

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 101 new fires reported. Four new large fires (*) were reported, one each in the Southwest, Eastern Great Basin, Rocky Mountain and Southern Areas. Five large fires were contained, one each in the Southwest, Eastern Great Basin, Alaska, Western Great Basin and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, North Dakota, Texas and Utah.

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

NAVAJO MOUNTAIN 1, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned. This fire is near Page, AZ in timber. Residential areas, electronics on top of Navajo Mountain, power lines, and herb gathering grounds are threatened. Navajo Mountain area roads and trails are closed. Torching, spotting, uphill runs and backing fire were observed.

POTATO COMPLEX, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) will assume command today. This complex is 10 miles northwest of Heber-Overgaard, AZ in pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Four major power lines supplying Phoenix and Tucson remain threatened. A mandatory evacuation order remains in effect for Chevelon Retreat and Chevelon Acres. Low relative humidity and high winds are hampering containment efforts. Individual and group tree torching were observed. Burn out operations are ongoing.

SKATES, Gila National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hall) is assigned. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning 12 miles northeast of Silver City, NM in timber. State Highway 15 was closed due to burn out operations. Moderate fire behavior with good ground fuel consumption was reported.

RANGER 2, Truxton Canyon Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Reinarz) is assigned. This fire is 50 miles northwest of Peach Springs, AZ in brush and grass. No fire spread was reported. Decrease in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

WARM, Kaibab National Forest. A Fire Use Management Team (Hahnenburg) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning three miles south of Jacob Lake, AZ in ponderosa pine litter. Backing fire behavior was reported.

CREWS, Cimarron District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is 12 miles southeast of Raton, NM in pinyon pine and juniper. Single and group tree torching were observed. Talus slopes and rugged topography are hampering containment efforts.

WILLOW, Coronado National Forest. This fire is 15 miles south of Sonita, AZ in grass. Low intensity smoldering and creeping were reported.

WEST, Kaibab National Forest. This lightning-cause Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning eight miles southeast of Tusayan, AZ in timber. No new information was reported.

INDIAN, Kaibab National Forest. This fire is 19 miles southwest of Jacob Lake, AZ in grass. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NAVAJO MOUNTAIN 1	AZ	NAA	1,500	0	UNK	135	3	0	4	0	NR	BIA
POTATO COMPLEX	AZ	ASF	6,000	40	UNK	308	6	24	2	0	1.14M	FS
SKATES - WFU	NM	GNF	5,000	N/A	N/A	344	8	16	2	0	994K	FS
RANGER 2	AZ	TCA	393	90	6/14	320	11	3	1	0	240K	BIA
* WARM - WFU	AZ	KNF	251	N/A	N/A	121	3	4	0	0	NR	FS
CREWS	NM	N2S	750	90	UNK	32	1	5	0	0	30K	ST
WILLOW	AZ	CNF	1,806	95	UNK	58	2	8	1	0	NR	FS
WEST - WFU	AZ	KNF	900	N/A	N/A	16	0	3	0	0	17.5K	FS
INDIAN	AZ	KNF	464	50	6/14	87	3	4	1	0	NR	FS
WILSON - WFU	NM	GNF	2,100	N/A	N/A	94	4	3	0	0	75K	FS
MARTINEZ - WFU	NM	GNF	865	N/A	N/A	11	0	1	0	0	25K	FS
BRUSHY - WFU	NM	GNF	1,076	N/A	N/A	88	3	5	0	0	NR	FS
CEMENT - WFU	NM	GNF	477	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
BLACK MOUNTAIN COMPLEX	AZ	PHD	12,637	100	---	108	1	5	0	0	1.79M	BLM

PHD – Phoenix Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

ANNABELLA, Fish Lake National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is three miles southwest of Annabella, UT in timber. Steep, rugged terrain, heavy fuel loading, and difficult access are hampering containment efforts. Creeping, smoldering and interior burning were reported.

