

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2006 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 175 new fires reported. One new large fire (\*) was reported in the Southern California Area. Five large fires were contained, two in the Southern Area, and one each in the Southwest, Southern California and Alaska Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico and Utah.

**SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

103, Coronado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Raley) is assigned. This fire is eight miles south of Sierra Vista, AZ in grass and timber. Structures remain potentially threatened. Fire activity was limited to smoldering in heavy duff. Steep terrain is hampering containment efforts.

ADOBE, Socorro District, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is 28 miles southeast of Animas, NM in mixed conifer forest and grass. Minimal fire activity was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

CORN FIELD, Prescott National Forest. This fire is 13 miles northwest of Prescott, AZ in brush. No further information was received.

CALIFORNIA RUNNER, Colorado River Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is 20 miles south of Parker, AZ in brush. Cultural resources remain threatened. Smoldering fire activity was reported.

KNIFE, Coconino National Forest. This fire is 10 miles east of Flagstaff, AZ in brush, brush, pinyon pine and juniper. Archeological resources remain threatened. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
103	AZ	CNF	2,050	90	6/2	502	10	14	5	0	1.2M	FS
ADOBE	NM	N3S	25,460	80	6/1	27	1	1	0	0	20K	ST
CORN FIELD	AZ	PNF	1,100	NR	UNK	69	2	17	1	0	NR	FS
CALIFORNIA RUNNER	AZ	CRA	576	95	UNK	16	1	1	0	0	NR	BIA
KNIFE	AZ	COF	560	NR	5/31	108	4	6	0	0	170K	FS
ROMERO	AZ	CNF	860	100	---	27	1	0	0	0	798K	FS

CNF - Coronado National Forest

## SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

277, National Forests in Florida. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Custer) is assigned. This fire is six miles southwest of Taylor, FL in southern rough, and is burning in the Big Gum Swamp Wilderness Area. Torching and medium range spotting are hampering containment efforts. Gusty winds slowed burn out operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
277	FL	FNF	1,500	40	6/2	79	1	5	3	0	60K	FS
PALO DURA EAST	TX	TXS	12,200	100	---	NR	1	0	0	2	NR	ST
PARNELL	TX	TXS	320	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

TXS - Texas Forest Service

## EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

WILLOW CREEK, Southeast Area, Utah State Division of Forestry Fire & State Lands. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Lund) is assigned. This fire is 55 miles north of Moab, UT in brush, juniper and timber. Isolated torching and rolling debris down steep slopes were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WILLOW CREEK	UT	SES	756	30	6/3	280	10	3	4	0	507K	ST

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

MOCAL, Bakersfield District, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is nine miles west of Taft, CA in grass. Steep and inaccessible terrain is hampering control efforts. No further information was received.

ENERGY, Kern County Fire Department. This fire is 27 miles northwest of Lancaster, CA in grass and juniper. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

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MOCAL	CA	BBD	905	65	UNK	136	3	7	1	0	NR	BLM
ENERGY	CA	KRN	NR	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	1	NR	CNTY
* SKINNER	CA	RRU	317	100	---	188	8	13	2	0	NR	ST

RRU- Riverside Unit California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
PT. MACK MILE 5	AK	MSS	461	100	---	191	9	2	1	2	528K	PRI

