

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2006 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 98 new fires reported. Two new large fires (*) were reported and two large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

ARECA, Florida Division of Forestry. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jones) back to the local unit will occur. The Team is also managing the Tosohatchee fire. This fire started on private land six miles northwest of Sharpes, FL in southern rough. Minimal fire activity was reported. Smoke is impacting traffic flow along nearby roads.

RASELY ROAD, Florida Division of Forestry. A transfer of command from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Beauchamp) back to the local unit will occur. The Team is also managing the WF New Smyrna 44/95 fire. This fire is 10 miles northeast of Deltona, FL in southern rough. Numerous residences remain threatened. Smoke is creating hazardous conditions on highways, and Interstate 95 continues to be intermittently closed during early morning hours.

WF POSSUM CAM, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is two miles west of Edgewater, FL in southern rough and timber. Mandatory and voluntary evacuations remain in effect for approximately 1,200 residents. Interstate 95 remains closed during the early morning hours due to smoke and fog. The fire remains active.

WF NEW SMYRNA 44/95, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is one mile west of New Smyrna, FL in southern rough. Numerous residences remain threatened. Interstate 95 continues to be closed during early morning hours due to smoky conditions.

B & B, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is 12 miles south of Tahlequah, OK in hardwood litter. The fire is burning in steep and narrow canyons. Active fire with four foot flame lengths was observed. Burn out operations were completed.

HUTTA, Texas Forest Service. This fire is five miles west of Carta Valley, TX in grass. Moderate fire activity with single tree and group torching were reported. One 40 acre spot fire was reported.

TOSOHATCHEE, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles southwest of Titusville, FL in timber and southern rough. Interior pockets of unburned fuel continue to burn. Difficult access to portions of the fire continues to be a problem.

BERG, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is 14 miles south of Belle Glade, FL in grass. The fire received heavy precipitation. Smoke continues to impact roadways.

29 POWELL, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Hillsborough County, FL in grass. Minimal fire activity was reported. Creeping and interior smokes were observed. Several road closures remain in effect.

OK-KPSP-757, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Okeechobee County, FL in southern rough. Some precipitation was reported. Creeping fire behavior was observed.

BIG BEND, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Osceola County, FL in southern rough. Up to half and inch of precipitation fell on the fire. Creeping fire behavior was reported.

FRIDAY ROAD, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire, formerly named Dump, is in Brevard County, FL in grass. Fire activity has diminished significantly.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
ARECA	FL	FLS	5,618	90	5/17	198	0	77	4	1	475K	PRI
RASELY ROAD	FL	FLS	1,157	95	5/25	92	0	10	0	0	147K	ST
WF POSSUM CAM	FL	FLS	918	65	5/25	10	0	3	0	0	38.9K	ST
WF NEW SMYRNA 44/95	FL	FLS	1,569	90	5/21	134	0	15	0	3	315K	ST
* B & B	OK	OKS	110	90	5/17	2	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI
HUTTA	TX	TXS	1,040	75	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
TOSOHATCHEE	FL	FLS	817	90	5/17	58	0	27	0	0	237K	ST
BERG	FL	FLS	29,250	95	UNK	9	0	4	0	0	4.2K	ST
29 POWELL	FL	FLS	450	70	5/28	12	0	6	1	1	3.1K	ST
OK-KPSP-757	FL	FLS	1,100	90	5/25	8	0	0	0	1	1.4K	ST
BIG BEND	FL	FLS	1,585	90	5/28	8	0	2	0	0	2.0K	ST
FRIDAY ROAD	FL	FLS	800	90	5/25	6	0	1	0	0	1.2K	ST
53 RIVER RANCH CAMP AREA	FL	FLS	250	100	---	7	0	1	1	0	3.2K	ST
* DRY CREEK	OK	OKS	110	100	---	2	0	1	0	0	NR	PRI

