

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2006 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 78 new fires reported. Five new large fires were reported, four in the Southern Area, and one in the Eastern Area. Five large fires were contained, four in the Eastern Area, and one in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

CARDINAL, George Washington & Jefferson National Forests. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Custer) is assigned. This fire is near Massanutten, VA in hardwood litter. Numerous structures remain threatened. Windy conditions, low humidity levels, and heavy fuels in steep, rocky terrain are hampering suppression efforts.

36 LINCOLN AND E 6TH STREET, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Lee County, FL in palmetto and timber. Twenty-five residences have been lost or damaged, and a power line has also been damaged, cutting power to nearby residences. Structure protection is in place.

WEST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Team (Rogers) is assigned in Midland, TX. The Team is assisting local jurisdictions with managing initial and extended attack fires within the 140 million acre fire management response area. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

SINK MOUNTAIN, Cherokee National Forest. This fire is in Johnson County, TN in hardwood litter. Active backing fire was reported. Steep and rough terrain is hampering suppression efforts.

ACERA, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles northwest of Sharpes, FL in southern rough. Minimal fire activity was reported.

CORBETT TRAIL, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is four miles south of Indiantown, FL in grass. Five outbuildings remain threatened. No further information was received.

SIX PACK, Big Cypress National Preserve. This fire is 20 miles northeast of Ochopee, FL in southern rough. No new information was reported.

FAR REACH II, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Lake County, FL in grass. Burn out operations are ongoing. No further information was received.

HI-CACTUS HILL, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Highland County, FL in grass. Creeping fire activity was reported. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CARDINAL	VA	VAF	650	10	UNK	66	4	6	2	0	NR	FS
* 36 LINCOLN AND E.6TH STREET	FL	FLS	1,875	50	5/15	0	0	0	0	25	5.2K	NR
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	4,928	NR	UNK	180	0	18	4	0	14.3M	TX
* SINK MOUNTAIN	TN	CNF	190	90	UNK	35	1	1	0	0	15K	FS
ACERA	FL	FLS	5,304	80	5/28	0	0	0	0	0	11K	ST
CORBETT TRAIL	FL	FLS	4,200	50	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	3.5K	ST
SIX PACK	FL	BCP	802	95	UNK	98	2	0	3	0	234K	NPS
* FAR REACH II	FL	FLS	650	95	5/15	0	0	0	0	0	6.2K	NR
* HI-CACTUS HILL	FL	FLS	470	95	5/10	0	0	0	0	0	21K	ST
FL SPORTS PARK	FL	FLS	896	100	---	16	0	1	1	0	NR	ST

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

HUGHES LAKE, Huron-Manistee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Mannelin) is assigned. This fire is five miles south of Luzerne, MI in timber and brush. Most evacuation orders have been lifted. Slow moving ground fire was reported.

CHERRYTOWN, New York Forest Rangers. This fire is near Rochester, NY in timber. No new information was reported.

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HUGHES LAKE	MI	HMF	6,000	75	UNK	292	6	18	3	23	250K	FS
CHERRYTOWN	NY	NYS	400	40	UNK	63	58	1	1	0	NR	ST
DELTA	MA	MAS	650	100	---	5	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
OKOME ROAD	PA	PAS	605	100	---	43	3	2	0	0	NR	ST
* TREASTER KETTLE	PA	PAS	424	100	---	51	3	5	0	0	NR	ST
INDIANTOWN GAP	PA	PAS	350	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

MAS - Massachusetts Bureau of Forest Fire Control

PAS - Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Dry weather with low humidity will continue over the Southeast while a disturbance moving across the mid Atlantic coast will bring dry, windy weather to that region. Showers will extend from the Southern Plains to the Great Lakes with another area of rain over New England. High pressure will help keep the Southwest warm and dry. However, a developing trough in the Great Basin will begin to increase the winds in the Southwest on Thursday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southwest Area Mostly sunny, warm, dry and breezy most of Arizona and New Mexico. A slight chance for a shower northeast New Mexico. A few thunderstorms west Texas.	Upper 70s to upper 90s lower elevations and upper 50s to upper 70s higher elevations.	5 to 15% lower elevations and 15 to 25% higher elevations of Arizona, New Mexico and southwest Texas. 20 to over 30% remainder of west Texas.	Southwest 12 to 22 mph and gusty, except northeast 10 to 20 mph northeast New Mexico and the Texas panhandle.
Southern California Low clouds and fog to the lower coastal slopes, otherwise sunny, except becoming partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon over the Sierra.	60 to 75 mountains. 65 to 75 valleys. 75 to 85 upper deserts. 90 to 100 lower deserts.	20 to 40%.	Southwest to northwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.
Eastern Area Areas of showers and thunderstorms across southeast Iowa, Missouri, and western Illinois. A chance of showers and a few thunderstorms over the western 2/3 of the Great Lakes. Lingering showers over the eastern half of the Northeast. Fair elsewhere.	67 to 77 over the southern half of the Eastern Area as well as the eastern half of the Upper and the entire Lower Peninsulas of Michigan. 50 to 58 over northern Minnesota. 57 to 67 elsewhere.	32 to 42% across southern Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, as well as the Mid-Atlantic states.	West to northwest wind increasing to 15 to 25 mph over the western 2/3 of the Great Lakes behind a cool frontal passage. Southwest at 8 to 16 mph ahead of the front over the eastern Upper and entire Lower Peninsulas of Michigan.
Rocky Mountain Area No information was reported.			
Southern Area No information was reported.			