MSS - Mat-Su Area Forestry, Alaska Division of Forestry

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will continue to build over the West for a continued warming trend. Some moisture will be spreading into New Mexico and eastern Colorado. In Florida, low level easterly winds should bring higher humidity to most of the state, especially in the southern and central portions. In Alaska, cooler temperatures and higher humidity are expected across most of the state.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southwest Area</b> Sunny skies across Arizona. Partly cloudy over most of New Mexico and west Texas. Widely scattered to scattered thunderstorms across eastern New Mexico into southwest Texas. Isolated to widely scattered mixed or dry thunderstorms between the Rio Grande River valley and the continental divide region.	Upper 60s to upper 70s across the mountains. Low 80s to the low 100s across the lower elevations.	5% to 15%, except 15% to 45% from the New Mexico central mountain chain eastward.	South to southwest 5 to 10 mph in Arizona. East to southeast 10 to 20 mph west Texas through most of New Mexico. South to southwest 5 to 15 mph northern New Mexico.
<b>Eastern Great Basin Area</b> Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Mostly sunny in the valleys, partly cloudy over the central Idaho mountains. Northern Utah: Mostly sunny, warmer. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: Mostly sunny and drier.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 54 to 77 mountains, 70 to 78 valleys. Northern Utah: 64 to 78 mountains, 73 to 86 valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 67 to 78 mountains, 79 to 98 valleys, 100 to 108 lowest deserts.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: 21 to 34% mountains, 13 to 27% valleys. Northern Utah: 10 to 26% mountains, 8 to 19% valleys. Southern Utah, Arizona Strip: 8 to 18% mountains, 4 to 13% valleys, 5 to 10% lowest deserts.	Idaho, Bridger-Teton: Variable 5 to 10 mph, then southeast to southwest 10 to 15 mph. Northern Utah: Southwest 10 to 20 mph west, Variable and light, east. Southern Utah, AZ Strip: Northwest to northeast 15 mph.
<b>Southern California Area</b> Patchy morning low clouds or fog near the coast, otherwise sunny.	75 to 85 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 90s upper deserts. 95 to 105 lower deserts.	35 to 45% coastal areas. 12 to 24% valleys and coastal slopes. 10 to 20% mountains. 5 to 10% deserts.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 10 mph over most areas during the afternoon.
<b>Alaska Area</b> Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Upper 50s and 60s.	30 to 45%.	South to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Rocky Mountain Area</b> Scattered afternoon thunderstorms in the east. Dry in the west.	75 to 85 with 60 to 70 in the mountains.	8 to 18% in the west, and above 25% in the east.	Variable 5 to 15 mph.
<b>Western Great Basin Area</b> Partly sunny in the northwest, mostly sunny elsewhere.	North valleys: 70 to 85. South valleys: 85 to 108. N. mountains: 65 to 80. S. mountains: 70 to 85.	N. valleys: 10 to 25%. S. valleys: 3 to 10%. N. mountains: 10 to 30%. S. mountains: 5 to 10%.	Southeast to west at 5 to 15 mph with localized afternoon gusts to 20 mph along the Sierra Front.
<b>Southern Area</b> No information was reported.			
<b>Eastern Area</b> No information was reported.			



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### **Instructions and Assignments Not Clear**

Every firefighter will give and receive briefings at some point on the job. Briefings are an effective way to disseminate information that can make the firefighter's job safer and easier. When giving a briefing, it is important to keep the following questions in mind and remain perceptive to how the audience is receiving the information:

- Did they ask questions? Talk about what it is like giving a briefing. Do you get empty stares? What feedback are you looking for to ensure they understand you?
- Did they take notes? What kind of information would you like to see people write down?
- Did they repeat information back? What other ways can you identify that your briefing is registering?
- Did you give all the necessary information? How will you ensure that you covered everything necessary?
  - Task
  - Location
  - Communications
  - Hazards
  - Who, when, etc.
- It is also important for the firefighter who is receiving instructions to be mindful of the following during the briefing:
  - Did you really listen? What do you do to make yourself pay attention to everything being said?
  - Did you understand the assignment, location, and the nature and location of hazards? Do you expect to figure it out for yourself when you get out there or do you step forward and ask questions?
- To reduce the risks, take the time and get it right!
- You must know the location of the assignment and:
  - What is to be done.
  - Who you are to report to and how often to report.
  - When you are expected to complete the assignment.
  - Hazards.
  - Communication plan frequencies.
  - Weather and fire behavior.
  - Status of adjoining forces.

