

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, July 5, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (203 new fires)
New large fires:	5 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires: **	19
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

Nationally, there are 18 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.

Four MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel, two each from the 145th Airlift Wing, North Carolina Air National Guard, Charlotte, NC, and the 302nd Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve, Colorado Springs, CO, are deployed to Albuquerque, NM. Col. Jay Pittman is the Air Expeditionary Group Commander.

Southwest (PL 5)

New fires:	18
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	7
Area Command Teams committed:	2
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	4
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

NIMO (Gage) is assigned to the Coronado National Forest to provide strategic planning and large fire support. Area Command Team (Oltrogge) is assigned to manage the Las Conchas and Pacheco fires.

Las Conchas, Bernalillo District, New Mexico DOF. IMT 1 (Reinarz, Hughes and Morcom). Thirteen miles west of Los Alamos, NM. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Donaldson, Capitan District, New Mexico DOF. IMT 2 (Pierson). Twenty-eight miles northwest of Roswell, NM. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

Wallow, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Transfer of command from Area Command Team (Waterbury) and IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley) back to the local unit will occur today. Twenty-three miles southwest of Alpine, AZ. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Pacheco, Santa Fe NF. Nine miles north of Santa Fe, NM. Timber and slash. Minimal fire activity.

Stanley, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Twenty miles east of Globe, AZ. Juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

Monument, Coronado National Memorial, NPS. Three miles west of Sierra Vista, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

Little Lewis, Lincoln NF. Two miles southeast of Sacramento, NM. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation was received in the fire area.

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
Las Conchas	NM	N6S	123,563	2,315	27	UNK	2,196	32	54	81	18	95	12.1M	ST
Donaldson	NM	N5S	100,831	4,086	75	7/8	701	-3	15	45	6	9	3.9M	ST
Wallow	AZ	ASF	538,049	0	95	UNK	478	-101	7	19	2	72	108.7M	FS
Pacheco	NM	SNF	10,250	0	55	UNK	78	0	2	5	1	0	8.9M	FS
Stanley	AZ	SCA	8,782	347	80	UNK	79	-134	2	3	1	0	2.8M	BIA
Monument	AZ	COP	30,526	0	98	7/5	59	-4	3	3	1	84	NR	NPS
Little Lewis	NM	LNF	1,110	0	95	UNK	82	-47	3	2	0	0	1.1M	FS
Number 3	NM	MEA	966	0	100	---	6	0	0	1	0	0	15K	BIA
Alamas	NM	N2S	410	0	100	---	4	-13	0	1	0	0	9K	ST

MEA – Mescalero Agency, BIA N2S – Cimarron District, New Mexico DOF

Southern Area (PL 4)

New fires:	49
New large fires:	4
Uncontained large fires:	10
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

NIMO (Houseman) and Texas IMT 2 (Hannemann) are managing existing and new fires located in Texas state initial attack zones.

Juniper Road, North Carolina DFR. North Carolina IMT 2 (Hildreth). Thirteen miles northeast of Rocky Point, NC. Brush. Minimal fire activity. Numerous residences threatened.

Honey Prairie, Okefenokee NWR. IMT 2 (Wilde). Five miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened.

Sweat Farm Again, Georgia DOF. Northeast Compact IMT 2 (Schenk). IMT is also managing the Racepond fire. Twelve miles west of Waycross, GA. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

Racepond, Georgia DOF. Twelve miles south of Hoboken, GA. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

Espanola, Florida DOF. Florida IMT 2 (Brady). Seven miles northwest of Bunnell, FL. Southern rough. No further information received.

Simmons Road, North Carolina DFR. Nine miles northeast of Tar Heel, NC. Brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Grand Fue, Sabine NWR. Twenty miles southwest of Lake Charles, LA. Grass. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Brite Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Thirty miles west of Marfa, TX. Grass. No further information received.

* **CR 337**, Texas Forest Service. Five miles northwest of Mineral Wells, TX. Brush. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect. No further information received.

* **Burnett**, Texas Forest Service. Twelve miles northeast of Benjamin, TX. Brush. Residences threatened. No further information received.

