

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, May 17, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (123 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	10
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

Nationally, there are 2 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.

Southern Area (PL 4)

New fires:	68
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 2 IMT committed:	4

NIMO (Gage) and Southern Area IMT 2 (Dueitt) are assigned to manage large fires and provide support to initial attack operations for the West Branch Operational Area in Texas. Texas IMT 2 (Hannemann) is managing existing and new fires located in Texas state initial attack zones.

Honey Prairie, Okefenokee NWR. Georgia IMT 2 (Kline). Fifteen miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity.

Pains Bay, Alligator River NWR. North Carolina IMT 2 (Smith). Nineteen miles south of Manns Harbor, NC. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

Iron Mountain, Texas Forest Service. Ten miles northwest of Alpine, TX. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Schwartz, Texas Forest Service. Twenty miles east of Marathon, TX. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Jarhead, Big Cypress National Preserve. Seven miles north of Oasis, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity.

Cobalt, Florida Division of Forestry. Nineteen miles east of East Naples, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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
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Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	128,861	0	N/A	N/A	348	1	2	30	8	0	4.1M	FWS
Pains Bay	NC	ALR	25,678	0	80	UNK	247	11	1	18	3	0	2.1M	FWS
Iron Mountain	TX	TXS	87,401	0	90	5/22	105	11	2	11	0	0	2.4M	ST
Schwartz	TX	TXS	83,995	0	90	5/22	96	-32	1	18	0	0	1.6M	ST
Jarhead	FL	BCP	38,130	0	95	5/18	53	-33	1	9	3	12	5.1M	NPS
Cobalt	FL	FLS	3,191	-509	65	UNK	2	-20	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
Gage Holland	TX	TXS	5,975	0	100	---	0	-4	0	0	0	1	670K	ST

Southwest (PL 4)

New fires: 7
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 4
Type 1 IMT committed: 1
Type 2 IMT committed: 2

Horseshoe 2, Coronado NF. IMT 1 (Reinarz). Fifty miles northeast of Bisbee, AZ. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Miller, Gila NF. IMT 2 (Templin). Twenty-five miles north of Silver City, NM. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

Mayhill, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. IMT 2 (Pierson). Two miles west of Mayhill, NM. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Tivis, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. Three miles west of Floyd, NM. Grass. No new information.

* **Rio**, Santa Fe NF. Fourteen miles southeast of Cuba, NM. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened.

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Horseshoe 2	AZ	CNF	27,195	653	20	6/22	629	-1	15	21	9	0	5.6M	FS
Miller	NM	GNF	73,019	2,056	N/A	N/A	429	23	13	8	12	4	4.2M	FS
Mayhill	NM	N5S	31,861	0	95	5/17	368	-113	10	13	2	16	3.5M	ST
Tivis	NM	N5S	800	---	90	UNK	24	---	0	10	0	0	70K	ST
* Rio	NM	SNF	190	---	25	5/20	160	---	5	9	0	0	150K	FS
Queen	NM	LNF	4,200	0	100	---	37	1	1	6	0	1	100K	FS

LNF – Lincoln NF

Southern California Area (PL 1)

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

Momyer, San Bernardino NF. Seventeen miles northeast of Apple Valley, CA. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

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Momyer	CA	BDF	150	0	90	5/20	100	-75	4	0	2	0	135K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Critical fire weather conditions associated with strong winds of 25 to 40 mph and relative humidity below 15 percent will develop across parts of eastern Arizona, southeast Colorado, most of New Mexico and west Texas. A complex storm system over the western US will bring areas of rain and snow with a few thunderstorms to much of the Northwest, northern Rockies, Great Basin and California. A lingering low over North Carolina will produce rain and thunderstorms from the southern Appalachians to New England.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products



**Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.**

UNINFORMED ON STRATEGY, TACTICS OR HAZARDS

Firefighters who are uninformed on strategy, tactics or hazards are in conflict with Watchout Situation #5. Before going to the fireline, it is imperative that firefighters obtain information about strategies, tactics or hazards by asking themselves the following questions:

