

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**MONDAY, MAY 16, 2005 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Nationally, initial attack activity was light with 44 fires reported. Three new large fires were reported in the Southwest Area. Two large fires were contained in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Texas and Arizona.

**SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

GROWLER PEAK, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 20 miles west of Ajo, AZ in grass and shrub. Active burning with short runs was reported. No further information was reported.

BART, Tonto National Forest. This fire is seven miles northwest of Scottsdale, AZ in chaparral. Long range spotting was reported.

SALERO, Tucson District, Arizona State. This fire is eight miles northwest of Patagonia, AZ in grass, mesquite and scrub oak. Creeping was observed.

VULTURE, Phoenix Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 11 miles south of Wickenburg, AZ in grass. Long runs and large fire column were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GROWLER PEAK	AZ	CPR	7,500	0	5/15	17	0	4	1	0	NR
BART	AZ	TNF	4,000	0	UNK	107	3	8	2	0	35K
SALERO	AZ	A3S	400	3	5/18	NR	2	15	0	0	6K
VULTURE	AZ	PHD	450	80	5/16	23	1	0	0	0	NR
ST. CLAIR	AZ	TNF	1,920	100	---	26	1	2	1	0	130K
2000	AZ	PHD	1,934	100	---	10	0	2	0	0	NR

**ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

ISLAND LAKE, Tok Area Forestry. This fire is 45 miles southeast of Northway, AK in open black spruce and dry tundra. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. Some torching occurred, while overall fire activity diminished due to favorable weather conditions.

TRACY AVENUE, Kenai Kodiak Area Forestry. This fire is nine miles northeast of Homer, AK in timber. Burning in downed logs was reported.

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ISLAND LAKE	AK	TAS	1,300	35	5/22	191	12	15	3	0	570K
TRACY AVENUE	AK	KKS	5,400	96	5/16	37	2	0	1	1	1.35M

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** A low pressure system will be moving into the Great Basin and Northwest, while a ridge of high pressure continues over the Southwest. In Alaska, an upper low in the Gulf of Alaska will continue to spread some moisture into the southern and interior portions of the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southwest</b> Partly cloudy most areas. Breezy northern half of Arizona into far western NM. Isolated thunderstorms northern and eastern NM.	50s to 70s mountains. Upper 70s to low 80s most lower elevation areas but near 100 southern AZ deserts.	8 to 15% parts of southern and western AZ into southwestern NM, 25 to 40%+ mountains as well as eastern NM into west TX.	West 15 to 25 mph and gusty northern half of AZ and into far northwestern NM. SW 10 to 20 mph most other areas, but S to SE 10 to 20 mph eastern NM into west TX.



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

## CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT A SAFE ANCHOR POINT

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					356		356
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							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					3		3
	ACRES					2		2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES				33			33
	ACRES				280			280
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	41	3	44
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	636	2	638

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	1	1	1		102	3	108
	ACRES	0	2	0		8,083	319	8,404
Northwest	FIREs	26	12	5		72	28	143
	ACRES	141	11	8		153	30	343
Northern California	FIREs					121	28	149
	ACRES					36	25	61
Southern California	FIREs	1	5	2	1	192	22	223
	ACRES	2	10	0	1	547	5	565
Northern Rockies	FIREs	242	3	15		74	18	352
	ACRES	4,543	136	480		1,244	1,291	7,694
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	9			7	3	20
	ACRES	790	2			55	0	847
Western Great Basin	FIREs		10	2	3	2		17
	ACRES		14	70	6	0		90
Southwest	FIREs	116	32	5	4	199	94	450
	ACRES	5,820	3,152	9,001	9	20,915	2,251	41,148
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	37	11	13	2	87	19	169
	ACRES	2,427	11	148	3	14,852	1,614	19,055
Eastern Area	FIREs	489		28	31	6,107	361	7,016
	ACRES	7,037		1,518	940	50,197	7,429	67,121
Southern Area	FIREs	154		63	8	11,710	383	12,318
	ACRES	25,660		4,943	147	130,113	10,284	171,147
TOTAL	FIREs	1,067	83	134	49	18,673	959	20,965
	ACRES	46,420	3,338	16,168	1,106	226,195	23,248	316,475

Ten Year Average Fires	30,995
Ten Year Average Acres	623,722

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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					60		60
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					1		1
	ACRES					280		280
Eastern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				14			14
Southern Area	FIRES				2		2	4
	ACRES				1,250		2,123	3,373
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	4	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,264	2,463	3,727

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					3		3
	ACRES					426		426
Northwest	FIREs	17	74	33	2		142	268
	ACRES	4,056	9,328	2,054	249		8,509	24,196
Northern California	FIREs	12	15	109	21		101	258
	ACRES	188	527	18,499	1,217		7,313	27,744
Southern California	FIREs	1	4	4	3		52	64
	ACRES	1,000	473	8	1,307		1,999	4,787
Northern Rockies	FIREs	3	23	58	1	26	185	296
	ACRES	135	3,179	9,651	1	1,602	18,545	33,113
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	12	4	1	11	13	42
	ACRES	1	3,491	711	12	371	2,491	7,077
Western Great Basin	FIREs		3	10				13
	ACRES		74	2,711				2,785
Southwest	FIREs	3	23	2	7		201	236
	ACRES	631	21,911	3,210	12,175		46,853	84,780
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	29	36	94	12	15	88	274
	ACRES	3,709	7,962	17,784	10,309	2,476	24,306	66,546
Eastern Area	FIREs	29		369	32	957	124	1,511
	ACRES	17,410		60,408	4,272	59,082	24,371	165,543
Southern Area	FIREs	34		132	35	316	982	1,499
	ACRES	7,180		72,798	16,044	204,977	822,976	1,123,975
TOTAL	FIREs	129	190	815	114	1,328	1,888	4,464
	ACRES	34,310	46,945	187,834	45,586	268,934	957,363	1,540,972

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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							0
	ACRES							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							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	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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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	157	579
Yukon Territory	0	0	5	2
Alberta	11	265	358	8,436
Northwest Territory	0	0	2	301
Saskatchewan	4	0	63	1,334
Manitoba	0	0	45	1,037
Ontario	0	0	132	453
Quebec	4	5	190	211
Newfoundland	0	0	22	61
New Brunswick	12	6	172	229
Nova Scotia	0	0	143	443
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	0	11	18
Total	33	275	1,300	13,104

**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	4	10		15		4			53	19
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California	4		5	5		2			3	2
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	6	2	16	15	3	1			27	4
Rocky Mountain				3						
Eastern Area										1
Southern Area										
Total	14	12	24	35	3	7	0	0	84	25

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