

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 57 new fires reported. Five new large fires (*) were reported in the Southern Area. Two large fires were contained in the Southern and Southwest Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Kansas, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

ARECA, Florida Division of Forestry. A Florida State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jones) is assigned. The Team is also managing the Tosohatchee fire. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land six miles northwest of Sharpes, FL in southern rough. Increased temperature and low relative humidity are hampering containment efforts. Smokey conditions are forcing road closures in the area.

TOSOHATCHEE, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles southwest of Titusville, FL in timber and grass. No further information was received.

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. Scattered showers were reported over portions of the management area. One new fire within the management area was declared controlled. Acres, structure losses and costs represent cumulative fire activity for the response area.

BIG BEND, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Osceola County, FL in southern rough. Access around the fire is difficult due to swampy terrain.

RASELY ROAD, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Volusia County, FL in southern rough. Rapid rates of spread and spotting were reported.

WF NEW SMYRNA 44/95, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Volusia County, FL in southern rough. No further information was received.

THE BANSHEE, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Broward County, FL in grass. Onshore winds resulted in rapid rates of spread in light fuels.

4 TRACK, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Volusia County, FL in grass. The fire is being monitored.

CORBETT TRAIL, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is four miles south of Indiantown, FL in grass. 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	ORIGIN OWN
ARECA	FL	FLS	6,000	80	5/28	39	0	5	2	0	NR	FWS
TOSOHATCHEE	FL	FLS	600	75	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	750	ST
WEST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	4,969	NR	UNK	149	0	10	2	0	15.1M	N/A
* BIG BEND	FL	FLS	1,250	60	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	1.2K	ST
* RASELY ROAD	FL	FLS	1,063	40	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	1.2K	ST
* WF NEW SMYRNA 44/95	FL	FLS	500	40	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	1.2K	ST
* THE BANSHEE	FL	FLS	300	NR	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	750	ST
* 4 TRACK	FL	FLS	500	40	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	300	ST
CORBETT TRAIL	FL	FLS	4,200	70	UNK	UNK	0	0	0	0	13.5K	ST
CARDINAL	VA	VAF	1,935	100	---	197	4	5	1	0	1.1M	FS

VAF - George Washington & Jefferson National Forests

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

BEAR TRAP, Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection. This fire is four miles northeast of Keating, PA in hardwood litter. Steep terrain and very dry fuel conditions are hampering containment efforts. Backing and creeping fire behavior was reported. Burn out operations were successful, and line improvement continues.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
BEAR TRAP	PA	PAS	1,350	80	5/8	180	9	3	1	0	NR	ST

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SHIPROCK #5	AZ	NAO	383	100	---	24	1	1	0	1	NR	BIA

NAO Navajo Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: In effect for interior areas of southern Florida for low humidity. Red Flag Warning for Monday 1100 am EDT to 800 pm EDT across the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan.

Fire Weather Watches: A Watch has been posted for Tuesday for the Guadalupe Mountains of West Texas for single digit humidity and gusty surface winds.

Weather Discussion: High pressure will continue to bring dry weather and low humidity to most of central and southern Florida and from the eastern Great Lakes into New England. Hot and dry weather is on tap for most of the Southwest.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern Area Florida: Mostly Cloudy north to Mostly Sunny south with thunderstorms (except southern areas).	80s to 90s	Mid 30s to 60%	Southwest to South 5 to 10 mph.
Eastern Area Increasing clouds across the western Great Lakes as well as Iowa and western Missouri. A chance of showers and thunderstorms over the western two thirds of Minnesota, western Iowa, and far western Missouri. Mostly cloudy across the southeastern Mid-Atlantic states with areas of showers and thunderstorms. Fair elsewhere.	66 to 76 over the Great Lakes, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana. 60 to 70 over the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.	20 to 30% over the Northeast and eastern Great Lakes. 30 to 40% across the Mid-Atlantic states. 30 to 40% over the northern Mid-Atlantic states. Great than 40% across the rest of the Eastern Area.	South to southwest at 12 to 22 mph over the Great Lakes and Iowa, western Illinois, and Missouri. Higher gusts likely over Minnesota, western Wisconsin, Iowa and northwest Missouri. Light to moderate winds elsewhere.
Rocky Mountain Area A few showers and scattered afternoon thunderstorms mainly north and east portions, otherwise increasing afternoon clouds.	70s to lower 80s in the lower elevations of Colorado, otherwise 60s in Wyoming and South Dakota, with 80s in Kansas and Nebraska.	15 to 25% lower elevations of southern Colorado, with higher value elsewhere.	Increasing in the afternoon from the west at 15 to 20 mph in western Colorado and southern Wyoming, with variable winds at 10 to 15 mph elsewhere.
Southwest Area Mostly sunny, dry and warmer with afternoon breezes Arizona, western New Mexico, and far southwest Texas. Partly cloudy with isolated showers or thunderstorms far eastern sections of Geographic area.	50s to 70s mountains and lower elevations across the north. Upper 70s to mid 90s lower elevations south.	8 to 18% Arizona, New Mexico, and far southwest Texas. 18 to 25% northern and eastern sections of west Texas.	West to southwest 10 to 20 mph all areas.



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WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE STRUCTURE PROTECTION

The primary consideration of any operation is to assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structure.

Factors that may make an attempt to save a structure hopeless or too dangerous include:

- The fire is making a sustained run and there is little or no clearance between the structure and the fuel.
- The fire behavior is extreme; spot fires are numerous and the spread is outpacing containment.
- Water supply will not last as long as the threat of the fire.
- The fire's intensity dictates that you leave the fire area immediately.
- The structure is constructed of wood and has a wood, shake roof.
- The roof of the structure is more than one-quarter involved.
- There is fire inside of the structure or windows are broken and there is no way to quickly repair them.
- You can't safely remain at the structure because your escape route could become unusable.