NORTH SAND MOUNTAIN, Richfield Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 25 miles west of Nephi, UT in grass, brush and pinyon pine. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
ANNABELLA	UT	FIF	573	90	6/14	370	12	9	2	0	869K	FS
NORTH SAND MOUNTAIN	UT	RID	1,463	95	UNK	15	0	5	0	0	NR	BLM
* NICHOL PIT	ID	BOD	1,300	100	---	30	0	7	0	0	NR	BLM

BOD – Boise District, Bureau of Land Management

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

THOMAS, Little Snake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) has been ordered. This fire is 36 miles west of Maybell, CO in pinyon pine and juniper. Numerous residences and structures are threatened. County roads 116 and 56 have been closed. Running, spotting and crowning were observed.

BULL RIDGE, Wind River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is northwest of Lander, WY in brush, timber and grass. Smoldering was observed. Inaccessible terrain is hampering containment efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* THOMAS	CO	LSD	800	0	UNK	41	1	3	1	1	NR	BLM
BULL RIDGE	WY	WRA	965	90	6/14	10	0	1	1	0	NR	BIA

ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

PARKS HWY, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This fire is one mile southeast of Nenana, AK in black spruce, tundra and grass. Numerous residences and recreational cabins, native allotments, commercial property and utility infrastructure remain threatened. Structure protection remains in place. Sporadic precipitation occurred. Most fire activity is along the southeast flank, with running and isolated torching observed.

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PARKS HWY	AK	FAS	51,700	25	7/1	539	19	23	4	4	2.95M	ST
JARVIS CREEK	AK	DAS	275	100	---	106	6	2	0	0	310K	ST

DAS – Delta Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

FERGUSON ROCK SLIDE, Sierra National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Johnson) is assigned. This incident is northeast of Mariposa, CA. The area surrounding the rock slide along the Merced River remains closed to all public access. Downstream fisheries and tourism infrastructure remain threatened.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
FERGUSON ROCK SLIDE	CA	SNF	15	N/A	N/A	22	0	0	0	0	115K	FS

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* SAND POINT	AL	ALF	412	100	---	7	0	2	0	0	9K	FS

ALF – National Forests in Alabama

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
ROCKY	NV	ELD	4,708	100	---	172	5	5	2	0	NR	BLM

ELD - Ely Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Wednesday afternoon and evening for most of west central, eastern and southern Utah for strong south winds and low relative humidity. For northern and northwest Arizona, and northwest New Mexico for strong winds and low humidity. For Colorado, southern Wyoming and western Nebraska for strong winds, low relative humidity, and dry lightning.

Fire Weather Watches: Thursday afternoon and evening for southeast Utah for strong winds and low relative humidity.

