

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 79 new fires reported. Nine new large fires (*) were reported, seven in the Southwest Area and one each in the Southern and Western Great Basin Areas. Two large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, Kansas and Utah.

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

NORTH TAYLOR, Coronado National Forest. This fire is 19 miles southwest of Safford, AZ in timber and brush. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. Difficult access is hampering containment efforts. Minimal growth with creeping and individual tree torching was reported.

GARLEY, Cibola National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lineback) has been ordered. This fire is six miles north of Cubero, NM in hardwood litter. Difficult access is hampering containment efforts. Minimal fire activity was reported along the perimeter and small fire runs were reported in the interior.

BRILLIANT #2, New Mexico State Forestry, Cimarron District. This fire is five miles west of Raton, NM in pinyon pine and brush. High temperatures, difficult terrain and dry fuel conditions are hampering containment efforts. Residences and utility infrastructure are threatened. Rapid rates of spread with crowning and torching were reported.

78, Cibola National Forest. This fire is 15 miles east of Dalhart, TX in grass. Difficult access is hampering containment efforts. Residences are threatened. Downdrafts from thunderstorm cells produced extreme fire behavior.

TAYLOR, Gila National Forest. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. The fire is burning 25 miles west of Winston, NM in pinyon pine. Structure protection is in place. Burn-out operations are being conducted. This will be the last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

LOST, Truxton Canyon Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is near Peach Springs, AZ in grass and brush. Difficult access is hampering containment efforts. No further information was received.

ADOBE, Socorro District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is 28 miles southeast of Animas, NM in grass. Difficult access and heavy fuel loading are hampering containment efforts.

PIPELINE, Roswell Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 32 miles northeast of Capitan, NM in grass and yucca. No new information was reported.

LEVI, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is two miles northwest of Wagon Mound, NM in grass and timber. No new information was reported.

CABRA, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is 40 miles northwest of Tucumari, NM in grass, pinyon pine and juniper. Extreme fire behavior and running were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* NORTH TAYLOR	AZ	CNF	117	35	5/24	269	7	0	4	0	233K	FS
* GARLEY	NM	CIF	120	35	5/23	141	6	0	2	0	NR	FS
* BRILLIANT #2	NM	N2S	250	0	5/24	45	0	9	1	0	300K	ST
* 78	NM	CIF	1,500	98	UNK	46	0	12	0	1	25K	FS
* TAYLOR - WFU	NM	GNF	210	N/A	N/A	26	2	3	0	0	NR	FS
* LOST	AZ	TCA	626	60	5/22	58	2	2	1	0	20K	BIA
ADOBÉ	NM	N3S	4,000	NR	5/30	15	0	4	0	0	NR	ST
PIPELINE	NM	ROD	7,000	NR	UNK	30	0	10	0	0	NR	BLM
LEVI	NM	N4S	4,000	0	UNK	89	1	16	1	0	15K	ST
* CABRA	NM	N4S	300	0	UNK	16	0	4	0	0	NR	ST

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

DEVILS CANYON, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 12 miles north east of Valentine, TX in grass and brush. Active fire behavior with runs on the northeast was reported.

WF POSSUM CAMP, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is two miles west of Edgewater, FL in southern rough and timber. Smoldering fire behavior was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* DEVILS CANYON	TX	TXS	1,500	20	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
WF POSSUM CAMP	FL	FLS	833	70	5/25	10	0	3	0	0	39K	ST
WF NEW SMYRNA 44/95	FL	FLS	1,569	100	---	134	0	15	0	3	316K	ST
HOSTAGE BRANCH	FL	FNF	608	100	---	12	0	2	1	0	30K	FS

FNF National Forests in Florida

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

DOUBLE-UP, Las Vegas District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire started on Forest Service Land 23 miles southwest of Las Vegas, NV in juniper and pinyon pine. Residences, vacation homes and communications infrastructure are threatened. Evacuations of residences and campers in the area are in effect. Running fire behavior and long range spotting were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* DOUBLE-UP	NV	LVD	150	NR	5/25	83	2	5	1	0	70K	FS

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

HURRICANE 2, Division of Forestry and State Lands, Southwest. This fire started on Bureau of Land Management land 15 miles east of St. George, UT in grass and brush. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

SKY RANCH, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 14 miles east of St. George, UT in grass and brush. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

STOCK POND, Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is in Mojave County in grass and brush. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

RATTLESNAKE, Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 40 miles south of St. George, UT in pinyon pine and 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
HURRICANE 2	UT	SWS	2,700	80	UNK	0	0	9	0	1	NR	BLM
SKY RANCH	UT	CCD	1,500	80	UNK	9	0	1	0	0	NR	BLM
STOCK POND	AZ	ASD	400	75	UNK	0	0	3	0	0	NR	BLM
RATTLESNAKE	AZ	ASD	170	70	UNK	74	3	3	1	0	NR	BLM

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: For southeastern Arizona through southern New Mexico and the Guadalupe mountains for strong southwest winds and low humidity.

Fire Weather Watches: For eastern Arizona, most of the northern half of New Mexico for strong southwest winds and low humidity. For western and southern Colorado for dry lightning in the afternoon below 8,500-9,000 feet.

