

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, May 13, 2009 – 0530 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (146 new fires)
 New large fires: 5 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 12
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

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

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

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 13
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

Jesusita, Los Padres NF. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Waterman) managing under a multi-agency unified command. Six miles northeast of Montecito, CA. Chaparral. The influence of fog continues to moderate fire activity. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures and evacuations remain in effect.

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
Jesusita	CA	LPF	8,733	0	80	5/20	3,014	-160	49	60	0	145	14.8M	FS

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 78
 New large fires: 4
 Uncontained large fires: 9
 Type 2 IMT's committed: 2

2009 Winter Initial Attack, Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Bennett). IMT is supporting multiple fires throughout west Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

Dragon Fly, Florida DOF. Florida IMT 2 (Utley). Ten miles northeast of Chuluota, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Bomb, Florida DOF. Twelve miles northeast of Sebring, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity.

International, Florida DOF. Four miles southwest of Christmas, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior. Road closures in effect.

Adam's Ranch 2, Texas Forest Service. Fifteen miles south of Sweetwater, TX. Grass. No further information received.

Indian Trail, Florida DOF. Two miles northeast of Indiantown, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity.

Lincoln Park, Florida DOF. Two miles northeast of Indiantown, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity. Significant precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Green Farm, Florida DOF. Ten miles northeast of Indiantown, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire behavior. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Belly, Florida DOF. Two miles south of Christmas, FL. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity.

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2009 Winter Initial Attack	TX	TXS	16,840	0	NR	UNK	260	-8	1	12	6	0	NR	PRI
Dragon Fly	FL	FLS	3,000	0	25	UNK	11	-39	0	0	2	6	NR	ST
* Bomb	FL	FLS	1,001	---	50	UNK	12	---	0	4	1	0	NR	ST
* International	FL	FLS	900	---	0	UNK	11	---	0	1	1	0	NR	ST
* Adam's Ranch 2	TX	TXS	700	---	50	UNK	10	---	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
Indian Trail	FL	FLS	700	0	70	UNK	22	0	0	0	1	2	NR	ST
Lincoln Park	FL	FLS	700	0	90	UNK	2	-23	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Green Farm	FL	FLS	500	100	20	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Belly	FL	FLS	350	---	0	UNK	12	---	0	3	0	0	NR	ST
Duck Curve	FL	FLS	650	0	100	---	2	-25	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires: 13

New large fires: 1

Uncontained large fires: 2

55, Flagstaff District, Arizona Department of Lands. Six miles northwest of Springerville, AZ. Grass. Active fire behavior.

Soldier, Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. Five miles north of Pecos, NM. Timber litter and understory. Creeping and smoldering.

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* 55	AZ	A2S	4,399	---	0	5/13	42	---	0	10	1	0	NR	ST
Soldier	NM	N4S	144	0	85	5/13	169	31	6	6	2	0	425K	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: Gusty northerly winds and low humidity will continue across portions of Southern California today. The Southwest will be very warm and dry. Scattered thundershowers are on tap for Florida and the Southeast.

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



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

Attempting a Frontal Assault on a Fire

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

● If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

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- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.

● In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					10		10
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					11	2	13
	ACRES					1	2	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2	1			9	1	13
	ACRES	6	757			2,111	40	2,914
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES	4				27	4	35
	ACRES	3				38	2	43
Southern Area	FIRES					78		78
	ACRES					2,570		2,570
TOTAL	FIRES	6	2	0	0	130	8	146
	ACRES	9	757	0	0	4,730	44	5,540

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			69	1	71
	ACRES		0			38,789	0	38,789
Northwest	FIRES	14	13			63	23	113
	ACRES	74	24			234	26	358
Northern California	FIRES	7		1	2	134	32	176
	ACRES	14		0	1	285	244	544
Southern California	FIRES		8	2		507	52	569
	ACRES		370	2		1,662	74	2,108
Northern Rockies	FIRES	79	4	1		49	35	168
	ACRES	253	241	1		15,140	124	15,759
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	17	2	1	34	8	63
	ACRES	20	48	186	0	166	9	429
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	16			6	3	27
	ACRES	0	202			60	5	267
Southwest	FIRES	238	77	5	19	358	166	863
	ACRES	1,921	40,038	1	1,342	101,761	31,833	176,896
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	90	9	13	1	160	16	289
	ACRES	777	28	533	42	61,383	142	62,905
Eastern Area	FIRES	298		24	23	7,789	382	8,516
	ACRES	443		600	109	68,326	6,100	75,578
Southern Area	FIRES	293		140	38	22,935	428	23,834
	ACRES	35,253		25,499	62,440	714,007	22,104	859,303
TOTAL	FIRES	1,022	145	188	84	32,104	1,146	34,689
	ACRES	38,755	40,951	26,822	63,934	1,001,813	60,661	1,232,936

Ten Year Average Fires	28,146
Ten Year Average Acres	874,032

*** 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	0					0
	ACRES	140	334					474
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						100	100
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			100				100
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						100	100
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			3		14		17
	ACRES			1,019		322		1,341
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1,000		1,000
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	4	0	16	1	22
	ACRES	141	334	1,119	0	1,322	200	3,116

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					1,169		1,169
Northwest	FIRES	11	91	18			56	176
	ACRES	3,155	7,154	4,042			8,927	23,278
Northern California	FIRES	26	33	18	30	5	173	285
	ACRES	224	164	17,642	139	1,156	6,895	26,220
Southern California	FIRES		6	5			111	122
	ACRES		459	143			9,450	10,052
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	7	35	2	10	72	131
	ACRES	177	747	11,345	345	1,361	7,133	21,108
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	33	2	7	20	25	88
	ACRES	8	2,524	770	224	102	7,418	11,046
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	2			5	12
	ACRES		108	62			219	389
Southwest	FIRES	7	17	2	5		158	189
	ACRES	194	25,520	251	499		70,860	97,324
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	34	32	85	9	29	115	304
	ACRES	3,316	3,916	13,495	5,340	885	27,386	54,338
Eastern Area	FIRES	49		301	34	983	149	1,516
	ACRES	72,055		44,776	8,798	57,720	44,312	227,661
Southern Area	FIRES	5		235	68	720	943	1,971
	ACRES	2,370		122,528	74,979	250,008	908,126	1,358,011
TOTAL	FIRES	138	224	703	155	1,772	1,807	4,799
	ACRES	81,499	40,592	215,054	90,324	312,401	1,090,726	1,830,596

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	2	3	284	5,370
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0
Alberta	16	45	309	1,236
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	8	85	176	3,500
Manitoba	1	3	25	820
Ontario	5	12	64	109
Quebec	1	1	124	114
Newfoundland	0	0	40	302
New Brunswick	1	0	70	117
Nova Scotia	0	0	76	1,015
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	12	86
Total	34	150	1,180	12,668

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