Weather Discussion: A high pressure ridge will continue over the central portion of the country while a low pressure trough moves over the West. Dry conditions and strong winds will continue today over portions of the Great Basin, Southwest, and Rocky Mountain Areas. Dry thunderstorms are possible over portions of the Four-Corner region. A high pressure ridge will build into eastern Alaska with potential for afternoon thunderstorms across the interior.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southwest Area Partly cloudy, continued dry and windy to breezy across Arizona and far western New Mexico. Mostly sunny and hot across parts of eastern New Mexico and west Texas, except partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms across the eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Isolated dry thunderstorms across western New Mexico.	90 to near 110 lower elevations. 70 to 90 mountains.	5 to 15%, except 15% to 35% portions of west Texas.	Southwest 15 to 30 mph and gusty across much of northern Arizona and northwestern New Mexico. South to east 10 to 20 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas. West to southwest 10 to 20 mph elsewhere.
Eastern Great Basin Area Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Partly cloudy. Showers and thunderstorms in the west, scattered showers and thunderstorms in the east. Northern Utah: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms; which will mostly be dry in central Utah. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Partly cloudy, continued windy. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 44 to 64 mountains, 61 to 74 valleys. Northern Utah: 62 to 72 mountains, 72 to 80 west valleys, up to 100 east valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 67 to 76 mountains, 76 to 97 valleys. 97 to 100 low deserts.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 50 to 67% mountains, 60 to 50% valleys. Northern Utah: 24 to 65% mountains, 16 to 24% west valleys, 6 to 11% east valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 15 to 20% mountains, 6 to 15% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West 10 to 20 mph gusting to 30 mph. Northern Utah: West Utah: Northwest 15 mph. East Utah: Southwest 11 to 20 mph gusting to 40 mph. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Southwest 15 to 25 mph gusting to 35 mph.
Rocky Mountain Area Widely scattered dry lightning, otherwise partly cloudy, hot and windy.	95 to 100, with mid 70s to lower 80s in the mountains.	5 to 15%, with 15 to 25% in the mountains.	Southwest 20 to 45 mph.
Alaska Area Partly to mostly cloudy with a few showers or thunderstorms in the central and eastern interior. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers in the south and southwest.	60s to around 80 in the interior. 50s and 60s in the south and southwest.	25 to 45% in the interior. Above 45% in the south and southwest.	North to northeast winds to 15 mph in the central and northern interior. Variable winds to 10 mph in south central Alaska.
Southern California Area Areas of morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny.	65 to 80 mountains. 70 to 80 valleys. 80 to 90 upper deserts. 95 to 105 lower deserts.	50 to 70% coastal areas. 30 to 50% valleys and coastal slopes. 15 to 30% mountains. 10 to 20% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Western Great Basin Area Partly to mostly cloudy with a few showers and an isolated thunderstorm across the north. Mostly sunny and breezy across the south.	Northern valleys: 65 to 80. Southern valleys: 81 to 107. Northern mountains: 55 to 65. Southern mountains: 67 to 77.	Northern valleys: 15 to 30%. Southern valleys: 6 to 12%. Northern mountains: 25 to 40%. Southern mountains: 10 to 15%.	West to southwest at 10 to 15 mph with afternoon gusts of 25 to 30 mph.
Eastern Area A chance of showers and a few thunderstorms over the Delmar Peninsula. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms across Minnesota. Fair elsewhere.	65 to 75 over the northeast and the upper peninsula of Michigan. 85 to 90 over southern Iowa and Missouri. 75 to 85 elsewhere.	30 to 40% across the northwestern Great Lakes. Greater than 40% elsewhere.	Light to moderate winds over the Eastern Area.
Southern Area No information was reported.			



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Backfiring or Burnout Operations

Backfiring or burnout operations are often critical operations in the fire management job. If planned and executed correctly, they can speed control of a fire and greatly reduce suppression costs. Conversely, if done incorrectly, they can endanger personnel, extend control time and increase cost. Safety considerations must always be given first priority. No backfiring or burnout action, regardless of strategic importance or other critical factors, is worth risking one human life!

- Backfiring or burnout operations must not jeopardize the safety of personnel or equipment or compromise suppression actions on adjacent portions of the fireline.
- One qualified individual must be responsible for controlling and directing the firing operation.
- Before beginning backfiring or burnout operations, assure that:
 - Lookouts are posted.
 - Communications are established with both firing and holding teams.
 - Escape routes and safety zones are established, known to all resources, and will not be compromised by the firing operations.
- If it is necessary, and time allows, concentrations of fuel adjacent to and inside the control line should be removed.
- Fuel outside the control line may be removed; concentrations of fuel may be scattered, covered with foam or wet down, or treated by ground or aerial retardant applications.
- Critical points such as hooks in the fireline, saddles or canyon may require extra holding forces.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					10,970		10,970
Northwest	FIRES	1	1				4	6
	ACRES	1	0				0	1
Northern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				0		0	0
Southern California	FIRES	5				16	1	22
	ACRES	2				147	0	149
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	1					1	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			7	1	11
	ACRES		1,521			22	50	1,593
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5		1	2		8
	ACRES		873		0	13		886
Southwest	FIRES					6	3	9
	ACRES					3	503	506
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3			11	2	16
	ACRES		843			11	1	855
Eastern Area	FIRES					5	1	6
	ACRES					4	0	4
Southern Area	FIRES					14		14
	ACRES					239		239
TOTAL	FIRES	7	12	0	2	64	16	101
	ACRES	4	3,237	0	0	11,409	555	15,205

