

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, June 19, 2008 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Moderate (202 new fires)
 New large fires: 5 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 14
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

** Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 36
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

Indians, Los Padres NF. IMT 1 (Molumby). Eighteen miles west of King City, CA. Timber, chaparral and grass. Backing fire and moderate slope driven runs with torching. Residences and cultural resources threatened.

Clover - WFU, Sequoia NF. FUMT (Beckman). Thirty-two miles north of Weldon, CA. Timber and brush. Low to moderate fire activity with group tree torching and short-range spotting.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Indians	CA	LPF	42,718	7,379	42	UNK	2,445	212	51	127	14	15	19.5M	FS
Clover – WFU	CA	SQF	1,917	129	N/A	N/A	89	0	1	0	2	0	1.1M	FS

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 92
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Evans Road, North Carolina Division of Forest Resources. IMT 2 (Hendricks) and NIMO (Whitney). Seven miles south of Creswell, NC. Pocosin, chaparral, and southern rough. No new information.

South 1, Great Dismal Swamp NWR. IMT 2 (Wilder). Twelve miles southeast of Suffolk, VA. Logging slash and blow down. Active ground fire with low rates of spread and smoldering.

Tubbs Corner, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land twelve miles northwest of Crane, TX. Juniper, brush and tall grass. No further information received. Residences threatened.

Windmill Road, Texas Forest Service. Twenty-five miles southeast of Ozona, TX. Tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with short range spotting. Residences threatened.

Stone Creek, Texas Forest Service. Three miles southwest of Mullin, TX. Tall grass. Minimal fire activity.

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Evans Road	NC	NCS	41,060	---	70	UNK	335	---	0	34	4	4	2.73M	ST
South 1	VA	GDR	2,712	0	23	7/01	427	58	12	9	4	0	2.3M	FWS
* Tubbs Corner	TX	TXS	2,483	---	10	UNK	15	---	0	3	0	0	NR	PRI
Windmill Road	TX	TXS	1,400	600	70	UNK	5	-8	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
Stone Creek	TX	TXS	400	0	50	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 16
 New large fires: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Rocky, Lincoln NF. IMT 2 (Cowie). Thirty-five miles west of Carlsbad, NM. Pinyon juniper and grass. No further information received.

Dripping Springs, Las Cruces Field Office, BLM. Twelve miles east of Las Cruces, NM. Grass and brush. Backing fire with torching. Recreation sites remain closed. Evacuations orders have been lifted.

West Fork, Cimarron District, New Mexico State Forestry. Twenty-eight miles west of Raton, NM. Mixed conifer and juniper with oak understory. Extreme fire behavior with crowning and spotting. Natural gas pipeline threatened.

Coyote, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. Twenty-five miles west of Roswell, NM. Brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

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* Rocky	NM	LNF	5,000	---	0	UNK	95	---	4	0	0	0	NR	FS
Dripping Springs	NM	LCD	1,950	107	40	UNK	111	-15	4	4	3	0	400K	BLM
* West Fork	NM	N2S	1,100	---	NR	UNK	96	---	4	0	1	0	NR	ST
* Coyote	NM	N5S	386	---	50	6/19	38	---	1	1	0	0	4K	ST

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 1
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Corn Creek, Dixie NF. IMT 2 (Harvey). Eleven miles west of Escalante, UT. Ponderosa pine. Moderate fire activity with single tree torching. Structures threatened. Road closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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Corn Creek	UT	DIF	2,212	-288	45	6/21	465	140	15	16	3	0	1.1M	FS

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 34
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Whiskey, Mendocino NF. IMT 2 (Kaage). Five miles northwest of Paskenta, CA. Chaparral. Backing fire and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Whiskey	CA	MNF	7,783	0	85	6/19	695	-18	21	23	2	0	5.6M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Bridger, Fort Carson FD. Twenty miles east of Thatcher, CO. Pinyon pine and juniper. No new information.

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Bridger	CO	FCQ	45,800	---	85	UNK	271	---	5	8	2	3	2.4M	DOD

Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 6
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1

Pine Ridge, Winema NF. Two miles northeast of Chiloquin, OR. Ponderosa pine with grass and brush understory. Backing fire with spotting.