When implementing a plan to protect structures, consider the following:

- Don't enter a burning structure unless you are trained, equipped, and authorized. Firefighter safety and survival is the number one priority.
- Always stay mobile and wear all of your PPE.
- Back in equipment to allow for a quick escape.
- Coil a short, 1 ½", charged line with fog nozzle on your engine for safety and quick knock down capability.
- Don't make long hose lays. Keep at least 100 gallons of water reserve in your tank.
- Check the road system before the fire approaches. Know bridge limits, alternate access routes, and turnarounds for your vehicle and other support vehicles.
- Determine if residents are home. Leave on the inside and outside lights, regardless of the time of day. Close the garage door.
- Place the owner's ladder at a corner of the home on the side with the least fire threat.
- Coil and charge garden hoses.
- Check and mark hazmat; e.g., LPG, pesticides, and paint storage.

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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					5		5
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2				2	2	6
	ACRES	2				0	0	2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					18		18
	ACRES					511		511
Southern Area	FIRES			1	1	26	1	29
	ACRES			1	0	1,060	3	1,064
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	1	1	48	5	57
	ACRES	2	0	1	0	1,576	4	1,583

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					16		16
	ACRES					95		95
Northwest	FIRES	12	4	2		31	19	68
	ACRES	15	3	3		84	89	194
Northern California	FIRES	3			1	174	12	190
	ACRES	1			0	1,552	1,239	2,792
Southern California	FIRES		4				28	32
	ACRES		10				11,096	11,106
Northern Rockies	FIRES	155	2	8	1	71	10	247
	ACRES	983	101	975	223	3,769	224	6,275
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	10	9			16	2	37
	ACRES	156	12			740	4	912
Western Great Basin	FIRES		22		2		1	25
	ACRES		857		1		0	858
Southwest	FIRES	285	65	1	40	584	227	1,202
	ACRES	1,805	2,058	431	3,498	267,910	14,189	289,891
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	56	13	30	4	256	48	407
	ACRES	823	56	1,617	0	131,219	7,538	141,253
Eastern Area	FIRES	405		39	47	7,949	398	8,838
	ACRES	5,716		937	247	65,890	12,974	85,764
Southern Area	FIRES	386		145	48	25,122	671	26,372
	ACRES	42,932		14,870	5,683	1,693,028	33,706	1,790,219
TOTAL	FIRES	1,312	119	225	143	34,219	1,416	37,434
	ACRES	52,431	3,097	18,833	9,652	2,164,287	81,059	2,329,359

Five Year Average Fires	27,440
Five Year Average Acres	544,951

*** 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		1				4	5
	ACRES		20				310	330
Northern California	FIRES			3			4	7
	ACRES			27			264	291
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		15					15
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1,800	1,800
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						220	220
Eastern Area	FIRES			8			1	9
	ACRES			3,018			1,170	4,188
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	11	0	0	10	22
	ACRES	0	35	3,045	0	0	3,764	6,844

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	16	115	51	1		101	284
	ACRES	3,669	7,736	6,602	98		13,085	31,190
Northern California	FIRES	13	3	9	3		64	92
	ACRES	112	222	18,584	14		1,059	19,991
Southern California	FIRES		5	2	1		56	64
	ACRES		285	24	3		2,013	2,325
Northern Rockies	FIRES		18	50	1	19	163	251
	ACRES		3,290	8,743	128	1,495	19,558	33,214
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	12	6	2	2	32	57
	ACRES	1,391	2,163	1,549	1,845	10	10,064	17,022
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	1			1	4
	ACRES		15	10			1,085	1,110
Southwest	FIRES	23	12	3	1		95	134
	ACRES	3,682	7,578	6,856	87		46,255	64,458
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	19	85	12	31	89	258
	ACRES	2,033	5,460	18,686	8,957	1,767	25,948	62,851
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		407	34	1,026	134	1,637
	ACRES	14,997		50,520	5,081	57,385	27,318	155,301
Southern Area	FIRES	21		149	47	222	696	1,135
	ACRES	5,839		68,315	13,668	112,209	557,615	757,646
TOTAL	FIRES	134	186	763	102	1,300	1,431	3,916
	ACRES	31,723	26,749	179,889	29,881	172,866	704,000	1,145,108

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs				1			1
	ACRES				1,656			1,656
Rocky Mountain	FIREs				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	0	0	0	6	0	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,657	0	0	1,657

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES LAST WEEK	HECTARES LAST WEEK	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	71	1,727	202	1,844
Yukon Territory	1	1	1	1
Alberta	97	3,180	365	3,181
Northwest Territory			0	0
Saskatchewan	32	720	61	720
Manitoba	26	319	44	339
Ontario	54	158	95	159
Quebec	63	75	106	75
Newfoundland	9	64	12	64
New Brunswick	77	246	186	247
Nova Scotia	33	1,519	151	1,520
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	5	474	7	475
Total	71	8,487	1,230	8,624

***** Canada fires and hectares are updated weekly. *****

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										
Northern California										
Southern California		4	4	9		2				2
Northern Rockies				1						
Eastern Great Basin				1						
Western Great Basin	2				1		1			2
Southwest	5		1		1		6		4	1
Rocky Mountain		1	3							
Eastern Area	5	9	8	3	1	2	1		90	47
Southern Area	5		19	7	6	2	2		175	64
Total	17	14	37	19	9	6	10	0	271	114

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