|------|--------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|------------|
| SHEENJEK RIVER | AK | UYD | 15,552 | 10 | UNK | 167 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 110K | FWS |
| DISCOVERY | AK | SWS | 150 | NR | UNK | 32 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | NR | ST |
| GROUNDHOG | AK | SWS | 100 | NR | UNK | 50 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | NR | ST |

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

THEBA, Arizona State. This fire is four miles west of Gila Bend in grass. Burn-out operations were conducted. Active fire behavior was 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 13 miles southeast of Reserve, NM in timber and grass. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Low to moderate fire behavior was observed.

BLACK RANGE COMPLEX, Gila National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Bull and Continental fires, is 35 miles east of Glenwood, NM in timber and grass. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Moderate fire behavior along with some spotting, smalls runs and occasional torching was reported.

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD | ORIGIN OWN |
|---------------------------|----|------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|------------|
| THEBA | AZ | AZS | 1,000 | 30 | 6/18 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 18K | ST |
| NORTH GILA COMPLEX - WFU | NM | GNF | 7,365 | N/A | N/A | 90 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 299K | FS |
| BLACK RANGE COMPLEX - WFU | NM | GNF | 5,122 | N/A | N/A | 42 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | NR | FS |

NORTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

| INCIDENT NAME | ST | UNIT | SIZE | % CTN | EST CTN | TOTL PERS | CRW | ENG | HELI | STRC LOST | \$\$\$ CTD | ORIGIN OWN |
|---------------|----|------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|------------|
| HAMMER | WA | BCY | 1,000 | 100 | --- | 70 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 | NR | CNTY |

BCY = Benton County Emergency Services

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 |
|---------------|----|------|------|-------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 3 ISLAND | ID | TFD | 319 | 100 | --- | NR | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | NR | BLM |

TFD = Twin Falls District, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

Fire Weather Watches: Fire Weather Watch in Effect From Saturday Morning to Saturday Evening for High Winds Over Portions of the Northern and Central Interior and the North Slopes of the Alaska Range. Saturday for east-central and southern Nevada for strong winds and low RH. Northwest quarter of Arizona for strong winds and low humidity

Weather Discussion: The combination of an upper low off the coast and a high pressure ridge along the Rockies will continue to produce gusty winds and low humidity over portions of the Great Basin and Arizona. In Alaska, an upper low moving in from the west will produce gusty winds over portions of the interior and Alaska Range.

| Geographic Area Weather | High Temperatures | Minimum Relative Humidity | Wind |
|---|---|--|--|
| Southwest Breezy to locally windy and dry AZ and NM. Continued hot in NM and west TX, with mostly sunny skies area-wide. | 65 to 90 mountains. 90 to 105 lower elevations. | 3 to 15% NM and eastern AZ. 10 to 25% western AZ and west TX. | SW 10 to 20 mph AZ & NM, with gusts to 30 to 35 mph parts of AZ and western NM. S 10 to 20 mp across west TX. |
| Alaska Interior Partly cloudy with increasing clouds in the west. | 60s and 70s. | 25 to 40%. | East to northeast winds gusting to 25 mph in the north. South to southeast winds 15 to 25 gusting to 25 mph on the north slopes of the Alaska Range. |
| Western Great Basin Partly to mostly sunny with gusty southwest winds. An isolated shower is possible across the Sierra Nevada s. | North Valleys: 66 to 82. South Valleys: 76 to 96. Mountains: 56 to 76. | North Valleys: 15 to 25%. South Valleys: 8 to 18%. Mountains: 15 to 50%. | Southwest 5 to 20 mph with gusts 30 to 45 mph.across the south and east. |
| Southern California Morning low clouds and fog to the coastal mountain slopes; scattered showers in the north portion of Central California; otherwise partly cloudy. | 55 to 70 mountains. 70 to 82 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts. | 25 to 40%. | Southwest to west 10 to 20 mph. |



