

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2005 – 0530 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 36 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, two in the Southwest and one in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

**SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:**

VALLE, Santa Fe National Forest. This fire is eight miles west of Los Alamos, NM in mixed conifer. Short uphill runs with group torching were observed.

MESA CAMINO, Santa Fe National Forest. This fire is six miles southwest of Coyote, NM in ponderosa pine. No new information was received.

SKUNK, Arizona State. This fire is 20 miles southwest of Globe, AZ in chaparral. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Philbin) is assigned. Increased acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

SHINER, Arizona State. This fire is ten miles west of Kingman, AZ in desert scrub and grass. Minimal spotting was reported.

NUKE, Arizona State. This fire is ten miles southwest of Tonopah, AZ in grass and chaparral. Flare-ups in heavier fuels in drainages were observed. 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
VALLE	NM	SNF	140	5	5/30	100	4	2	1	0	50K
MESA CAMINO	NM	SNF	832	60	5/27	195	7	11	1	0	200K
SKUNK	AZ	AZS	1,985	95	5/29	358	10	13	3	0	NR
SHINER	AZ	A2S	2,000	20	5/28	91	2	7	0	0	20K
NUKE	AZ	AZS	500	98	UNK	40	2	0	0	0	NR

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

MITRE PEAK-KING MTN., Texas Forest Service. This fire is ten miles northwest of Alpine, TX in brush, oak and grass. Backing fire was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
MITRE PEAK-KING MTN.	TX	TXS	3,200	60	5/26	87	2	7	2	0	NR

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will be firmly in control of western weather today. Temperatures will warm with no threat of rain showers or thunderstorms. The exception will be across eastern New Mexico and southeast Colorado, where a backdoor cold front will enter into the area late this afternoon. Thunderstorms are expected over the northeast quadrant of New Mexico and southeast Colorado, with some dry thunderstorms possible towards the north central part of New Mexico.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southwest</b>  Partly to mostly sunny and hot with a few mountain thunderstorms, otherwise turning cooler with a chance of thunderstorms northeast NM and TX panhandle.	60s to mid 80s mountains, northeast NM and TX panhandle. 80s to near 107 remainder.	5 to 20%, except 20 to 40%+ northeast NM and TX panhandle.	W to SW 10 to 15 mph with gusts to 20 to 25 mph AZ and western NM, becoming NE 10 to 20 mph eastern NM and west TX.
<b>Southern California</b>  Areas of morning low clouds and fog in coastal basins. Isolated thunderstorms Sierra Crest and eastward, otherwise sunny.	75 to 90 mountains. 80 to 90 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	10 to 25%.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.



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

### **HELICOPTER LANDING AREA SAFETY**

The following points should be considered when operating around an unimproved landing site:

- Always wear your personal protective equipment (PPE) when working around an operating helicopter.
- Always get the approval of a flight crewmember or the pilot before approaching a starting or operating helicopter.
- Only approach and depart a helicopter as directed, in a slightly crouched position, and in full view of a crewmember.
- When approaching or departing an operating helicopter, never approach or depart uphill and do not hold equipment overhead.
- Always approach and depart an operating helicopter on the downhill side.
- Remove or secure loose articles when working around an operating helicopter.
- Be aware of the dust abatement conditions of the landing area, as blowing dust, sand, or rocks caused by the helicopter's rotor wash can be hazardous.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1				4		5
	ACRES	2				2		4
Northwest	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES				2		0	2
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				8	1		9
	ACRES				0	0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		125					125
Southwest	FIRES	3	1		1	6	1	12
	ACRES	1	53		1	3,087	15	3,157
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				5			5
	ACRES				8			8
TOTAL	FIRES	4	2	0	2	24	4	36
	ACRES	3	178	0	3	3,097	15	3,296