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HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk management doesn't get in the way of doing the mission – it is the way we do the mission. The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

• Step 1 Situational Awareness:

- Obtain information.
- Scout the fire.
- Identify hazards those likely to result in a negative impact.
- Consider all aspects of current and future situations.
- Consider known historical problem areas (Apply information from the Fire Danger Pocket Card.).
- Recognize the need for action.
- Demonstrate ongoing awareness of fire assignment status.
- Note deviations.
- Attempt to determine why discrepancies exist with information before proceeding.

• Step 2 Hazard Assessment:

- Assess hazards to determine risks (e.g., fire behavior, snags, unburned fuels, work/rest).
- Use the Look Up, Down, and Around; and the Tactical Watch Outs (both located in the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to identify high-risk tactical hazards.
- Assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss, cost, and mission/operational degradation based on probability and severity (probability – how likely an event will occur; severity – consequences if the event occurs). Keep in mind that increased exposure time increases probability.

• Step 3 Hazard Control:

- Determine the best approach to mitigate or control the risk from the hazards assessed.
- Establish controls (e.g., anchor point, LCES, utilize downhill checklist, limit exposure time).
- As control measures are developed, reevaluate each risk until it is reduced to a level where benefits outweigh potential costs.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					41	0	41
Northern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				5	1	7
	ACRES	1				18	0	19
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5		1			6
	ACRES		75		0			75
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		3	1		1		5
	ACRES		1	65		0		66
Eastern Area	FIRES					7	3	10
	ACRES					40	3	43
Southern Area	FIRES	7		1		31	2	41
	ACRES	64		5		654	0	723
TOTAL	FIRES	8	8	2	1	47	12	78
	ACRES	65	76	70	0	753	3	967

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					9		9
	ACRES					3		3
Northwest	FIREs	12		2		15	3	32
	ACRES	15		3		58	1	77
Northern California	FIREs				1	174	15	190
	ACRES				0	1,552	1,244	2,796
Southern California	FIREs		4				27	31
	ACRES		10				11,096	11,106
Northern Rockies	FIREs	143	2	8	1	44	9	207
	ACRES	560	101	975	223	3,704	256	5,819
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	10	6			13		29
	ACRES	156	12			739		907
Western Great Basin	FIREs		18		2		1	21
	ACRES		105		1		0	106
Southwest	FIREs	269	63	1	38	564	210	1,145
	ACRES	1,710	2,055	431	3,496	259,472	13,745	280,909
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	56	10	26	3	253	42	390
	ACRES	823	56	1,605	0	128,666	7,535	138,685
Eastern Area	FIREs	404		33	45	7,774	380	8,636
	ACRES	5,716		906	247	61,238	20,694	88,801
Southern Area	FIREs	385		138	47	24,160	667	25,397
	ACRES	42,882		14,671	5,683	1,665,024	33,536	1,761,796
TOTAL	FIREs	1,279	103	130	136	33,006	1,286	36,087
	ACRES	51,862	2,339	10,583	9,150	2,120,456	86,603	2,291,005

Five Year Average Fires	25,772
Five Year Average Acres	511,121

*** 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	6
	ACRES		560				523	1,083
Northern California	FIRES						12	12
	ACRES						104	104
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						242	242
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				0		2	2
	ACRES				335		835	1,170
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		1,200				1,000	2,200
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				0	0
	ACRES		50				77	127
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					3		3
Southern Area	FIRES				1	1	3	5
	ACRES				353	620	2,064	3,037
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	0	1	2	25	32
	ACRES	0	1,810	0	688	623	4,845	7,966

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	15	107	51	1		58	229
	ACRES	2,986	6,667	6,602	98		3,331	19,043
Northern California	FIRES	12	3	3	3		48	69
	ACRES	101	222	17,905	14		643	18,885
Southern California	FIRES		5	2			50	57
	ACRES		285	24			1,723	2,032
Northern Rockies	FIRES		17	35	1	10	75	135
	ACRES		2,696	6,697	128	851	7,224	17,401
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	10	6		2	198	219
	ACRES	1,336	1,772	1,548		7	4,565	9,228
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	1				3
	ACRES		15	10				25
Southwest	FIRES	23	7	3	1		70	104
	ACRES	3,682	2,202	4,345	87		36,429	46,745
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	19	58	12	27	82	220
	ACRES	2,033	5,400	13,450	8,957	1,577	23,027	54,444
Eastern Area	FIRES	38		345	34	943	132	1,492
	ACRES	14,651		42,957	5,081	54,178	26,112	142,979
Southern Area	FIRES	21		149	44	206	685	1,105
	ACRES	5,839		68,315	13,196	105,874	550,698	743,922
TOTAL	FIRES	134	170	653	96	1,188	1,398	3,639
	ACRES	30,628	19,259	161,853	27,561	162,487	653,752	1,055,540

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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				4			4
	ACRES				1			1
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs		1		1			2
	ACRES		125		1,510			1,635
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	1	0	5	0	0	6
	ACRES	0	125	0	1,511	0	0	1,636

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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										
Northwest				1			1			
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies	1		4							
Eastern Great Basin				3	1	1			10	
Western Great Basin				2		1				
Southwest				9	33	1	1	5		1 26
Rocky Mountain	1	1	2	2						2
Eastern Area	7	68	17	18	5	3	1	1	141	119
Southern Area	7		22	6	6	4	3		118	55
Total	16	69	60	60	14	9	9	1	272	200

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