* **Ward Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Eighteen miles south of Sonora, TX. Brush. Residence threatened. No further information received.

Fishermans Paradise, Texas Forest Service. Seven miles southwest of Rio Vista, TX. Brush. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping. No further information received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Juniper Road	NC	NCS	31,021	365	68	UNK	152	-8	0	25	2	0	2M	ST
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	290,051	1,358	N/A	N/A	579	-6	1	86	8	1	32.8M	FWS
Sweat Farm Again	GA	GAS	19,169	0	75	UNK	107	-8	0	19	0	13	2.3M	ST
Racepond	GA	GAS	20,934	0	75	UNK	71	-8	0	16	0	0	4.2M	ST
Espanola	FL	FLS	5,136	0	75	UNK	70	0	0	30	0	0	NR	ST
Simmons Road	NC	NCS	5,150	2,850	40	9/1	78	6	0	8	2	19	618K	ST
Grand Fue	LA	SBR	3,600	2,600	N/A	N/A	10	7	0	4	0	0	20K	FWS
* Brite Ranch	TX	TXS	500	---	0	UNK	33	---	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
* CR 337	TX	TXS	400	---	0	UNK	81	---	2	6	1	0	NR	ST
* Burnett	TX	TXS	300	---	0	UNK	69	---	2	3	2	0	NR	ST
* Ward Ranch	TX	TXS	300	---	0	UNK	34	---	0	5	0	0	NR	ST
Fishermans Paradise	TX	TXS	250	-500	90	UNK	22	-9	1	0	1	0	NR	ST

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 29
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Duckett, Pike and San Isabel NF. Eight miles northwest of Westcliffe, CO. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity.

* **Mason**, Pike and San Isabel NF. Twenty-two miles west of Pueblo, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

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
Duckett	CO	PSF	4,640	10	80	8/1	116	-14	4	5	2	0	5.9M	FS
* Mason	CO	PSF	130	---	25	7/6	159	---	6	4	1	0	242K	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 6
 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
Nixon	NV	WID	11,195	41	100	---	121	-107	4	5	0	0	950K	BLM

WID – Winnemucca District, BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered thunderstorms will develop in the afternoon across the Southwest from Arizona into Utah and eastern Nevada. Showers and thunderstorms will move across Wyoming, Colorado and the upper Midwest along a cold front moving through the Plains. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will occur in the Southeast.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



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.

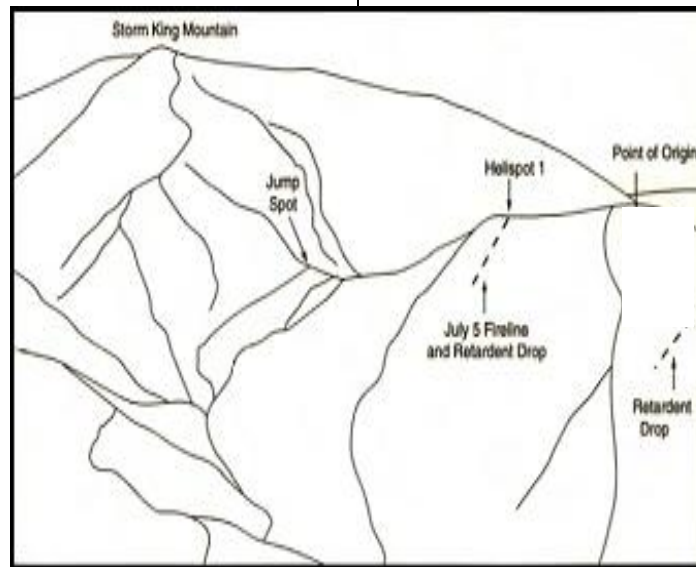
A crew of seven firefighters hikes up into the South Canyon Fire at the base of Storm King Mountain. They cut Helispot 1 and begin direct fireline construction downhill along the fire's edge below this helispot.