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	1	1		121	10	135
	ACRES	2	2	0		7,925	320	8,249
Northwest	FIRES	27	13	5	1	72	34	152
	ACRES	142	11	8	2	153	33	349
Northern California	FIRES					134	29	163
	ACRES					36	25	61
Southern California	FIRES	1	7	2	1	308	58	377
	ACRES	2	11	0	1	1,636	21	1,671
Northern Rockies	FIRES	246	3	16		88	19	372
	ACRES	4,559	136	500		1,256	1,291	7,742
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12		1	12	4	30
	ACRES	790	5		1	130	0	926
Western Great Basin	FIRES		18	2	4	2	1	27
	ACRES		195	70	6	0	0	271
Southwest	FIRES	382	141	5	7	240	129	904
	ACRES	6,729	4,353	9,001	10	29,512	17,557	67,162
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	37	9	13	2	89	27	177
	ACRES	2,427	11	148	3	14,852	1,614	19,055
Eastern Area	FIRES	496		28	31	6,581	372	7,508
	ACRES	7,052		1,518	940	53,842	7,450	70,802
Southern Area	FIRES	156		69	9	11,964	386	12,584
	ACRES	25,676		5,543	149	134,086	10,316	175,770
TOTAL	FIRES	1,348	204	141	56	19,611	1,069	22,429
	ACRES	47,379	4,724	16,788	1,112	243,428	38,627	352,058

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>33,383</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>684,188</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		3				1	4
	ACRES		169				235	404
Northern California	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES				80			80
Northern Rockies	FIREs			2				2
	ACRES			5,619				5,619
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		1				0	1
	ACRES		1,500				130	1,630
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs			2		7	2	11
	ACRES			3,813		2,708	75	6,596
TOTAL	FIREs	0	4	4	1	7	3	19
	ACRES	0	1,669	9,432	80	2,708	440	14,329

**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	77	33	2		147	277
	ACRES	5,651	9,497	2,054	249		9,029	26,480
Northern California	FIREs	12	15	120	21		102	270
	ACRES	188	527	19,917	1,217		7,348	29,197
Southern California	FIREs	1	4	4	4		52	65
	ACRES	1,000	473	8	1,388		2,016	4,885
Northern Rockies	FIREs	3	28	68	1	27	198	325
	ACRES	135	3,244	16,229	1	1,827	21,062	42,498
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	1	13	4	1	11	19	49
	ACRES	1	4,306	711	11	228	4,316	9,573
Western Great Basin	FIREs		3	10				13
	ACRES		74	2,711				2,785
Southwest	FIREs	4	26	2	7		207	246
	ACRES	831	23,498	3,210	12,175		55,433	95,147
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	29	37	92	12	15	268	453
	ACRES	3,709	9,722	17,155	10,309	2,476	27,162	70,533
Eastern Area	FIREs	29		395	33	1,011	125	1,593
	ACRES	17,410		63,380	4,372	66,017	24,967	176,146
Southern Area	FIREs	34		139	35	341	1,001	1,550
	ACRES	7,180		77,634	16,044	219,507	831,016	1,151,381
TOTAL	FIREs	131	203	867	116	1,409	2,119	4,845
	ACRES	36,105	51,341	203,009	45,766	290,681	982,349	1,609,251

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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	2	1	195	671
Yukon Territory	0	0	10	26
Alberta	32	1	519	11,854
Northwest Territory	0	0	2	301
Saskatchewan	0	0	81	3,954
Manitoba	1	0	60	1,053
Ontario	7	13	178	513
Quebec	1	0	204	216
Newfoundland	0	0	35	94
New Brunswick	0	0	173	235
Nova Scotia	0	0	143	442
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	0	15	42
Total	44	15	1,615	19,400

**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				
Northwest			2		1					
Northern California										
Southern California	1	1	4		1				1	
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin			4							
Western Great Basin			3	2						
Southwest	12	3	5	10	3	1			45	21
Rocky Mountain				3						
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	1	1		7		2				22
Total	14	7	21	19	5	4	0	0	46	43

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