

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2006 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 98 new fires reported. Three new large fires (*) were reported in the Southwest Area. Five large fires were contained, two each in the Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas and one in the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and Texas.

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 35 miles northwest of Page, AZ in timber. Residential areas, power lines and herb gathering grounds remain threatened. The remoteness of the area, difficult terrain and low relative humidity are impeding containment efforts. Navajo Mountain area remains closed to public. Lower relative humidity increased fire behavior in the interior. Backing fire was observed on the west flank.

MARTINEZ II, Gila National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team, (Whitney) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles southwest of Reserve, NM in timber and grass understory. The team is also managing the Wilson fire. Numerous residences and some commercial properties remain threatened. Decreasing winds moderated fire behavior.

WILSON, Gila National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team, (Whitney) is assigned. This fire, formerly named the Wilson - WFU, is 8 miles northeast of Reserve, NM in pinion-juniper and ponderosa pine. A road closure is in effect on Forest road 49A to the junction of Forest road 545. Major runs to the southeast with spotting up to a quarter mile were reported.

SKATES, Gila National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Dietrich) has been ordered. This fire is 12 miles northeast of Silver City, NM in timber. Numerous residences are threatened. Evacuations remain in effect for Lake Roberts Estates, Lake Roberts Heights, Trout Valley and Lake Roberts areas. New Mexico State highway 15 remains closed to the public. New Mexico State highway 35 remains closed from camp Thunderbird to the junction with highway 15. Moderate fire behavior was observed.

POTATO COMPLEX, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This complex is ten miles northwest of Heber-Overgaard, AZ in pinyon pine, juniper and grass. A mandatory evacuation order for Chevron Retreat and Chevron Acres was lifted.

BEAVERHEAD, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is 15 miles south of Alpine, AZ in timber. Residences, ranches, a lodge, cultural resources and power lines remain threatened. An evacuation order is still in effect. Hot, dry conditions, strong winds, and heavy fuel loading are impeding containment efforts. Torching and upslope crown fire runs were reported.

HARDING COMPLEX, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. This complex, comprised of seven fires, is near Mosquero, NM in grass, pinyon pine and juniper. All but one of the fires is contained. Active fire behavior was observed on the uncontained fire.

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. Structure protection measures are being implemented and burn out operations are ongoing. The fire is now established east of Arizona State highway 67. Backing, flanking and torching fire behavior was reported.

BAR, Kaibab National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning 20 miles southeast of Grand Canyon Village, AZ in pinyon pine, juniper, grass and brush. Minimal fire activity was reported.

SOUTH VALLEY, Bernalillo District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is eight miles southwest of Albuquerque, NM in timber and grass. Minimal fire activity with isolated torching was reported.

WILLOW, Coronado National Forest. This fire is 15 miles south of Sonita, AZ in grass. The fire continues to be monitored.

WOODY, Flagstaff District, Arizona State. This fire is in West Flagstaff, AZ city limits in grass and ponderosa pine. 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	3,100	25	UNK	512	11	14	5	0	1.8M	BIA
MARTINEZ II	NM	GNF	5,443	40	6/22	316	9	11	3	0	712K	FS
WILSON	NM	GNF	5,342	NR	UNK	94	4	3	0	0	NR	FS
SKATES	NM	GNF	8,500	30	N/A	364	9	18	3	0	1.55M	FS
POTATO COMPLEX	AZ	ASF	6,262	85	6/22	490	9	31	0	0	2.88M	FS
BEAVERHEAD	AZ	ASF	1,300	31	6/26	204	7	11	2	0	193K	FS
* HARDING COMPLEX	NM	N4S	11,000	50	6/18	85	2	13	1	0	NR	ST
WARM - WFU	AZ	KNF	745	N/A	N/A	135	3	5	0	0	285K	FS
* BAR - WFU	AZ	KNF	175	N/A	N/A	4	0	1	0	0	NR	FS
* SOUTH VALLEY	NM	N6S	150	50	6/17	84	4	10	1	0	50K	ST
WILLOW	AZ	CNF	1,806	95	UNK	53	2	8	1	0	NR	FS
WOODY	AZ	A2S	100	50	UNK	240	5	31	2	0	NR	ST
BRUSHY - WFU	NM	GNF	1,630	N/A	N/A	75	3	3	0	0	NR	FS
TAYLOR - WFU	NM	GNF	1,830	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
WEST - WFU	AZ	KNF	640	N/A	N/A	18	0	5	0	0	NR	FS
CEMENT - WFU	NM	GNF	592	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	NR	FS
INDIAN	AZ	KNF	464	100	---	0	1	0	0	0	NR	FS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