- Can communications be established to find out strategy, tactics or hazards? Discuss ways you might establish communications; for example, contacting someone who is already on the fire and asking them what tactics and strategies are working or not working, what hazards they have witnessed, etc.
- Can scouting safely identify potential hazards? Talk about different methods of scouting a fire (e.g., using a lookout from your crew or sending a line scout ahead, utilizing air attack or the spotter on a smokejumper airplane). Discuss what types of hazards you might come across and ways you would mitigate them. For example, arriving at a fire after dark and a being instructed to dig line downhill with the fire below. How could you make this a safe situation?
- Have strategies, tactics or hazards changed since last informed? Discuss situations that might alter the way you are fighting a fire (e.g., wind shifts, resources you expected don't arrive, etc.). Also, think about what new hazards can develop while you are on the fireline (e.g., roots burning out and trees coming down, winds shifting direction and speed, etc.)
- Can you get a briefing from your supervisor? Talk about the importance of constant communications and ensuring firefighters are on the same page with strategies and tactics. For example, if one crew decides to do a burnout, but doesn't let the crew at the other end of the line know what they are doing, then what can happen?
- To reduce the risks:
 - Post lookouts.
 - Determine escape routes and establish safety zones.
 - Consider retreating until you are informed.
 - Don't leave a staging area or operational briefing until you have all the pertinent information. Emphasize ways to inform firefighters about strategies, tactics and hazards. Tell a story about when you were uninformed and what you did to correct the situation so that you were safe.
 - Get the national standard Incident Response Pocket Guide standard briefing

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		5			1		6
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES					6	1	7
	ACRES					18	2	20
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1				1	5	7
	ACRES	0				2	891	893
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					7	5	12
	ACRES					3	1	4
Eastern Area	FIRES	8				15		23
	ACRES	10				187		197
Southern Area	FIRES			1		61	6	68
	ACRES			20		442	134	596
TOTAL	FIRES	9	1	1	0	95	17	123
	ACRES	10	5	20	0	653	1,028	1,716

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	1		117	1	120
	ACRES		5	0		890	0	895
Northwest	FIRES		4			12	1	17
	ACRES		9			41	0	50
Northern California	FIRES			3	3		20	26
	ACRES			0	2,076		4	2,080
Southern California	FIRES	2	45			69	52	168
	ACRES	1	35			261	6	303
Northern Rockies	FIRES	72		4		33	11	120
	ACRES	247		49		236	21	553
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		21			14	1	36
	ACRES		11			27	0	38
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	27	1	7	7	1	44
	ACRES	10	2	12	0	97	0	121
Southwest	FIRES	343	96	7	10	368	158	982
	ACRES	1,899	44,713	181	112	268,586	119,244	434,735
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	155	12	18	1	200	46	432
	ACRES	2,955	24	3,391	2,269	135,360	21,601	165,600
Eastern Area	FIRES	301		18	12	2,423	161	2,915
	ACRES	332		2,577	70	22,428	14,035	39,442
Southern Area	FIRES	195		189	43	20,079	438	20,944
	ACRES	11,133		38,752	44,999	1,906,187	19,718	2,020,789
TOTAL	FIRES	1,069	206	241	76	23,322	890	25,804
	ACRES	16,577	44,799	44,962	49,526	2,334,113	174,629	2,664,606

Ten Year Average Fires	27,556
Ten Year Average Acres	1,082,102

*** 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					1		1
	ACRES					1,070		1,070
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		5				444	449
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		300					300
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		125				130	255
Eastern Area	FIRES	1				2	2	5
	ACRES	138				73	17	228
Southern Area	FIRES					18	1	19
	ACRES					2,438	23	2,461
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	0	0	21	6	31
	ACRES	138	430	0	0	3,581	614	4,763

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		10		11
	ACRES			20		4,624		4,644
Northwest	FIRES	1	32	3	1		85	122
	ACRES	392	4,521	245	6		4,033	9,197
Northern California	FIRES	6	16	7	17		89	135
	ACRES	40	381	15,967	129		2,677	19,194
Southern California	FIRES		5	7			54	66
	ACRES		570	551			1,279	2,400
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	11	13	1	6	63	131
	ACRES	1,361	629	2,777	141	127	3,097	8,132
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	3	1	27	18	60
	ACRES		1,754	995	13	676	3,123	6,561
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	8	15
	ACRES		121	550		64	286	1,021
Southwest	FIRES	10	22	3	4		69	108
	ACRES	1,660	18,894	1,428	45		26,733	48,760
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	29	73	17	45	118	294
	ACRES	1,034	6,857	12,464	4,703	7,932	29,253	62,243
Eastern Area	FIRES	26		194	21	729	110	1,080
	ACRES	60,021		23,723	3,780	45,515	34,530	167,569
Southern Area	FIRES	39		138	15	1,074	619	1,885
	ACRES	7,632		66,190	10,082	216,526	588,449	888,879
TOTAL	FIRES	131	130	443	77	1,893	1,233	3,907
	ACRES	72,140	33,727	124,910	18,899	275,464	693,460	1,218,600

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

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