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* Pine Ridge	OR	WNF	350	---	60	6/20	424	---	13	31	1	0	NR	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Hot and dry weather will continue over the southwest quarter of the country. Isolated dry thunderstorms are possible again today in New Mexico and portions of Colorado. Gusty winds will develop across much of the West. Southern Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia will see another day of low relative humidity.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



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

Building Fireline Downhill With Fire Below

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and downslope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
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- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.
- To reduce the risks:
 - If the answer is “no” to any of these questions, consider other tactics and provide for safety first.
 - Never compromise escape routes to safety zones for the sake of building line. Remind everyone that a situation check is each and every firefighter's right and responsibility.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES	1		1	1	3	0	6
	ACRES	1		0	0	3	100	104
Northern California	FIRES	5				24	5	34
	ACRES	5				96	1	102
Southern California	FIRES	1		1		30	4	36
	ACRES	0		1		50	6,350	6,401
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				1	2	4
	ACRES	0				0	50	50
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					2	2	4
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	0	2
	ACRES		0			13	121	134
Southwest	FIRES	2	1			7	6	16
	ACRES	1	505			1,833	3,121	5,460
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		0			8,500		8,500
Eastern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES	2			1	85	4	92
	ACRES	22			0	2,434	16	2,472
TOTAL	FIRES	12	3	2	2	162	21	202
	ACRES	29	505	1	0	12,933	9,761	23,229

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		3	2		188		193
	ACRES		413	232		2,628		3,273
Northwest	FIRES	49	14	4	1	94	66	228
	ACRES	697	6	1,398	0	3,507	429	6,037
Northern California	FIRES	64	4	5	7	713	142	935
	ACRES	53	1	161	5	39,554	7,862	47,636
Southern California	FIRES	18	32	8	4	1,495	139	1,696
	ACRES	1	385	99	2	8,085	29,565	38,137
Northern Rockies	FIRES	467	11	10		318	66	872
	ACRES	7,595	732	4,519		35,005	365	48,216
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	8	45	1	6	56	17	133
	ACRES	266	366	492	130	4,236	2,145	7,635
Western Great Basin	FIRES	5	44	1	8	26	13	97
	ACRES	10	2,665	0	4	2,270	2,023	6,972
Southwest	FIRES	364	107	5	31	509	269	1,285
	ACRES	9,014	15,076	280	601	230,009	39,283	294,263
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	148	21	21	2	200	58	450
	ACRES	928	430	2,002	0	103,895	1,337	108,592
Eastern Area	FIRES	309		10	18	7,046	253	7,636
	ACRES	1,897		247	264	48,399	1,671	52,478
Southern Area	FIRES	819		170	38	16,478	382	17,887
	ACRES	54,292		11,725	47,580	996,410	33,622	1,143,629
TOTAL	FIRES	2,251	281	237	115	27,123	1,405	31,412
	ACRES	74,753	20,074	21,155	48,586	1,473,998	118,302	1,756,868

Ten Year Average Fires	38,456
Ten Year Average Acres	1,312,321

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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						2	2
	ACRES						200	200
Northern California	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					7	5	12
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						20	20
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						75	75
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			4,000				4,000
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					6	1	7
	ACRES					2,964	1,137	4,101
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	0	7	6	15
	ACRES	0	0	4,000	0	2,971	1,437	8,408

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	9	30	3	1		116	159
	ACRES	2,615	3,235	1,810	0		27,445	35,105
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	10	12	4	127	192
	ACRES	415	113	17,687	78	1,159	6,603	26,055
Southern California	FIRES		3	4	6	5	127	145
	ACRES		118	822	1,128	50	4,781	6,899
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	21	54	5	23	137	245
	ACRES	208	2,613	14,969	309	1,104	16,653	35,856
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	19	5	6	13	45	91
	ACRES	200	2,983	346	639	2,289	11,209	17,666
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1	2	20		4	27
	ACRES		30	12	0		4,436	4,478
Southwest	FIRES	19	54	9	11		119	212
	ACRES	2,838	20,484	12,031	1,312		51,045	87,710
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	28	95	17	25	110	297
	ACRES	2,479	2,627	16,726	4,438	4,712	34,370	65,352
Eastern Area	FIRES	45		415	16	1,237	106	1,819
	ACRES	30,265		56,660	1,006	89,617	33,588	211,136
Southern Area	FIRES	26		102	74	398	790	1,390
	ACRES	15,153		56,575	58,468	227,176	776,319	1,133,691
TOTAL	FIRES	154	170	699	168	1,715	1,681	4,587
	ACRES	54,173	32,203	177,638	67,378	330,097	966,449	1,627,938

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	4	3			8
	ACRES		10	383	671			1,064
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					5		5
Southern California	FIRES						195	195
	ACRES						2,619	2,619
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1,455	1,455
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			1				1
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						72	72
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	6	3	1	200	211
	ACRES	0	10	384	671	5	4,146	5,216

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	5	21	347	6,554
Yukon Territory	2	5	24	17
Alberta	2	285	798	6,123
Northwest Territory	0	0	31	5,151
Saskatchewan	10	5,339	344	237,667
Manitoba	1	2	219	76,137
Ontario	1	0	117	96
Quebec	1	0	127	128
Newfoundland	1	0	43	93
New Brunswick	0	9	106	89
Nova Scotia	0	0	190	2,328
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	24	68
Total	23	5,661	2,370	334,452

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