TRACER, Wyoming State Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lowe) is assigned. This fire is 12 miles north of Guernsey, WY in timber and grass understory. National Guard training facilities, ranches, commercial property and a watershed area remain threatened. Extreme fire behavior in the heavy fuels was observed. Downbursts from passing thunderstorms produced some crown fire runs.

THOMAS, Little Snake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mullenix) is assigned. This fire is 36 miles west of Maybell, CO in pinyon pine and juniper. Minimal fire activity with smoldering was reported. The reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

TYNDELL GULCH, Royal Gorge Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is eight miles east of Westcliffe, CO in timber and grass. The fire received some precipitation. Smoldering with interior burning was reported. The reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TRACER	WY	CPS	14,000	85	6/20	267	5	38	0	5	NR	ST
THOMAS	CO	LSD	3,347	85	6/17	231	5	16	2	1	622K	BLM
TYNDALL GULCH	CO	RGD	541	80	6/17	216	7	11	0	0	250K	BLM
BULL RIDGE	WY	WRA	1,000	100	---	1	0	0	1	0	391K	BIA
CHEYENNE RIVER	WY	CPS	2,000	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

WRA – Wind River Agency, Bureau of Land Management

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

BUCKSKIN, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 24 miles east of Kanab, UT in chaparral. Fire behavior was minimal with smoldering reported.

WESTWATER 2, Moab Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is seven miles northeast of Cisco, UT in pinyon pine, juniper and grass. Smoldering and interior torching were reported.

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BUCKSKIN	UT	CCD	1,440	90	6/17	203	14	7	2	0	NR	BLM
WESTWATER 2	UT	MOD	2,800	98	6/17	34	1	3	0	0	22K	BLM
CAVE	UT	CCD	3,590	100	---	188	8	4	0	0	NR	BLM
TUNNEL ROAD	UT	NWS	3,200	100	---	26	1	1	0	0	820K	ST

NWS – Wasatch Front Area, Utah State Division of Forestry Fire and Land

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, recreational cabins, commercial property and utility infrastructure remain threatened. Structure protection remains in place. Smoke is impacting several communities. Fire activity declined due to precipitation received on parts of the fire.

NAGEETHLUK RIVER, Galena District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is west of Anvik, AK in black spruce and tundra. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PARKS HWY	AK	FAS	70,269	40	7/1	567	19	24	5	4	5.43M	ST
NAGEETHLUK RIVER	AK	GAD	52,540	N/R	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	62K	BLM

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

MATADOR BULLPEN, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 16 miles east of Matador, TX in grass and brush. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
MATADOR BULLPEN	TX	TXS	680	80	UNK	15	0	2	1	0	340K	ST

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. Interagency review of the long-term response and communications plan continues.