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Dry conditions are expected in Florida and the adjacent southeastern states again this afternoon. High pressure will continue over the West. Afternoon thunderstorms will occur in Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Nevada with a few thunderstorms in the other western states.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern Area Florida: Partly cloudy.	Mainly 80s.	30% north to 45% south.	Northwest 8 to 13 mph.
Eastern Great Basin Area Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny with isolated thunderstorms over the area. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny with isolated thunderstorms over the mountains. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny, with scattered thunderstorms.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 60 to 74 mountains, 75 to 92 valleys. Northern Utah: 66 to 80 mountains, 81 to 94 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 68 to 78 mountains, 82 to 92 valleys, 98 to 108 lowest deserts.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 20 to 40% mountains 12 to 24% valleys. Northern Utah: 14 to 24% mountains 8 to 20% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 19 to 29% mountains, 10 to 21% valleys.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Variable 5 to 10. Northern Utah: Variable 5 to 10. Southern Utah, AZ Strip: Variable 5 to 15 mph.
Rocky Mountain Area Mostly sunny. Isolated afternoon mainly dry thunderstorms in the mountains.	Upper 70s to mid 80s, with mid 60s to lower 70s in the mountains.	15 to 25% in the lower elevations, except 5% to 10% in portions of western Colorado. 25 to 35% in the mountains and eastern plains.	Northerly 8 to 18 mph.
Southern California Area Night and morning low clouds and fog coastal areas. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms over the Sierra and mountains of Southern California. Otherwise mostly sunny.	75 to 90 mountains. 80 to 95 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	10 to 25%.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
Southwest Area Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms across parts of central and eastern Arizona into western New Mexico with some isolated to widely scattered mixed thunderstorms. From the continental divide eastward, variable clouds, a bit warmer and drier with widely scattered showers and thunderstorms likely across northern and western New Mexico.	60s to 70s across the mountains. Upper 70s to upper 80s across central and eastern New Mexico into west Texas. Upper 70s to near 100 across far western New Mexico into Arizona.	8 to 16% across southern, western, and parts of northern Arizona. 15 to 30% elsewhere.	South to southwest winds 5 to 15 mph across Arizona. West to southwest winds 5 to 15 mph across most of New Mexico. East to south-southeast winds at 5 to 15 mph across eastern New Mexico into west Texas.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Roadside Incident Response

Nationally, the number of injuries and fatalities among emergency responders who are responding to roadside incidents is increasing at an increasing rate. Although most wildland fires occur in remote areas, there are situations where wildland fire personnel are responding to fires along rural country roads, jeep roads, or major highways; the risk still exists for our firefighters. Below is a checklist of considerations that should be utilized when responding to fires and other incidents along roadsides:

➊ Considerations

- Firefighter and public safety will always be the number one priority.
- Utilize L.C.E.S. in all incident activities.
- Personal Protective Equipment will be used on all incidents.

➋ Upon Arrival at the Scene

Size up incident- see Incident Response Pocket Guide

- What has happened?
- What is happening?
- What will or could happen?
- Is this a HazMat situation?

➌ Risk Management Process-

- Decision Point, Go No Go. See the Incident Response Pocket Guide, page 1

➍ Tactical Considerations

- Anytime traffic flow is affected by the incident, contact the jurisdictional law enforcement agency for assistance.
- Conduct all operations as far from traffic lanes as possible to provide for crew and public safety.
- Park units on the same side of the roadway when ever possible to avoid traffic congestion.
- Personnel do not exit the fire apparatus until instructed to do so by the module leader.
- Exit the fire apparatus away from the roadway or where hazard exposure is minimized.
- Exit the fire apparatus with full personal protective equipment.
- Post a lookout to watch for and control oncoming traffic.
- Utilize forward and rear spotters when visibility is impaired or road conditions warrant.
- Utilize and place road flares or other traffic warning signs when ever possible
- If equipment needs to be removed from the traffic side of the apparatus, one person will retrieve the equipment and a lookout will watch for oncoming traffic.
- Engine operators will operate pumps from the non-traffic side or from the cab of the apparatus when possible. Keep all hose, fire tools, and equipment out of traffic lanes when possible.
- During night operations utilize reflective clothing, vests and other safety equipment as necessary.
- All emergency responses on roadways will be concluded as quickly as possible to reduce personnel exposure.
- Cancel or demob unnecessary apparatus as soon as possible.

