

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, May 18, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (89 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	9
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

Nationally, there are 3 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:	41
New large fires:	1
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). Five miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Moderate 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.

* **Price**, Texas Forest Service. Fifteen miles west of Sterling City, TX. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures 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
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	137,959	9,092	N/A	N/A	353	5	2	30	8	0	5M	FWS
Pains Bay	NC	ALR	25,678	0	80	UNK	200	-47	1	16	3	0	2.5M	FWS
Iron Mountain	TX	TXS	87,401	0	90	5/22	39	-66	2	3	0	0	NR	ST
Schwartz	TX	TXS	83,995	0	90	5/22	95	-1	1	18	0	0	NR	ST
Jarhead	FL	BCP	38,130	0	95	5/18	43	-10	1	7	3	12	5.3M	NPS
* Price	TX	TXS	3,200	---	50	UNK	55	---	0	10	0	0	NR	ST
Cobalt	FL	FLS	3,191	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

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Southwest (PL 4)

New fires: 1
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 3
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. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Pierson) back to local unit occurred yesterday. 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. Last report unless new information is received.

Rio, Santa Fe NF. Fourteen miles southeast of Cuba, NM. Timber, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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Horseshoe 2	AZ	CNF	30,758	3,563	N/A	N/A	773	144	19	30	9	0	7M	FS
Miller	NM	GNF	75,362	2,343	N/A	N/A	420	-9	13	8	8	4	4.8M	FS
Mayhill	NM	N5S	31,861	0	98	5/18	197	-171	4	8	1	16	3.9M	ST
Tivis	NM	N5S	800	---	90	UNK	24	---	0	10	0	0	70K	ST
Rio	NM	SNF	168	-22	45	5/20	155	-5	5	8	0	0	228K	FS

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. No new information.

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Momyer	CA	BDF	150	---	90	UNK	100	---	4	0	2	0	135K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Critical fire weather conditions associated with strong, gusty winds of 25 to 40 mph and relative humidity below 15 percent will persist across eastern New Mexico and west Texas. A deep trough over the western US will produce scattered showers, thunderstorms and snow at higher elevations across much of the West Coast, Intermountain region and the central Plains. A slow moving low over the East Coast will keep scattered showers and thunderstorms over the Ohio Valley, New England and the mid-Atlantic states.

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



**Today's discussion is from the
Environmental Factors Category.**

THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

- Do not lie down.
 - The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
 - Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
 - Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
 - Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!
- "Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.
- Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.
- Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridge tops, etc., should be avoided.
- If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.
- Put down all tools.
- Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		0			5		5
	ACRES		4			41		45
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	0				0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						3,605	3,605
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					40		40
	ACRES					201		201
Southern Area	FIRES			1		38	2	41
	ACRES			25		3,848	3	3,876
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	1	0	84	3	89
	ACRES	0	4	25	0	4,090	3,608	7,727

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	1		122	1	125
	ACRES		9	0		932	0	941
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	77		4		34	12	127
	ACRES	249		49		236	21	555
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	351	96	7	10	380	157	1,001
	ACRES	1,907	44,713	181	112	274,628	122,908	444,449
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	156	12	18	1	200	46	433
	ACRES	2,955	24	3,391	2,269	135,360	21,601	165,600
Eastern Area	FIRES	307		18	12	2,463	161	2,961
	ACRES	335		2,577	70	22,629	14,023	39,634
Southern Area	FIRES	195		190	43	20,191	440	21,059
	ACRES	11,133		38,777	44,999	1,907,255	19,721	2,021,885
TOTAL	FIRES	1,089	206	242	76	23,492	892	25,997
	ACRES	16,590	44,803	44,987	49,526	2,341,466	178,284	2,675,656

Ten Year Average Fires	27,702
Ten Year Average Acres	1,087,231

*** 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		0
	ACRES					1,078		1,078
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				1		3	4
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	26					1	27
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		8			2	11
	ACRES	100		600			351	1,051
Southern Area	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					1,245	1,181	2,426
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	8	0	2	4	16
	ACRES	126	0	600	1	2,323	1,536	4,586

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		10		11
	ACRES			20		5,702		5,722
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	130		2,680	19,198
Southern California	FIRES		5	7			54	66
	ACRES		570	551			1,279	2,400
Northern Rockies	FIRES	38	11	13	1	6	64	133
	ACRES	1,387	629	2,777	141	127	3,098	8,159
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	3		69	107
	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	25		202	21	729	112	1,089
	ACRES	60,120		24,323	3,780	45,515	34,881	168,619
Southern Area	FIRES	39		138	15	1,076	620	1,888
	ACRES	7,632		66,190	10,082	217,771	589,630	891,305
TOTAL	FIRES	131	130	451	76	1,895	1,237	3,920
	ACRES	72,265	33,727	125,510	18,900	277,787	694,996	1,223,185

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

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