Weather Discussion: A Pacific trough swinging inland across the Great Basin will bring strong winds and scattered thunderstorms to portions of the Southwest, Great Basin, Colorado and west Texas. Some of the thunderstorms will be dry. Dry flow aloft will continue over northern and central Florida with moisture beginning to increase in south Florida.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southwest Area Partly cloudy, breezy to windy and dry across eastern Arizona. Partly to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms western sections. Partly cloudy and dry with isolated dry thunderstorms western New Mexico. Widely scattered thunderstorms; mainly mixed or wet northern New Mexico.	60s to 80s across the mountains. 80s to upper 90s across lower elevations.	8 to 15% lower elevations from eastern Arizona through most of New Mexico. 15% to 30% higher elevations, western Arizona, and portions of west Texas.	West to southwest 5 to 15 mph and highly variable in western Arizona. South to southwest 15 to 30 mph with frequent higher gusts from the eastern half of Arizona through the western half of New Mexico. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts across eastern New Mexico into the Texas panhandle.
Southern California Area Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	60 to 75 mountains. 65 to 80 valleys. Near 70 upper deserts. 80s lower deserts.	30 to 50%.	Southeast to southwest 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.
Rocky Mountain Area A few morning showers in the west, with scattered mixed wet/dry thunderstorms spreading from west to east in the afternoon.	Mid 70s to lower 80s in most lower elevations, except mid 80s to lower 90s in the eastern plains.	15 to 25% in central to southwest Wyoming and the lower elevations of western and southern Colorado.	Southerly 10 to 20 mph, with stronger gusts near thunderstorms.
Western Great Basin Area No information was reported.			
Eastern Great basin Area No information was reported.			
Southern Area No information was reported.			



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THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

Do not lie down.

- The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
- Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
- Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
- Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!

"Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.

Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.

Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridge tops, etc., should be avoided.

If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.

Put down all tools.

Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					3		3
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1		2	20	14		37
	ACRES	0		51	6,224	2,221		8,496
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				2	4	7
	ACRES	0			200	0		200
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				25	0		25
	ACRES				1,630	308		1,938
TOTAL	FIRES	1	1	0	2	56	19	79
	ACRES	0	0	0	51	8,057	2,529	10,637

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					58		58
	ACRES					126		126
Northwest	FIREs	38	12	6		130	77	263
	ACRES	76	3	35		409	132	655
Northern California	FIREs	13			1	174	33	221
	ACRES	15			0	1,552	1,260	2,827
Southern California	FIREs		7		2		36	45
	ACRES		136		1		11,098	11,235
Northern Rockies	FIREs	177	2	8	1	103	29	320
	ACRES	1,066	101	975	223	4,465	312	7,142
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	13	43		1	42	10	109
	ACRES	180	5,242		0	2,106	7	7,535
Western Great Basin	FIREs		42		3	6	3	54
	ACRES		1,765		2	7	0	1,774
Southwest	FIREs	347	82	1	58	651	371	1,510
	ACRES	2,522	8,479	431	5,266	282,776	16,685	316,159
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	106	33	33	4	280	64	520
	ACRES	1,340	312	1,821	0	131,524	7,542	142,539
Eastern Area	FIREs	445		33	47	8,836	419	9,780
	ACRES	5,731		828	247	72,540	13,032	92,378
Southern Area	FIREs	386		148	48	25,836	698	27,116
	ACRES	42,932		14,895	5,683	1,771,119	35,784	1,870,413
TOTAL	FIREs	1,525	221	229	165	36,116	1,740	39,996
	ACRES	53,862	16,038	18,985	11,422	2,266,624	85,852	2,452,783

Ten Year Average Fires	31,192
Ten Year Average Acres	646,833

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					100		100
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							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			2				2
	ACRES			670				670
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	670	0	100	0	770

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs					5		5
	ACRES					376		376
Northwest	FIREs	19	114	51	1	1	169	355
	ACRES	5,264	10,125	6,602	98	180	25,541	47,810
Northern California	FIREs	17	5	19	3		75	119
	ACRES	207	869	26,697	14		2,783	30,570
Southern California	FIREs		5	3	1		56	65
	ACRES		285	59	12		2,013	2,369
Northern Rockies	FIREs	1	20	105	2	30	267	425
	ACRES	40	4,344	18,769	268	3,024	31,237	57,682
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	5	14	6	2	5	46	78
	ACRES	1,393	2,813	1,549	1,845	125	21,404	29,129
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	94	13	33	96	282
	ACRES	2,591	5,422	19,739	8,995	1,767	27,334	65,848
Eastern Area	FIREs	36		472	34	1,075	136	1,753
	ACRES	15,037		57,346	5,081	61,626	27,393	166,483
Southern Area	FIREs	21		156	47	254	742	1,220
	ACRES	5,839		70,054	13,668	135,777	604,385	829,723
TOTAL	FIREs	148	195	912	107	1,403	1,685	4,450
	ACRES	34,138	34,879	207,683	30,904	202,875	792,833	1,303,312

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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					5		5
	ACRES					168		168
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs				1		1	2
	ACRES				1,656		2	1,658
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	6	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,657	0	170	1,827

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	14	0	379	3,933
Yukon Territory	0	0	3	1
Alberta	33	0	605	6,688
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	0
Saskatchewan	3	0	108	1,566
Manitoba	0	0	51	343
Ontario	2	0	150	634
Quebec	0	0	182	24,908
Newfoundland	4	50	36	180
New Brunswick	0	0	233	422
Nova Scotia	0	0	183	1,604
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	1	0	24	525
Total	57	0	1,955	40,803

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				4						3
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	2	1	19	3	1		1		7	1
Western Great Basin			2	6		2				14
Southwest	16	2	17	21	9	1	5		80	32
Rocky Mountain			1	8	2	1		1		
Eastern Area										3
Southern Area	1		11	143	5	3	2		37	194
Total		19	6	65	169	18	4	9	0	144
										227

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