

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, May 3, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (77 new fires)
New large fires: 1 (*)
Large fires contained: 0
Uncontained large fires : ** 1
Area Command Teams committed: 0
NIMOs committed: 0
Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 2 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment.

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

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

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 54
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Noud Lake**, Huron-Manistee NF. Six miles north of Branch, MI. Hardwood litter and grass. No further information 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
* Noud Lake	MI	HMF	118	---	70	5/3	5	---	0	1	0	0	NR	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: The Southwest will be dry today with mostly light winds. In the East, showers are expected over the Great Lakes and most of the area east of the Mississippi.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Wildland / Urban Interface Category.

WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE WATCHOUTS

The primary consideration is to first assure firefighter and public safety. It is a must to assess potential fire behavior, ingress/egress routes, nature of the threat, hazardous materials, and available water supplies before engaging in the protection of any structures. The first step in conducting a safe operation is to assess whether the firefighting operations can be conducted safely.

- Consider the “Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts” in completing a risk analysis for the urban interface area to be protected. Remember there are three categories of structures:

- Those that are not threatened.
- Those that are threatened.
- Those that have already been lost or too dangerous to protect.

Wildland/Urban Interface Watchouts:

- Poor access and narrow, one-way roads. A rapidly spreading fire could trap apparatus and personnel before they can turn around or move away from the flames and smoke.
- Observe bridge limits. Exceeding bridge limits could lead to bridge failure with a resultant blocking of ingress/egress routes that could result in the loss of an escape route or loss of equipment.
- Inadequate water supply. Without a reserve supply of water, the fire can overtake an area before the fuels can be cleared away.
- Natural fuels are located 30 feet or closer to structures on level ground. Remember structures on slopes require greater clearance. Structures are located on canyon slopes or “chimneys” on slopes of 30% or more with continuous, flashy fuels. The resulting rate of spread of any fire in this terrain can quickly extend beyond control.

Extreme fire behavior: Situations involving crowning, large flame heights and erratic fire behavior can extend in an unpredictable manner beyond the control of any number of personnel. Strong winds of 25+ MPH: Winds increase the chance of spotting over the heads of firefighters and trapping them between both fire areas. Winds also cause greater preheating of fuels in the path of a fire front.

- The need to evacuate the public, livestock, pets, and/or animals. This critical activity can pull personnel from the firefighting activity and can distract attention from fire behavior at a time when the greatest alertness is needed.
- Propane and above ground fuel tanks that are next to wooden structures or close to vegetation
- Power lines and poles: What is their location in relation to the structures that are being protected? Watch for both overhead and downed power lines.
- Local citizens are attempting suppression activities. Lack of knowledge in fire suppression may lead to unsafe tactics.
- Airtanker retardant drops and helicopter bucket operations: Establish communications and keep fire personnel out of the drop zone.

References: [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) pg11

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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					7		7
	ACRES					2		2
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						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					53	1	54
	ACRES					31	1	32
Southern Area	FIRES					15		15
	ACRES					57		57
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	75	2	77
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	90	1	91

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		47		48
	ACRES			0		2,228		2,228
Northwest	FIRES	8	1			34	10	53
	ACRES	193	0			93	0	286
Northern California	FIRES					161	11	172
	ACRES					15	5	20
Southern California	FIRES		5		2	208	20	235
	ACRES		222		2	265	114	603
Northern Rockies	FIRES	164	2	0		62	27	255
	ACRES	2,000	5	760		578	96	3,439
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	5	13			56	8	82
	ACRES	14	15			411	22	462
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9	1	1	8		19
	ACRES		0	15	0	28		43
Southwest	FIRES	98	42	3	19	114	101	377
	ACRES	595	763	33	58	19,948	2,638	24,035
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	80	12	3	3	55	11	164
	ACRES	1,492	218	2,932	0	10,575	12	15,229
Eastern Area	FIRES	587		12	8	4,993	333	5,933
	ACRES	2,694		3,605	2	53,204	5,148	64,653
Southern Area	FIRES	482		39	19	12,621	373	13,534
	ACRES	31,863		882	108	170,983	15,572	219,408
TOTAL	FIRES	1,424	84	59	52	18,359	894	20,872
	ACRES	38,851	1,223	8,227	170	258,328	23,607	330,406

Ten Year Average Fires	24,858
Ten Year Average Acres	791,034

*** 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	0
	ACRES						5	5
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					1		1
	ACRES					29		29
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	29	5	34

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					3,599		3,599
Northwest	FIRES	5	32	6	1		58	102
	ACRES	2,292	5,387	1,707	11		4,107	13,504
Northern California	FIRES		19	9	12		169	209
	ACRES		346	12,845	23		3,562	16,776
Southern California	FIRES		2	6			211	219
	ACRES		732	263			1,503	2,498
Northern Rockies	FIRES	47	16	54	1	16	108	242
	ACRES	1,277	1,715	11,730	55	513	13,271	28,561
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		14	5	2	21	22	64
	ACRES		1,417	2,740	61	1,524	6,141	11,883
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2			5	10
	ACRES		68	1,395			118	1,581
Southwest	FIRES	3	13	5	5		69	95
	ACRES	10	12,621	125	840		19,171	32,767
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	32	50	79	13	39	145	358
	ACRES	1,683	4,452	13,125	2,373	5,709	19,794	47,136
Eastern Area	FIRES	39		110	24	952	128	1,253
	ACRES	61,815		20,866	5,511	66,176	56,052	210,420
Southern Area	FIRES	15		177	61	8,701	1,038	9,992
	ACRES	2,705		71,789	55,182	219,381	1,050,647	1,399,704
TOTAL	FIRES	141	149	453	119	9,736	1,953	12,551
	ACRES	69,782	26,738	136,585	64,056	296,902	1,174,366	1,768,429

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

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