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	21	0	0	0	0	153K	FS

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure is building over the West for a warming trend. In Alaska, a high pressure ridge will continue over the interior with the gusty northeast winds of the last few days diminishing.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southwest Area Mostly sunny, warmer and less windy Arizona, western New Mexico and southwest Texas. Partly cloudy and cooler with isolated thunderstorms west Texas into parts of eastern New Mexico.	85 to near 105 lower elevations. 65 to 85 mountains.	5 to 15% most areas, except 20 to 30% portions of northeast New Mexico and west Texas.	West to northwest 5 to 15 mph with higher gusts Arizona, western New Mexico, and southwest Texas. Winds north 10 to 20 mph eastern New Mexico and remainder of west Texas.
Eastern Great Basin Area Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 60 to 77 mountains. 76 to 83 valleys. Northern Utah: 66 to 76 mountains, 73 to 90 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 68 to 78 mountains. 79 to 97 valleys. 97 to 105 low deserts.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 22 to 35% mountains, 17 to 28% valleys. Northern Utah: 23 to 33% mountains, 10 to 23% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 15 to 24% mountains, 8 to 20% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: West 10 mph. Northern Utah: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph Southern Utah, AZ Strip: Upslope/upvalley 5 to 10 mph.
Alaska Area Mostly cloudy with scattered showers or thunderstorms in the interior and northern south central. Mostly cloudy with scattered showers in south central and southwest.	60s to around 80 in the northern interior.	20 to 40% in the interior. Above 50% in the east, south and southwest.	Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph in northern and central interior. Variable winds to 15 mph in southern interior and south central Alaska.
Southern California Area Sunny.	80 to 95 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 95 to 105 upper deserts. 105 to 115 lower deserts.	15 to 30% coastal areas. 5 to 15% valleys. 5 to 15% mountains. 5 to 15% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
Western Great Basin Area Mostly sunny and warm.	N. valleys: 80 to 95. S. valleys: 90 to 111. N. mountains: 70 to 84. S. mountains: 78 to 88.	N. valleys: 12 to 22%. S. valleys: 3 to 11%. N. mountains: 16 to 26%. S. mountains: 6 to 11%.	Generally west to southwest at 5 to 15 mph with localized morning north winds of 10 to 20 mph across southern Nevada.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Eastern Area Showers and thunderstorms likely across the southeast half of Minnesota, northwestern 2/3 of Wisconsin, the western half of the UP of Michigan, western Iowa, southeast Missouri, and southern Illinois. Fair elsewhere.	80 to 90 across the Eastern Area.	32 to 42% over northwest Minnesota, as well as the Northeast and eastern Mid-Atlantic states. Greater than 42% elsewhere.	Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph across western and northern Minnesota as well as western Iowa. Southwest 12 to 24 mph over the central and eastern Great Lakes, Missouri, eastern Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Light to moderate wind speeds expected.
Rocky Mountain Area No information was reported.			
Southern Area No information was reported.			



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Refusing Risk (“Turndown” Protocol)

Every firefighter has the right and obligation to report safety problems and contribute ideas regarding their safety. Supervisors are expected to give these concerns and ideas serious consideration. When an individual feels an assignment is unsafe, they also have the obligation to identify, to the degree possible, safe alternatives for completing that assignment. Turning down an assignment is one possible outcome of managing risk.

- A “turndown” is a situation where an individual has determined an assignment cannot be undertaken as given, and they are unable to negotiate an alternative solution.
- A “turndown” must be based on an assessment of risks and the ability of an individual or organization to control those risks.
- A situation may be a candidate for a “turndown” if:
 - There is a violation of safe work practices.
 - Environmental conditions make the work unsafe.
 - The forces lack the necessary qualifications or experience.
 - Defective equipment is being used.
- The following steps will be used when turning down an assignment:
 - The individual will directly inform their supervisor that they are turning down the assignment as given. (Document using criteria outlined in the risk management process.)
 - Supervisor will notify the Safety Officer immediately upon being informed. In the absence of a Safety Officer, the appropriate Section Chief or Incident Commander will be notified. This step provides accountability for decisions and initiates communication of safety concerns.
 - If the supervisor requests another resource to perform the assignment, he/she is responsible for informing that resource that the assignment has previously been refused and the reason(s) why.
 - The safety hazard should be documented by the submission of a SAFENET or SAFECOM.
- These actions do not stop an operation from being carried out. This protocol is integral to the effective management of risk as it provides timely identification of hazards to the chain of command, raises risk awareness for both leaders and subordinates, and promotes accountability.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2		2		4
	ACRES			4,840		657		5,497
Northwest	FIRES		3			1	7	11
	ACRES		1			0	1	2
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	1				10	8	19
	ACRES	7				8	10	25
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	1	4
	ACRES		310			220	1	531
Western Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					20		20
Southwest	FIRES		1		3	13	5	22
	ACRES		0		151	12,974	7,089	20,214
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			4	3	8
	ACRES		0			30	1	31
Eastern Area	FIRES					6	1	7
	ACRES					18	1	19
Southern Area	FIRES					18	2	20
	ACRES					45	9	54
TOTAL	FIRES	1	7	2	3	57	28	98
	ACRES	7	311	4,840	151	13,972	7,113	26,394

