

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, July 5, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (145 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: ** 7
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally, there are 48 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy. **

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

Interagency personnel are assigned to a number of locations in the Gulf of Mexico to assess and mitigate impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

- Support to the Fish and Wildlife Service include these areas: Delta, Breton and Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuges, as well as Houma, LA and Mobile, AL.

- Support to the National Park Service include these areas: Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jean Lafitte Park and Preserve, Everglades National Park, Dry Tortugas, Biscayne National Park, De Soto National Memorial and Big Cypress National Preserve.

BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	USFS
1	2	672	189	25

Southwest Area (PL 4)

New fires: 18
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2

South Fork, Santa Fe NF. Twenty miles west of Espanola, NM. Timber. Smoldering in heavy fuels.

Horseshoe, Coronado NF. Five miles south of Portal, AZ. Timber. 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
South Fork	NM	SNF	17,086	0	90	7/10	84	-53	1	0	0	0	8.9M	FS
Horseshoe	AZ	CNF	3,401	---	95	7/10	2	---	0	0	0	0	9.8M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Medano, Great Sand Dunes National Monument. IMT 2 (Lowe). Confine/contain incident. Nineteen miles southeast of Crestone, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire activity with occasional torching.

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Medano	CO	GSP	6,231	0	N/A	N/A	199	-11	4	8	3	0	4M	NPS
Big Trails II	WY	WBD	423	-17	100	---	85	-30	3	5	1	0	210K	BLM

WBD – Wind River/Bighorn Basin District, BLM

Alaska Area (PL 3)

New fires: 22
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 3

Pat Creek, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Fifteen miles north of Stevens Village, AK. Black spruce, hardwood slash and tundra. Isolated torching and creeping.

Louie Creek, Galena Zone, BLM. Started on private land eight miles southwest of Huslia, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Running crown fire with spotting. Structures threatened.

Fiasco Lake, Upper Yukon Zone, BLM. Ten miles north of Circle City, AK. Black spruce and brush. Isolated interior torching.

* **Siruk Creek**, Tanana Zone, BLM. Confine/contain incident. Forty-two miles east of Allakaket, AK. Black spruce and tundra. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
Pat Creek	AK	UYD	11,807	0	20	UNK	219	-12	10	0	3	0	2.4M	BLM
Louie Creek	AK	GAD	14,176	2,827	10	UNK	179	-18	7	0	2	0	3.3M	PRI
Fiasco Lake	AK	UYD	800	400	0	UNK	74	33	3	0	0	0	53K	BLM
* Siruk Creek	AK	TAD	120	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 9
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Spanish Castle**, Washington Fire Service. Two miles northwest of Trinidad, WA. Grass and brush. Active, wind-driven fire behavior. Residences threatened. Road closures 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
* Spanish Castle	WA	WFS	1,000	---	25	7/5	NR	---	0	0	0	0	75K	ST

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 4

New large fires: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

Moapa, Southern Nevada District Office, BLM. Five miles west of Moapa, NV. Brush and grass. Creeping 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
Moapa	NV	SND	601	0	50	7/6	228	7	6	9	1	18	300K	BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Most thunderstorms will be east of Rockies today with fair weather elsewhere across the West. It will be warmer and drier in the Southwest and Great Basin. Scattered wet thunderstorms are expected over the Alaska Interior.

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



Today's discussion is from
"This Day in History"

"Lessons Learned" serve as brief summaries of powerful learning opportunities. You can use these summaries as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, and your unit.

Part III - South Canyon Fire, Colorado, 1994 (A Four-Part Series)

Incident Summary: On July 2, 1994, seven miles west of Glenwood Springs, Colo., lightning ignites a fire in piñon-pine and juniper on a ridge at the base of Storm King Mountain. The entire general area, in a one-year drought, is experiencing low humidities and record-high temperatures. Over the next two days, the South Canyon Fire increases in size. Initial attack resources are assigned. Four days later, on July 6, a dry cold front moves into the fire area. As winds and fire activity increases, the fire makes several rapid runs. Fourteen firefighters perish as they try to outrun the flames.

July 5 – Summary of Activities

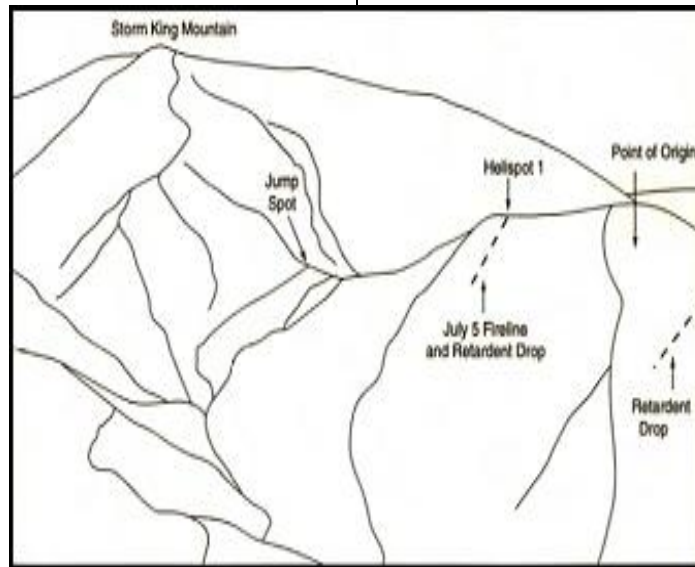
Red flag warnings and very high to extreme fire danger are predicted again today.

A crew of seven firefighters hikes up into the South Canyon Fire at the base of Storm King Mountain. They cut Helispot 1 and begin direct fireline construction downhill along the fire's edge below this helispot.

The IC orders another district engine crew, one helicopter, and one 20-person hand crew. A load of eight smokejumpers is then substituted for the hand crew.

