

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, May 5, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (131 new fires)
 New large fires: 0 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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

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

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 18
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 1 IMT's committed: 0
 Type 2 IMT's committed: 1

2009 Winter Initial Attack, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Bennett). IMT is supporting multiple fires in west Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total.

Deep, Big Cypress National Preserve. Three miles northeast of Mules City, FL. Southern rough and grass. No new information.

Harley, Florida DOF. One mile northeast of Bithlo, FL. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Gilchrist, Florida DOF. Five miles east of Trenton, FL. Southern rough. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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
2009 Winter Initial Attack	TX	TXS	16,492	-39	NR	UNK	348	-14	3	16	6	0	28.5M	PRI
Deep	FL	BCP	30,005	0	95	5/9	58	-51	0	7	2	0	1.9M	NPS
Harley	FL	FLS	1,200	0	95	UNK	3	-4	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Gilchrist	FL	FLS	300	---	0	UNK	10	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Canal	FL	FLS	276	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Southwest Area (PL 2)

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

Elgin, Tucson District, Arizona State Forestry. One mile northwest of Elgin, AZ. Brush and grass. No further information received.

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Elgin	AZ	A3S	1,600	0	90	5/5	60	-52	2	0	0	3	290K	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: A storm system moving across the central U.S. today will bring dry and windy conditions to portions of New Mexico and extreme west Texas today. This storm system will also bring much needed moisture to the western Great Lakes. Another low pressure system will be moving into the Northwest and a frontal system will spread precipitation along the East Coast.

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



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

Hazard Trees

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Air operations - cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use saw teams and falling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					22		22
	ACRES					23,669		23,669
Northwest	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					7		7
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						23	23
	ACRES						6	6
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	1				0	0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIRES		1			2	3	6
	ACRES		0			1,620	0	1,620
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	21				27	3	51
	ACRES	40				189	5	234
Southern Area	FIRES					18		18
	ACRES					63		63
TOTAL	FIRES	22	1	0	0	77	31	131
	ACRES	41	0	0	0	25,548	11	25,600

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			48	1	50
	ACRES		0			23,693	0	23,693
Northwest	FIRES	14	11			9	18	52
	ACRES	74	23			46	24	167
Northern California	FIRES	7		1	2	126	37	173
	ACRES	14		0	1	278	266	559
Southern California	FIRES		7	2		398	39	446
	ACRES		368	2		1,488	57	1,915
Northern Rockies	FIRES	25	2	1		46	33	107
	ACRES	112	221	1		15,135	115	15,584
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12	2	1	23	5	44
	ACRES	20	44	186	0	153	8	411
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	15			6	3	26
	ACRES	0	202			60	5	267
Southwest	FIRES	209	69	3	19	321	140	761
	ACRES	1,878	31,096	1	1,342	104,171	26,035	164,523
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	73	6	3	1	155	12	250
	ACRES	768	28	575	42	61,359	120	62,892
Eastern Area	FIRES	259		19	21	6,861	352	7,512
	ACRES	374		330	109	59,227	6,076	66,116
Southern Area	FIRES	293		136	31	22,646	428	23,534
	ACRES	35,253		25,377	17,654	703,387	22,104	803,775
TOTAL	FIRES	883	123	167	75	30,639	1,068	32,955
	ACRES	38,493	31,982	26,472	19,148	968,997	54,810	1,139,902

Ten Year Average Fires	25,934
Ten Year Average Acres	806,408

*** 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	0		10			7	17
	ACRES	80		1,387			381	1,848
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						158	158
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						75	75
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						13	13
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	0	1				2
	ACRES	150	50	742				942
Eastern Area	FIRES	2		1		15	6	24
	ACRES	5		75		562	211	853
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	12	0	15	20	50
	ACRES	235	50	2,204	0	562	838	3,889

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1,099		1,099
Northwest	FIRES	11	87	17			48	163
	ACRES	2,308	6,436	4,012			8,081	20,837
Northern California	FIRES	26	33	13	30	5	139	246
	ACRES	224	164	17,631	139	1,156	6,145	25,459
Southern California	FIRES		6	5			129	140
	ACRES		459	143			9,214	9,816
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	2	4	1	8	70	88
	ACRES	133	102	1,551	310	305	5,262	7,663
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	29	2	7	20	24	83
	ACRES	8	1,968	770	183	102	6,287	9,318
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	1			5	11
	ACRES		96	0			219	315
Southwest	FIRES	3	15	2	5		163	188
	ACRES	90	18,420	251	499		71,354	90,614
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	33	27	72	11	21	104	268
	ACRES	3,216	3,351	11,751	7,380	457	24,995	51,150
Eastern Area	FIRES	39		196	33	859	133	1,260
	ACRES	69,995		26,608	8,548	52,529	43,943	201,623
Southern Area	FIRES	5		234	68	709	938	1,954
	ACRES	2,370		122,526	60,819	239,958	897,037	1,322,710
TOTAL	FIRES	121	204	546	155	1,626	1,753	4,405
	ACRES	78,344	30,996	185,243	77,878	295,606	1,072,537	1,740,604

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