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and downslope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
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- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.
- To reduce the risks:
 - If the answer is “no” to any of these questions, consider other tactics and provide for safety first.
 - Never compromise escape routes to safety zones for the sake of building line. Remind everyone that a situation check is each and every firefighter’s right and responsibility.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska | FIRES | | 14 | 6 | 1 | 3 | | 24 |
| | ACRES | | 616 | 1,875 | 70 | 856 | | 3,417 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 1 | | | | | 2 | 3 |
| | ACRES | 1 | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | | | 4 | | 4 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 0 | | 0 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | | | | 18 | | 18 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 54 | | 54 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | | 4 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 1 | | | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | ACRES | | 25 | | | 1 | 0 | 26 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 116 | | | | 5 | 1 | 122 |
| | ACRES | 180 | | | | 1,008 | 30 | 1,218 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | 2 | | 10 | | 12 |
| | ACRES | | | 51 | | 10 | | 61 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 118 | 16 | 8 | 1 | 44 | 8 | 195 |
| | ACRES | 181 | 642 | 1,926 | 70 | 1,931 | 32 | 4,782 |

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

| AREA | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| Alaska | FIRES | 2 | 38 | 28 | 5 | 194 | 10 | 277 |
| | ACRES | 3 | 28,057 | 21,471 | 577 | 21,186 | 320 | 71,614 |
| Northwest | FIRES | 37 | 24 | 6 | 4 | 108 | 85 | 264 |
| | ACRES | 145 | 12 | 9 | 4 | 176 | 49 | 395 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | 1 | | 342 | 69 | 412 |
| | ACRES | | | 0 | | 1,967 | 38 | 2,005 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 7 | 26 | 3 | 7 | 627 | 114 | 784 |
| | ACRES | 9 | 1,074 | 15 | 3 | 9,343 | 37 | 10,481 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 258 | 3 | 15 | | 109 | 41 | 426 |
| | ACRES | 4,562 | 136 | 673 | | 1,267 | 1,303 | 7,941 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 4 | 53 | | 10 | 70 | 21 | 158 |
| | ACRES | 811 | 19,823 | | 1 | 1,983 | 3 | 22,621 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | 1 | 56 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 82 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 10,301 | 70 | 12 | 21,016 | 1 | 31,400 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 748 | 63 | 8 | 11 | 617 | 309 | 1,756 |
| | ACRES | 7,488 | 12,474 | 9,037 | 33 | 37,460 | 19,407 | 85,899 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 121 | 41 | 17 | 6 | 113 | 70 | 368 |
| | ACRES | 2,679 | 80 | 157 | 9 | 14,865 | 1,628 | 19,418 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 496 | | 30 | 33 | 7,130 | 403 | 8,092 |
| | ACRES | 7,052 | | 1,693 | 940 | 54,403 | 7,590 | 71,678 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 159 | | 78 | 9 | 13,972 | 397 | 14,615 |
| | ACRES | 25,807 | | 16,820 | 149 | 148,916 | 10,469 | 202,161 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 1,833 | 304 | 188 | 92 | 23,292 | 1,525 | 27,234 |
| | ACRES | 48,556 | 71,957 | 49,945 | 1,728 | 312,582 | 40,845 | 525,613 |

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| Ten Year Average Fires | 38,127 |
| Ten Year Average Acres | 912,517 |

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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 | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Northern California | FIRES | | | 1 | | | 2 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | 75 | | | 137 | 212 |
| Southern California | FIRES | | 1 | | | | 0 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | 60 | | | | 2 | 62 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 20 | 20 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | 189 | 189 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | 0 | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | 2,000 | | | | | 2,000 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | 1 | | 4 | 5 |
| | ACRES | | | | 215 | | 1,091 | 1,306 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 12 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 2,060 | 75 | 215 | 0 | 1,440 | 3,790 |

