

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2005 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Nationally, initial attack activity was light with 103 fires reported. No new large fires were reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona.

**SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

BART, Tonto National Forest. This fire is seven miles northwest of Scottsdale, AZ in chaparral. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) is assigned. Short range spotting with sustained runs in grass and brush was reported.

SALERO, Tucson District, Arizona State. This fire is eight miles northwest of Patagonia, AZ in grass, mesquite and scrub oak. Creeping, smoldering and short runs were reported.

VULTURE, Phoenix Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 11 miles south of Wickenburg, AZ in grass. No new information was reported.

GROWLER PEAK, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge. This fire is 20 miles west of Ajo, AZ in grass and shrub. 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
BART	AZ	TNF	11,500	20	5/20	340	12	14	2	0	200K
SALERO	AZ	A3S	800	30	5/18	NR	4	20	0	0	NR
VULTURE	AZ	PHD	450	80	UNK	23	1	0	0	0	NR
GROWLER PEAK	AZ	CPR	7,500	UNK	UNK	9	0	1	1	0	NR

**ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

ISLAND LAKE, Tok Area Forestry. This fire is 45 miles southeast of Northway, AK in spruce and tundra. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jandt) is assigned. Torching and creeping with interior burning and short runs were reported.

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

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ISLAND LAKE	AK	TAS	1,300	50	5/22	199	8	5	5	0	NR
TRACY AVENUE	AK	KKS	5,400	96	UNK	37	2	0	1	1	1.49M

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** The storm system moving through the Rockies today will bring gusty winds to the Southwest. In Alaska, a disturbance tracking across the state will bring moisture to portions of the interior and southern coastal areas.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southwest</b> Partly cloudy to mostly sunny. Breezy to windy much of NM near Red Flag conditions southern into south-central NM. Isolated thunderstorms west TX.	50s to 60s mountains. Mid 70s to low 90s lower elevation areas.	8 to 15% parts extreme western AZ, NM into southwest TX, 25 to 35%+ mountains including west TX.	SW 15 to 25 mph and gusty central and southern NM, and into far west TX. SW to W 10 to 20 mph most other areas, S to SE 10 to 20 mph in parts of west TX.
<b>Southern California</b> Mostly sunny.	60 to 75 mountains. 70 to 80 valleys. 70 to 80 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	15 to 30%.	Northwest 5 to 15 mph.



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

### **RETARDANT DROP SAFETY**

Having retardant dropped on a fire should be a routine event. However, there are risks associated with retardant drops that can pose serious threats to personnel and equipment. Consider the following for all drops:

- Be aware of the location of lead planes and airtankers during retardant drop operations.
- Be sure you have positive contact with the lead plane or airtanker before the drop.
- Personnel can be injured by the impact of retardant drops. Clear personnel out of the target area when the drop is conducted. If an individual is unable to retreat to a safe place, the best method for minimizing injury from the drop is to:
  - Hold your handtool away from your body.
  - Lie face down with hardhat in place and head toward the oncoming aircraft.
  - Grasp something firm to prevent being carried or rolled about by the retardant.
  - Do not run unless escape is ensured.
  - Get clear of dead snags and tops.
  - Be aware of rolling debris below the drop site in steep terrain.
- Working in an area covered by retardant should be done with caution due to slippery surfaces.
- If possible, wash the retardant off your skin to prevent irritation.

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIREs					1	1	1
	ACRES					1	1	1
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs		1			28	22	51
	ACRES		1			41	1	43
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1			3		4
	ACRES		1			75		76
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs					7		7
	ACRES						13,205	13,205
Rocky Mountain	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIREs					10		10
	ACRES						14	14
Southern Area	FIREs			0		24	5	29
	ACRES			92		324	96	512
TOTAL	FIREs	0	2	0	0	66	35	103
	ACRES	0	2	92	0	454	13,303	13,851

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	1	1		103	3	109
	ACRES	0	2	0		8,083	319	8,404
Northwest	FIRES	26	12	5		72	29	144
	ACRES	141	11	8		153	31	344
Northern California	FIRES					121	28	149
	ACRES					36	25	61
Southern California	FIRES	1	6	2	1	234	47	291
	ACRES	2	11	0	1	611	19	644
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	10			10	3	24
	ACRES	790	3			130	0	923
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	2	3	2		17
	ACRES		14	70	6	0		90
Southwest	FIRES	116	32	5	4	199	101	457
	ACRES	5,820	3,152	9,001	9	20,915	15,456	54,353
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	37	9	13	2	86	19	166
	ACRES	2,427	11	148	3	14,852	1,614	19,055
Eastern Area	FIRES	489		28	31	6,199	361	7,108
	ACRES	7,037		1,518	940	50,334	7,429	67,258
Southern Area	FIRES	154		63	8	11,743	384	12,352
	ACRES	25,660		5,035	147	130,470	10,286	171,598
TOTAL	FIRES	1,067	83	134	49	18,843	993	21,169
	ACRES	46,420	3,340	16,260	1,106	226,828	36,470	330,424

Ten Year Average Fires	31,338
Ten Year Average Acres	628,949

\*\*\* 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						3	3
	ACRES					90		90
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES					12		12
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					12	10	22
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		618				1,800	2,418
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						282	282
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					19		19
Southern Area	FIRES			1		6	1	8
	ACRES			286		4,614	600	5,500
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	8	5	14
	ACRES	0	618	286	0	4,645	2,794	8,343

**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		145	271
	ACRES	4,056	9,328	2,054	249		8,599	24,286
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		2,011	4,799
Northern Rockies	FIREs	3	23	58	1	26	190	301
	ACRES	135	3,179	9,651	1	1,602	18,643	33,211
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	9	4	1	12	13	40
	ACRES	1	3,417	711	11	383	2,501	7,024
Western Great Basin	FIREs		3	10				13
	ACRES		74	2,711				2,785
Southwest	FIREs	3	23	2	7		202	237
	ACRES	631	22,529	3,210	12,175		52,853	91,398
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	29	36	92	12	15	88	272
	ACRES	3,709	7,962	17,155	10,309	2,476	24,588	66,199
Eastern Area	FIREs	29		375	32	962	122	1,520
	ACRES	17,410		61,478	4,272	59,427	24,384	166,971
Southern Area	FIREs	34		133	35	322	983	1,507
	ACRES	7,180		73,084	16,044	209,591	823,576	1,129,475
TOTAL	FIREs	129	187	820	114	1,340	1,896	4,486
	ACRES	34,310	47,489	188,561	45,585	273,905	964,468	1,554,318

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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	16	0	173	639
Yukon Territory	5	24	10	26
Alberta	36	14	394	8,450
Northwest Territory	0	0	2	301
Saskatchewan	6	0	69	2,292
Manitoba	0	0	45	1,037
Ontario	0	1	130	453
Quebec	1	0	191	211
Newfoundland	6	4	28	65
New Brunswick	1	5	173	235
Nova Scotia	0	0	143	443
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	16	12	34
Total	70	65	1,370	14,187

**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	208		5		6			56	3
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			4							
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	14	4	6	29	2	1			43	10
Rocky Mountain				3						
Eastern Area										1
Southern Area	1		1							
Total	17	212	14	34	2	7	0	0	100	13

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