To support fireline construction, an air tanker retardant drop is requested. After the first load is dropped, due to steep terrain and gusty winds, the IC and pilot agree that more drops would be ineffective.

At 5:30 p.m. the IC and engine crew leave the fire to refurbish equipment. Fifteen minutes later, 8 smokejumpers are dropped at the top of the fire. The IC directs them to work on the fireline from the helispot downhill toward the west drainage.



The Jumper-in-Charge informs the IC that the fire has crossed their fireline and is burning actively. The jumpers begin building fireline on the east side of the ridge. After sizing-up the current fire, the Jumper-in-Charge orders two Type 1 hand crews. By 10 p.m., the fire has grown 20 acres today. It now covers 50 acres.

**Lessons Learned
 Discussion Points**

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, and rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative.

If your fire crew was assigned to construct fireline downhill on Storm King, what would your concerns be? Could you perform this operation safely? (Reference page 1, 6 and 8 in your IRPG for this discussion.)

Resources:

[South Canyon Fire Investigation. 1994. http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S_Canyon_AIReport_1994.pdf](http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S_Canyon_AIReport_1994.pdf)
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

"This Day in History" is a collaborative project between "6 Minutes for Safety" and the [Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center](#).

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0	2	18	2		22
	ACRES		19	3,585	238	422		4,264
Northwest	FIRES				1	3	5	9
	ACRES				0	1,000	2	1,002
Northern California	FIRES					23	2	25
	ACRES					123	0	123
Southern California	FIRES					29	2	31
	ACRES					6	0	6
Northern Rockies	FIRES	2				1	1	4
	ACRES	0				10	0	10
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	4			6	9	20
	ACRES	3	6			5	163	177
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3			1		4
	ACRES		0			0		0
Southwest	FIRES	6	2			2	8	18
	ACRES	156	0			1	776	933
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	2		1	3	4	11
	ACRES	1	0		0	1	25	27
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						80	80
TOTAL	FIRES	10	11	2	20	70	32	145
	ACRES	160	25	3,585	238	1,569	1,046	6,623

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	66	58	36	362	11	534
	ACRES	103	265,020	34,548	23,327	600,538	8	923,544
Northwest	FIRES	30	25	1	2	82	101	241
	ACRES	333	457	0	0	126	60	976
Northern California	FIRES	6	9		1	830	75	921
	ACRES	2	4		0	10,236	18	10,260
Southern California	FIRES	10	69	3	3	1,077	177	1,339
	ACRES	182	5,067	14	3	11,257	322	16,845
Northern Rockies	FIRES	320	8	0	1	106	90	525
	ACRES	2,486	83	760	0	946	152	4,427
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	10	96	2	3	153	47	311
	ACRES	15	10,752	1	0	21,286	223	32,277
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	53	1	4	24	6	89
	ACRES	0	418	15	0	652	19	1,104
Southwest	FIRES	360	147	4	41	342	500	1,394
	ACRES	7,261	14,825	33	21,167	36,934	61,477	141,697
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	249	138	3	15	167	136	708
	ACRES	2,331	2,123	3,051	5,163	11,548	2,307	26,523
Eastern Area	FIRES	614		38	19	7,527	450	8,648
	ACRES	2,707		4,883	26	73,306	4,288	85,210
Southern Area	FIRES	513		45	21	14,812	432	15,823
	ACRES	32,278		1,579	137	203,329	18,874	256,197
TOTAL	FIRES	2,114	611	155	146	25,482	2,025	30,533
	ACRES	47,698	298,749	44,884	49,823	970,158	87,748	1,499,060

Ten Year Average Fires	41,684
Ten Year Average Acres	2,234,757

*** 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
	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							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					21,497		21,497
Northwest	FIRES	12	54	4	1		120	191
	ACRES	6,585	8,532	1,610	11		17,518	34,256
Northern California	FIRES	1	20	19	20	20	229	309
	ACRES	10	347	22,092	64	3,515	9,397	35,425
Southern California	FIRES		9	10	4	16	218	257
	ACRES		1,612	1,493	410	2,159	2,343	8,017
Northern Rockies	FIRES	72	23	99	8	27	159	388
	ACRES	2,325	3,873	25,262	1,240	926	17,281	50,907
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		19	6	7	31	48	111
	ACRES		1,712	2,745	520	1,874	10,264	17,115
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		7	14
	ACRES		68	1,395	546		638	2,647
Southwest	FIRES	27	18	10	4		88	147
	ACRES	1,575	19,397	8,870	163		41,732	71,737
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	38	56	113	18	49	135	409
	ACRES	5,749	8,215	25,641	2,484	6,300	19,528	67,917
Eastern Area	FIRES	47		365	26	1,348	165	1,951
	ACRES	62,783		55,268	5,514	83,158	58,024	264,747
Southern Area	FIRES	17		181	68	8,803	1,047	10,116
	ACRES	2,905		73,674	69,648	261,023	1,050,744	1,457,994
TOTAL	FIRES	214	202	809	158	10,305	2,216	13,904
	ACRES	81,932	43,756	218,050	80,600	380,452	1,227,469	2,032,259

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	162	1,089	345	14,436
Yukon Territory	0	0	58	150,997
Alberta	368	687	1,066	39,411
Northwest Territory	0	0	85	94,683
Saskatchewan	65	1,808	326	721,023
Manitoba	106	3,993	297	93,087
Ontario	248	903	659	13,403
Quebec	130	84	515	364,154
Newfoundland	8	23	29	791
New Brunswick	63	84	110	109
Nova Scotia	171	415	257	473
Prince Edward Island	0	0	2	5
National Parks	12	11	51	4,725
Total	1,333	9,098	3,800	1,497,298

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