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](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	2	1	2			3	8
	ACRES	2	15	32			5	54
Northern California	FIRES					19		19
	ACRES					513		513
Southern California	FIRES	4				30	3	37
	ACRES	4				194	2	200
Northern Rockies	FIRES					4	3	7
	ACRES					129	1	130
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		9			11	3	23
	ACRES		42			183	0	225
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3			3		6
	ACRES		0			0		0
Southwest	FIRES	1	1			2	14	18
	ACRES	0	7			11	100	118
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	10	6			8	5	29
	ACRES	2	21			24	100	147
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES					42	7	49
	ACRES					1,826	90	1,916
TOTAL	FIRES	17	20	2	0	126	38	203
	ACRES	8	85	32	0	2,882	298	3,305

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		17	12	2	329	2	362
	ACRES		40,620	34,376	1,244	186,382	1	262,623
Northwest	FIRES	24	31	3	5	65	60	188
	ACRES	16	113	35	4	91	41	300
Northern California	FIRES	3	4	3	4	1	51	66
	ACRES	1	0	0	2,076	0	1,808	3,885
Southern California	FIRES	14	159	3	3	1,422	122	1,723
	ACRES	82	1,887	1	222	13,550	1,653	17,395
Northern Rockies	FIRES	115		4	3	58	33	213
	ACRES	308		49	6	371	27	761
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	7	120	1	6	132	37	303
	ACRES	1,793	2,196	26	6	1,251	78	5,350
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	89	2	9	35	3	141
	ACRES	10	7,719	12	0	6,015	0	13,756
Southwest	FIRES	574	181	10	19	659	440	1,883
	ACRES	17,845	94,498	181	8,480	486,363	1,152,748	1,760,115
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	214	123	21	8	316	154	836
	ACRES	3,012	123	3,422	2,269	225,849	24,786	259,461
Eastern Area	FIRES	335		24	14	3,044	190	3,607
	ACRES	353		2,611	71	24,835	14,074	41,944
Southern Area	FIRES	564		218	54	26,711	653	28,200
	ACRES	104,431		67,064	45,052	2,268,800	27,242	2,512,589
TOTAL	FIRES	1,853	724	301	127	32,772	1,745	37,522
	ACRES	127,851	147,156	107,777	59,430	3,213,507	1,222,458	4,878,179

Ten Year Average Fires	41,220
Ten Year Average Acres	2,607,910

*** 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			1		11		12
	ACRES			20		5,715		5,735
Northwest	FIRES	8	39	6	2		97	152
	ACRES	5,268	6,643	450	43		5,119	17,523
Northern California	FIRES	15	16	13	21		127	192
	ACRES	61	655	19,165	141		4,767	24,789
Southern California	FIRES		8	10	2	10	72	102
	ACRES		755	1,963	75	1,178	1,703	5,674
Northern Rockies	FIRES	40	13	35	1	13	92	194
	ACRES	1,477	853	7,225	141	211	4,243	14,150
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	16	3	1	33	25	78
	ACRES	54	2,229	1,023	55	698	5,610	9,669
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	9	16
	ACRES		121	550		64	296	1,031
Southwest	FIRES	19	25	3	3		77	127
	ACRES	1,728	191,660	1,428	45		73,027	267,888
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	41	32	89	17	45	120	344
	ACRES	4,678	5,407	14,174	4,703	7,932	30,087	66,981
Eastern Area	FIRES	29		338	21	832	127	1,347
	ACRES	60,253		42,664	3,780	49,086	39,264	195,047
Southern Area	FIRES	39		134	17	1,270	593	2,053
	ACRES	7,632		65,547	10,168	246,126	529,333	858,806
TOTAL	FIRES	191	153	633	85	2,216	1,339	4,617
	ACRES	81,151	208,323	154,209	19,151	311,010	693,449	1,467,293

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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	15	5	194	11,480
Yukon Territory	0	0	41	38,146
Alberta	58	88,770	719	900,504
Northwest Territory	0	1,588	92	267,765
Saskatchewan	3	16,174	235	179,869
Manitoba	9	1,020	109	50,778
Ontario	11	11,083	312	93,658
Quebec	1	0	145	5,228
Newfoundland	0	0	22	69
New Brunswick	1	0	58	37
Nova Scotia	0	0	98	129
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	1
National Parks	0	0	23	62,115
Total	98	118,640	2,049	1,609,778

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

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