**FIREs AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					15		15
Northwest	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						2	2
Northern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES		4				51	55
	ACRES		0				0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4						4
	ACRES	2						2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		1			1	2	4
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		129					129
Southwest	FIRES	1				5	2	8
	ACRES	0				9	2	11
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			3	1	5
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					54	1	55
	ACRES					2,370	3	2,373
Southern Area	FIRES					26	2	28
	ACRES					284	1,016	1,300
TOTAL	FIRES	6	6	0	0	97	66	175
	ACRES	2	130	0	0	2,679	1,025	3,836

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	1			1	110		112
	ACRES	3			1,310	483		1,796
Northwest	FIREs	39	15	6		144	89	293
	ACRES	76	4	30		422	136	668
Northern California	FIREs	13		5	1	174	57	250
	ACRES	15		25	0	1,552	1,524	3,116
Southern California	FIREs	2	12		2		101	117
	ACRES	0	302		1		11,102	11,405
Northern Rockies	FIREs	194	4	11	1	114	41	365
	ACRES	1,113	105	983	223	4,245	318	6,987
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	10	61		4	81	24	180
	ACRES	119	5,303		0	3,870	19	9,311
Western Great Basin	FIREs		49		4	8	5	66
	ACRES		1,899		4	10	494	2,407
Southwest	FIREs	398	88	1	60	915	434	1,896
	ACRES	3,841	8,786	431	5,341	342,135	26,503	387,037
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	129	65	34	10	311	92	641
	ACRES	1,396	396	1,920	63	131,308	9,859	144,942
Eastern Area	FIREs	456		34	49	9,080	432	10,051
	ACRES	5,732		829	248	73,017	13,121	92,947
Southern Area	FIREs	393		152	48	26,184	756	27,533
	ACRES	43,258		14,903	5,683	1,773,941	38,483	1,876,268
TOTAL	FIREs	1,635	294	243	180	37,121	2,031	41,504
	ACRES	55,553	16,795	19,121	12,873	2,330,983	101,559	2,536,884

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>33,241</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>744,940</b>

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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						1	1
	ACRES						68	68
Northern California	FIRES			0	1		1	2
	ACRES			1	25		60	86
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						32	32
Southern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1,981		1,981
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	4	6	11
	ACRES	0	0	1	25	1,981	161	2,168

**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	19	116	54	1	1	171	362
	ACRES	5,264	10,181	6,702	98	180	25,899	48,324
Northern California	FIRES	17	5	20	3		75	120
	ACRES	207	869	26,950	39		2,784	30,849
Southern California	FIRES		5	5	1		61	72
	ACRES		285	104	20		2,161	2,570
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	20	113	2	33	273	442
	ACRES	40	4,344	19,890	268	3,177	31,438	59,157
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	6	16	6	2	6	46	82
	ACRES	1,596	2,815	1,579	1,845	152	21,486	29,473
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	3			1	10
	ACRES		425	12			1,085	1,522
Southwest	FIRES	23	12	3	4		97	139
	ACRES	3,767	10,696	6,856	923		49,518	71,760
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	20	94	13	33	97	283
	ACRES	2,591	5,422	19,739	8,995	1,767	27,772	66,286
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		491	34	1,139	144	1,845
	ACRES	15,137		56,737	5,081	65,258	27,661	169,874
Southern Area	FIRES	22		158	47	277	770	1,274
	ACRES	6,639		70,564	13,668	143,877	622,869	857,617
TOTAL	FIRES	151	200	947	107	1,495	1,735	4,635
	ACRES	35,241	35,037	209,133	30,937	216,840	812,673	1,339,861

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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					7		7
	ACRES						2,241	2,241
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs				1		2	3
	ACRES					1,656	183	1,839
Rocky Mountain	FIREs		2		1			3
	ACRES		0		0			0
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIREs	0	2	0	6	0	9	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,657	0	2,424	4,081

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	3	0	389	4,110
Yukon Territory	0	0	3	1
Alberta	2	0	731	6,724
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	114	1,654
Manitoba	0	0	69	655
Ontario	3	2	179	647
Quebec	5	6	191	24,988
Newfoundland	0	0	40	197
New Brunswick	0	0	233	422
Nova Scotia	0	0	184	1,604
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	0	23	529
Total	15	8	2,157	41,528

**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	5	16		10		1			13	25
Northwest	1									
Northern California	3		2							
Southern California	2	14	9	28	2	4			4	14
Northern Rockies			4							
Eastern Great Basin	6	4	1	2	3	1	3		91	7
Western Great Basin	1		6							
Southwest	17	9	22	24	8		7		130	56
Rocky Mountain	1		8		1		1			
Eastern Area	1		11		1				10	
Southern Area	5		9	11	7		1		88	49
Total	42	43	72	75	22	6	12	0	336	151

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