

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, May 18, 2010 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (117 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires: ** 2
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there is 2 large fire being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

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

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

Department of Interior personnel are assigned to several locations in the Gulf of Mexico to assess and mitigate impacts resulting from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

- A total of 202 Fish and Wildlife Service personnel are assigned to Delta, Breton and Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuges, as well as Houma, LA and Mobile, AL.

- A total of 224 National Park Service personnel are assigned to 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.

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 4
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Fraguita**, Coronado NF. Five miles south of Arivaca, AZ. Grass. Moderate fire activity. Residence threatened.

* **Elk**, Northern Pueblos Agency, BIA. Eight miles west of Espanola, NM. Grass Active fire behavior.

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
* Fraguita	AZ	CNF	987	---	25	5/19	100	---	3	5	1	0	20K	FS
* Elk	NM	NPA	350	---	50	5/21	19	---	2	0	1	0	25K	BIA

Alaska Area (PL 1)

New fires: 14
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

* **Toklat**, Fairbanks Area Forestry, Alaska DOF. Confine / contain management strategy. Twenty-five miles northwest of Nenana, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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* Toklat	AK	FAS	1,657	---	0	UNK	8	---	0	0	0	0	12K	ST

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 11
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

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
Cotton	CA	CND	2,044	244	100	---	131	-315	3	2	0	0	850K	BLM

CND – Central California District, BLM

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 56
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0

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
Mother's Day	FL	FNF	3,740	0	100	---	11	-7	0	1	0	0	111K	FS

FNF – National Forests in Florida

Predictive Services Discussion: Southeast Arizona and much of New Mexico will have gusty winds and low humidity today. The rest of the Southwest will be dry except for showers over northern Arizona. Southern California will see rain over the mountains and coastal sections with gusty winds over the deserts. Dry and windy weather is expected over the central and eastern interior of Alaska.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Aviation Category.



[Scenario](#)

Scenarios are situations that can arise on a Wildland Fire or Aviation incident and are meant to add a realistic setting for the application of Today's Safety Discussion.

AVIATION "WATCH OUT" SITUATIONS

As part of risk management, especially during high activity fires, each aviation manager and employee should be asking questions.

- Is the flight necessary?
- Who is in charge?
- Are hazards identified and known?
Flight Hazards: Have they been identified and assessed? Have the pilots been informed?
- Should the operation or the flight be stopped due to a change in conditions? Consider the following:
 - Radio Communications
 - Environmental Conditions – weather, visibility, terrain, elevation, temperatures
 - Mission Priorities
 - Successful Mission Completion Probabilities
- Is there a better way to do it?
- Is there pressure to complete a mission at all costs?
- Can you justify your actions?
- Is the mission airspace confined or congested?
Multiple aircraft
Mixed types of aircraft
Poor visibility
- Do you have an escape route?
- Are any guidelines being ignored or policies being broken?
- Are communications getting tense?
- Are you deviating from the assigned operation or flight?

References: [Incident Response Pocket Guide page 46](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					14		14
	ACRES					1,218		1,218
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Northern California	FIRES		1			7	1	9
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					0		0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	4	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					26	987	1,013
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		0					0
Eastern Area	FIRES					16	2	18
	ACRES					75	1	76
Southern Area	FIRES			0		55	1	56
	ACRES			25		463	2	490
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	0	105	8	117
	ACRES	0	0	25	0	1,782	994	2,801

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2		111		113
	ACRES			3		5,024		5,027
Northwest	FIRES	9	3			37	18	67
	ACRES	193	1			94	1	289
Northern California	FIRES					257	33	290
	ACRES					830	10	840
Southern California	FIRES	3	22	1	2	341	63	432
	ACRES	2	3,896	6	2	1,276	123	5,305
Northern Rockies	FIRES	260	2	0		68	38	368
	ACRES	2,198	5	760		580	113	3,656
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	5	17			67	9	98
	ACRES	14	16			414	22	466
Western Great Basin	FIRES		15	1	2	11		29
	ACRES		18	15	0	46		79
Southwest	FIRES	141	61	3	22	153	148	528
	ACRES	1,445	766	33	69	20,074	4,587	26,974
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	112	16	3	4	64	15	214
	ACRES	2,036	218	3,051	0	10,858	13	16,176
Eastern Area	FIRES	588		19	8	6,586	385	7,586
	ACRES	2,694		3,920	4	60,396	4,199	71,213
Southern Area	FIRES	489		40	20	13,518	391	14,458
	ACRES	32,010		929	108	176,736	16,498	226,281
TOTAL	FIRES	1,607	136	69	58	21,213	1,100	24,183
	ACRES	40,592	4,920	8,717	183	276,328	25,566	356,306

Ten Year Average Fires	38,177
Ten Year Average Acres	874,285

*** 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			1				1
	ACRES			1,507				1,507
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES		0	1	1		1	3
	ACRES		1,150	1,800	116		26	3,092
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						327	327
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			6				6
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	2						2
	ACRES	20						20
Southern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					780		780
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	2	1	2	3	10
	ACRES	20	1,150	3,313	116	780	354	5,733

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		2			10		12
	ACRES		3,000			20,087		23,087
Northwest	FIRES	6	41	6	1		79	133
	ACRES	2,582	6,766	1,707	11		11,776	22,842
Northern California	FIRES	1	20	10	15		182	228
	ACRES	10	347	18,231	26		5,123	23,737
Southern California	FIRES		7	9			212	228
	ACRES		1,157	1,313			1,753	4,223
Northern Rockies	FIRES	60	18	85	2	22	132	319
	ACRES	1,868	3,215	22,534	171	793	15,631	44,212
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		15	6	2	22	34	79
	ACRES		1,537	2,745	71	1,701	6,769	12,823
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	1		5	11
	ACRES		68	1,395	83		118	1,664
Southwest	FIRES	13	16	5	5		76	115
	ACRES	373	18,226	131	840		29,580	49,150
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	34	53	96	14	41	152	390
	ACRES	1,720	5,994	21,061	2,375	5,747	20,656	57,553
Eastern Area	FIRES	42		193	24	1,082	143	1,484
	ACRES	62,135		30,910	5,511	71,751	56,387	226,694
Southern Area	FIRES	15		177	64	8,745	1,072	10,073
	ACRES	2,705		71,649	56,838	235,357	1,074,836	1,441,385
TOTAL	FIRES	171	175	589	128	9,922	2,087	13,072
	ACRES	71,393	40,310	171,676	65,926	335,436	1,222,629	1,907,370

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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	218	1,718
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	1
Alberta	368	687	497	1,694
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	1
Saskatchewan	65	1,808	114	3,931
Manitoba	106	3,993	125	4,090
Ontario	248	903	299	1,142
Quebec	130	84	159	1,796
Newfoundland	8	23	9	23
New Brunswick	63	84	72	92
Nova Scotia	171	415	204	419
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	12	11	12	11
Total	1,333	9,098	1,712	14,917

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