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 | 33 | 2 | | 190 | 334 |
| | ACRES | 5,651 | 12,267 | 2,054 | 249 | | 17,641 | 37,862 |
| Northern California | FIRES | 12 | 17 | 133 | 23 | | 160 | 345 |
| | ACRES | 188 | 732 | 24,624 | 2,217 | | 17,475 | 45,236 |
| Southern California | FIRES | 1 | 6 | 4 | 9 | | 69 | 89 |
| | ACRES | 1,000 | 683 | 8 | 1,991 | | 5,042 | 8,724 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | 3 | 28 | 90 | 3 | 31 | 231 | 386 |
| | ACRES | 135 | 3,244 | 18,457 | 22 | 2,131 | 22,085 | 46,074 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | 1 | 16 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 37 | 69 |
| | ACRES | 1 | 6,944 | 711 | 11 | 128 | 7,785 | 15,580 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | 5 | 10 | | | 2 | 17 |
| | ACRES | | 106 | 2,711 | | | 2,775 | 5,592 |
| Southwest | FIRES | 8 | 29 | 2 | 8 | | 223 | 270 |
| | ACRES | 3,062 | 33,298 | 3,210 | 13,711 | | 64,016 | 117,297 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | 29 | 38 | 99 | 14 | 16 | 100 | 296 |
| | ACRES | 3,709 | 10,074 | 20,099 | 10,312 | 2,501 | 28,629 | 75,324 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 36 | | 422 | 34 | 1,022 | 132 | 1,646 |
| | ACRES | 17,502 | | 65,213 | 4,422 | 66,867 | 25,442 | 179,446 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 34 | | 142 | 37 | 380 | 1,034 | 1,627 |
| | ACRES | 7,180 | | 78,410 | 22,759 | 246,818 | 846,141 | 1,201,308 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 142 | 230 | 939 | 131 | 1,463 | 2,178 | 5,083 |
| | ACRES | 38,428 | 67,348 | 215,497 | 55,694 | 319,071 | 1,037,031 | 1,733,069 |

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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 | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Northern Rockies | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Eastern Great Basin | FIRES | | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| | ACRES | | | | 0 | | 2 | 2 |
| Western Great Basin | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southwest | FIRES | | | | 1 | 1 | 8 | 10 |
| | ACRES | | | | 1,870 | 5 | 11,880 | 13,755 |
| Rocky Mountain | FIRES | | 4 | | 1 | | 1 | 6 |
| | ACRES | | 1 | | 1 | | 0 | 2 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| | ACRES | | | | | | | 0 |
| TOTAL | FIRES | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 20 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1,873 | 5 | 11,882 | 13,761 |

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

| PROVINCES | FIRES YESTERDAY | HECTARES YESTERDAY | FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE | HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| British Columbia | 4 | 2 | 432 | 26,712 |
| Yukon Territory | 4 | 3,998 | 31 | 4,091 |
| Alberta | 1 | 50 | 841 | 58,042 |
| Northwest Territory | 0 | 0 | 44 | 7,131 |
| Saskatchewan | 0 | 0 | 112 | 29,665 |
| Manitoba | 1 | 770 | 76 | 2,062 |
| Ontario | 0 | 1 | 303 | 1,748 |
| Quebec | 0 | 16,467 | 436 | 607,531 |
| Newfoundland | 0 | 0 | 75 | 2,514 |
| New Brunswick | 0 | 0 | 196 | 203 |
| Nova Scotia | 3 | 0 | 196 | 488 |
| Prince Edward Island | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| National Parks | 0 | 0 | 36 | 14,909 |
| Total | 13 | 21,288 | 2,778 | 755,096 |

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 | 7 | 6 | | | 3 | 2 | | | 62 | 44 |
| Northwest | 1 | | 10 | 15 | | | | | 13 | 3 |
| Northern California | | | 9 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Southern California | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Northern Rockies | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eastern Great Basin | 1 | | 15 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Western Great Basin | 1 | | 3 | | 1 | | | | | |
| Southwest | 4 | | 7 | 6 | 1 | | | | 52 | 1 |
| Rocky Mountain | | | 5 | | 1 | | | | 2 | |
| Eastern Area | | | 1 | | | | | | 9 | |
| Southern Area | 2 | | 4 | | 1 | | | | 5 | |
| Total | 18 | 8 | 59 | 24 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 143 | 48 |

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