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	2	3	2	174		185
	ACRES	63	1	57,380	1,530	80,738		139,712
Northwest	FIRES	51	26	18		166	108	369
	ACRES	270	13	31		453	148	915
Northern California	FIRES	14		5	2	174	92	287
	ACRES	16		25	0	1,552	1,534	3,127
Southern California	FIRES	23	26	1	3	6,639	156	6,848
	ACRES	87	491	1	2	8,093	11,124	19,798
Northern Rockies	FIRES	271	6	17	1	133	64	492
	ACRES	1,246	105	1,053	223	4,293	376	7,296
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	17	134	1	4	187	64	407
	ACRES	254	19,602	0	0	9,752	819	30,427
Western Great Basin	FIRES		108	2	7	19	6	142
	ACRES		10,641	567	4	655	322	12,189
Southwest	FIRES	462	120	2	82	1,104	713	2,483
	ACRES	7,262	11,219	431	5,753	386,361	41,589	452,615
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	156	143	38	17	415	150	919
	ACRES	3,424	4,305	2,048	63	140,645	10,040	160,525
Eastern Area	FIRES	459		34	53	9,383	464	10,393
	ACRES	5,732		829	252	71,559	13,194	91,566
Southern Area	FIRES	393		156	49	33,776	818	35,192
	ACRES	43,258		14,909	5,684	1,973,592	43,884	2,081,327
TOTAL	FIRES	1,850	565	277	220	52,170	2,635	57,717
	ACRES	61,612	46,377	77,274	13,511	2,677,693	123,030	2,999,497

Ten Year Average Fires	36,762
Ten Year Average Acres	902,962

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1		0	1
	ACRES				43		23	66
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
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				2		7	9
	ACRES				2,400		2,657	5,057
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	3	0	7	11
	ACRES	0	1	0	2,443	0	2,680	5,124

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	26,610	50,735
Northern California	FIRES	17	23	20	4		99	163
	ACRES	207	2,991	26,950	66		4,006	34,220
Southern California	FIRES		5	7	4	1	63	80
	ACRES		285	149	157	11	2,688	3,290
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	20	123	2	33	279	458
	ACRES	40	4,344	21,289	268	3,177	31,598	60,716
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	7	19	6	3	5	51	91
	ACRES	1,616	2,846	1,579	1,870	129	22,497	30,537
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	1,170	148	1,892
	ACRES	15,175		57,738	5,081	67,441	29,029	174,464
Southern Area	FIRES	22		160	56	279	800	1,317
	ACRES	6,639		71,036	25,874	145,805	644,953	894,307
TOTAL	FIRES	153	222	975	122	1,528	1,822	4,822
	ACRES	37,204	37,302	214,099	43,332	220,939	839,829	1,392,705

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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						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1					12	13
	ACRES	20					3,829	3,849
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		3					3
Southwest	FIRES				4		18	22
	ACRES				1,656		17,569	19,225
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	11	0	31	46
	ACRES	20	3	0	1,657	0	21,398	23,078

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	2	27	471	5,269
Yukon Territory	7	307	18	371
Alberta	8	115	817	7,072
Northwest Territory	3	5	7	7
Saskatchewan	3	20,013	152	99,920
Manitoba	3	30	110	5,159
Ontario	13	26	339	1,628
Quebec	6	2,217	397	70,021
Newfoundland	0	0	49	1,397
New Brunswick	0	0	235	423
Nova Scotia	0	0	192	1,612
Prince Edward Island	0	0	28	28
National Parks	1	0	30	1,537
Total	46	22,740	2,845	194,443

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	17	21	1	23		5	1		65	103
Northwest	3		5		1					
Northern California	8		20						3	
Southern California	3		13		1		1		28	
Northern Rockies			1							
Eastern Great Basin	16		17	2	3		2		23	
Western Great Basin			10	4						
Southwest	64	13	57	120	16	4	7		486	273
Rocky Mountain	15	5	12	62	1	2	3		92	86
Eastern Area									3	
Southern Area			8		2				34	
Total	126	39	144	211	24	11	14	0	734	462

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