➎ *** Each agency emergency vehicle operator will follow their particular state laws and agency policies governing the operations of emergency vehicles.*

FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					11		11
Northwest	FIRES	1		1		3	4	9
	ACRES	1		1		1	2	5
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2		1		1	1	5
	ACRES	1		200		0	0	201
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		132					132
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					7		7
Southwest	FIRES	5	4		3		25	37
	ACRES	2	3		1		26	32
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	3	0			1	3	7
	ACRES	1	66			50	2	119
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					4		4
Southern Area	FIRES					25		25
	ACRES					1,968		1,968
TOTAL	FIRES	11	6	2	3	43	33	98
	ACRES	5	201	201	1	2,041	30	2,479

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					44		44
	ACRES					116		116
Northwest	FIRES	32	4	3		104	39	182
	ACRES	72	3	4		310	104	493
Northern California	FIRES	13			1	174	17	205
	ACRES	15			0	1,552	1,242	2,809
Southern California	FIRES		4				32	36
	ACRES		10				11,096	11,106
Northern Rockies	FIRES	175	2	8	1	92	21	299
	ACRES	1,064	101	975	223	4,026	232	6,621
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	13	22			28	4	67
	ACRES	180	188			1,339	3	1,710
Western Great Basin	FIRES		33		3	4	2	42
	ACRES		1,225		2	7	0	1,234
Southwest	FIRES	323	72	1	53	601	294	1,344
	ACRES	2,278	2,065	431	5,206	268,210	14,059	292,249
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	98	15	33	3	267	53	469
	ACRES	1,328	167	1,821	0	131,247	7,539	142,102
Eastern Area	FIRES	423		33	47	8,749	409	9,661
	ACRES	5,721		828	247	72,770	12,999	92,565
Southern Area	FIRES	386		147	48	25,732	688	27,001
	ACRES	42,932		14,887	5,683	1,756,736	35,190	1,855,428
TOTAL	FIRES	1,463	152	225	156	35,795	1,559	39,350
	ACRES	53,590	3,759	18,946	11,361	2,236,313	82,464	2,406,433

Ten Year Average Fires	29,884
Ten Year Average Acres	605,214

*** 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						2	2
	ACRES						782	782
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			2			8	10
	ACRES			338			216	554
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					0		0
	ACRES					21		21
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1	0			1
	ACRES			356	10			366
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					859		859
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	3	0	0	13	16
	ACRES	0	0	694	10	21	1,857	2,582

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					3		3
Northwest	FIRES	18	113	51	1	1	156	340
	ACRES	3,761	10,098	6,602	98	180	24,519	45,258
Northern California	FIRES	17	3	19	3		73	115
	ACRES	207	222	25,522	14		2,646	28,611
Southern California	FIRES		5	3	1		56	65
	ACRES		285	59	12		2,013	2,369
Northern Rockies	FIRES		20	98	2	30	215	365
	ACRES		4,344	17,324	268	3,024	27,918	52,878
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	14	6	2	5	46	76
	ACRES	1,391	2,813	1,549	1,845	125	21,404	29,127
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	3			1	9
	ACRES		325	12			1,085	1,422
Southwest	FIRES	23	12	3	4		97	139
	ACRES	3,767	10,696	6,856	923		49,658	71,900
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	20	93	12	32	91	274
	ACRES	2,591	5,510	19,574	8,972	1,767	26,898	65,312
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		457	34	1,048	136	1,711
	ACRES	15,037		54,237	5,081	59,691	27,353	161,399
Southern Area	FIRES	21		151	47	228	726	1,173
	ACRES	5,839		68,497	13,668	117,109	581,922	787,035
TOTAL	FIRES	144	192	884	106	1,345	1,597	4,268
	ACRES	32,593	34,293	200,232	30,881	181,899	765,416	1,245,314

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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			2
	ACRES		0		0			0
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	0	1	0	6	0	0	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,657	0	0	1,657

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	6	0	299	2,508
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	1
Alberta	25	665	478	4,332
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	0
Saskatchewan	3	0	87	915
Manitoba	0	0	50	339
Ontario	1	5	138	629
Quebec	13	2,300	173	7,692
Newfoundland	4	1	33	129
New Brunswick	4	0	233	423
Nova Scotia	3	1	180	1,603
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	12	474
Total	59	2,972	1,686	19,043

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENG'S FED	ENG'S ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	3		4							
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies			3	2						
Eastern Great Basin			7		1				12	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest			4				7		2	
Rocky Mountain	3	2	11	12	2				22	
Eastern Area					1				4	
Southern Area	1		9	150	4	4	3		35	195
Total	7	2	38	164	8	4	10	0	75	195

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