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	3	1	1	2	172		179
	ACRES	63	1	52,540	1,530	56,366		110,500
Northwest	FIRES	50	23	18		163	102	356
	ACRES	270	12	31		453	149	915
Northern California	FIRES	14		5	2	174	87	282
	ACRES	16		25	0	1,552	1,532	3,125
Southern California	FIRES	20	25	1	2	598	138	784
	ACRES	85	486	1	1	7,982	11,110	19,665
Northern Rockies	FIRES	270	6	17	1	129	60	483
	ACRES	1,244	105	1,053	223	4,293	376	7,294
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	16	125	1	4	171	59	376
	ACRES	255	12,710	0	0	6,443	824	20,232
Western Great Basin	FIRES		103	2	7	16	6	134
	ACRES		10,630	567	4	635	322	12,158
Southwest	FIRES	457	114	2	82	1,065	692	2,412
	ACRES	7,259	11,214	431	5,437	371,670	30,590	426,601
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	155	140	38	17	403	142	895
	ACRES	3,419	1,500	2,048	63	136,967	9,882	153,879
Eastern Area	FIRES	459		34	53	9,363	455	10,364
	ACRES	5,732		829	252	71,467	13,162	91,442
Southern Area	FIRES	393		156	49	33,236	813	34,647
	ACRES	43,258		14,909	5,684	1,937,942	43,859	2,045,652
TOTAL	FIRES	1,837	537	275	219	45,490	2,554	50,912
	ACRES	61,601	36,658	72,434	13,194	2,595,770	111,806	2,891,463

Ten Year Average Fires	36,157
Ten Year Average Acres	872,739

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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						3	3
Southern California	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					11	60	71
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
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	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	11	64	75

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					2,429		2,429
Northwest	FIRES	15	117	54	1	1	187	375
	ACRES	6,852	10,293	6,702	98	180	26,591	50,716
Northern California	FIRES	17	23	20	3		96	159
	ACRES	207	2,991	26,950	65		3,969	34,182
Southern California	FIRES		5	5	3	1	63	77
	ACRES		285	104	111	11	2,540	3,051
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	20	122	2	33	279	457
	ACRES	40	4,344	20,649	268	3,177	31,565	60,043
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	7	18	6	3	5	49	88
	ACRES	1,616	2,845	1,579	1,870	129	22,489	30,528
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	3			1	10
	ACRES		425	12			1,085	1,522
Southwest	FIRES	23	12	4	4		97	140
	ACRES	3,767	10,696	8,454	923		49,518	73,358
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	20	98	14	33	97	290
	ACRES	2,908	5,422	20,190	8,995	1,767	27,845	67,127
Eastern Area	FIRES	40		500	34	1,167	148	1,889
	ACRES	15,175		57,738	5,081	67,222	29,029	174,245
Southern Area	FIRES	22		158	51	279	788	1,298
	ACRES	6,639		70,564	18,874	145,805	635,706	877,588
TOTAL	FIRES	153	221	970	115	1,525	1,805	4,789
	ACRES	37,204	37,301	212,942	36,285	220,720	830,337	1,374,789

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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				6			6
	ACRES				1			1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1					15	16
	ACRES	20					6,148	6,168
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		3					3
Southwest	FIRES				1		19	20
	ACRES				1,656		13,390	15,046
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2		1			3
	ACRES		0		0			0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	8	0	34	46
	ACRES	20	3	0	1,657	0	19,538	21,218

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	18	4	451	4,188
Yukon Territory	1	1	5	3
Alberta	0	0	797	6,933
Northwest Territory	0	0	2	2
Saskatchewan	0	2	149	75,135
Manitoba	2	1	96	3,643
Ontario	8	55	309	1,595
Quebec	3	1,041	376	67,421
Newfoundland	0	0	49	1,397
New Brunswick	0	0	235	423
Nova Scotia	0	0	189	1,609
Prince Edward Island	0	0	28	28
National Parks	0	0	28	1,530
Total	32	1,104	2,714	163,905

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	25	23	1	24		4	1		65	86
Northwest	3		8							
Northern California	7		13		2				3	
Southern California	3		8		1					
Northern Rockies			3							
Eastern Great Basin	10	4	19	9	1	2			96	7
Western Great Basin	7	7	12	2	4				15	
Southwest	45	4	31	50	11	2	8		319	118
Rocky Mountain	3		12	4	2		4		8	3
Eastern Area					1				4	
Southern Area	2		10	13	1	6	1		71	68
Total	105	38	117	102	23	14	14	0	581	282

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