

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, May 24, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (114 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 4
 Uncontained large fires: ** 11
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 7

Nationally, there is 1 large fire being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

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

Geographic Area daily reports: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/predictive/statelinks.htm>

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 75
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 NIMOs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 4

NIMO (Gage) and 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. Florida IMT 2 (Leneave). Five miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Pains Bay, Alligator River NWR. North Carolina IMT 2 (Smith). Nineteen miles south of Manns Harbor, NC. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Tison, Sabine NWR. Seventeen miles southwest of Hackberry, LA. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

* **Possum**, Eastern Cherokee BIA. One mile west of Cherokee, NC. Timber. Moderate fire activity.

* **Tiger Cat**, Mississippi Forestry Commission. Six miles northeast of Pearlinton, MS. Timber. 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
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	148,427	-95	N/A	N/A	274	-13	0	37	5	0	8.2M	FWS
Pains Bay	NC	ALR	26,678	1,000	65	UNK	175	1	1	11	3	0	3.7M	FWS

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Tison	LA	SBR	5,434	0	35	5/27	11	0	0	1	1	0	59K	FWS
* Possum	NC	ECA	142	---	75	5/24	48	---	2	3	0	0	50K	BIA
* Tiger Cat	MS	MSS	120	---	90	5/24	7	---	0	0	0	0	5K	ST
Jarhead	FL	BCP	38,130	0	100	---	20	3	0	5	2	12	5.4M	NPS
Wolf	TX	TXS	500	0	100	---	0	-19	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Ho Bo	MS	MSS	125	---	100	---	9	---	0	3	0	0	4K	ST

BCP – Big Cypress National Preserve TXS – Texas Forest Service

Southwest (PL 4)

New fires: 5
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 5
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

Horseshoe 2, Coronado NF. IMT 1 (Hughes). Seven miles southwest of Portal, 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. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

* **Arlene**, Coronado NF. IMT 2 (Philbin). Eighteen miles southeast of Patagonia, AZ. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Kizer 10, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. Sixteen miles south of Dora, NM. Grass. No new information.

Laguna, Fort Yuma Agency, BIA. Eight miles northeast of Yuma, AZ. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

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Horseshoe 2	AZ	CNF	43,000	2,820	30	6/22	906	136	22	33	10	0	12.9M	FS
Miller	NM	GNF	83,129	1,602	48	8/31	471	36	12	4	10	4	7.3M	FS
* Arlene	AZ	CNF	5,500	---	25	5/27	164	---	4	13	2	0	50K	FS
Kizer 10	NM	N5S	2,000	---	0	UNK	64	---	0	22	0	0	40K	ST
Laguna	AZ	FYA	751	0	90	5/25	66	-19	1	4	1	2	300K	BIA

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Moose Mountain, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (Allen). Nine miles northwest of Fairbanks, AK. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Residences threatened.

Francis Creek, Alaska DOF. Two miles east of Healy, AK. Brush. 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
Moose Mountain	AK	FAS	941	0	86	5/27	260	49	10	10	1	0	809K	ST
Francis Creek	AK	FAS	850	100	30	5/26	67	0	3	0	0	0	165K	ST

Southern California Area (PL 1)

New fires: 13
 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
Trona	CA	CDD	217	-233	100	---	0	-116	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM

CDD – California Desert District

Predictive Services Discussion: Critical fire weather conditions associated with strong, gusty winds of 25 to 45 mph and low relative humidity below 12 percent will develop across much of central and eastern New Mexico and west Texas. A strong trough moving through the Great Basin will bring very windy conditions to much of the Southwest. Showers and thunderstorms will develop across the northern Rockies and eastern Great Basin as the trough passes. A low pressure system in the central Plains will trigger showers and thunderstorms from South Dakota to central Texas with very strong storms possible over much of Kansas, Oklahoma and north Texas. Showers will form along a cold front dropping through the Ohio Valley and New England. In Alaska, building high pressure will bring warmer conditions across the interior.

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



Today's discussion is from the
LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape
Routes, and Safety Zones) Category.



LOOKOUTS

Lookouts are often better situated to notice the cumulative changes of fire behavior.

● Fire Order #5 says "Post lookouts when there is possible danger." Should you utilize lookouts at all times?

- Lookouts should be posted at all times.

● What are you looking for when you are selecting a lookout location?

- Choose a good vantage point, preferably with a good overview of the entire area where firefighters are located, including escape routes and safety zones.
- Never rely exclusively on aircraft as your lookout.

● What are the desired qualities, capabilities, knowledge, and responsibilities of a lookout person?

- Experienced firefighter.
- Solid knowledge of fire behavior and ability to recognize and monitor other environmental hazards.
- Knowledge of crew locations, escape and safety locations and trigger points.
- Good communicator--keeps the crew advised of fire behavior changes, tracks weather trends and relays the information, informs crew of work progress and updates from the latest strategy and tactical briefings.
- Monitors and accounts for all individuals within his/her assigned area at all times, and will notify others if breaks are needed.

● What is the necessary equipment for a lookout?

- PPE, radio with extra batteries, compass, binoculars, belt weather kit, IAP, map, food, water and watch.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Fireline Handbook](#)

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

["LCES and Other Thoughts" by Paul Gleason](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					892		892
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES		1			10	2	13
	ACRES		1			219	0	220
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1	1	1	3
	ACRES				4	0	0	4
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1					4	5
	ACRES	0					8,423	8,423
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	1			1		4
	ACRES	1	0			0		1
Eastern Area	FIRES	3				1		4
	ACRES	2				0		2
Southern Area	FIRES				1	68	6	75
	ACRES				1	589	108	698
TOTAL	FIRES	6	2	0	2	90	14	114
	ACRES	3	1	0	5	1,700	8,531	10,240

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	1		168	1	171
	ACRES		9	0		2,808	0	2,817
Northwest	FIRES	1	5			19	4	29
	ACRES	0	9			43	0	52
Northern California	FIRES			3	3		21	27
	ACRES			0	2,076		4	2,080
Southern California	FIRES	2	73			535	67	677
	ACRES	1	410			2,642	17	3,070
Northern Rockies	FIRES	78		4	1	39	16	138
	ACRES	249		49	4	237	22	561
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		27	1		23	1	52
	ACRES		23	26		31	0	80
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	29	1	7	7	1	46
	ACRES	10	22	12	0	98	0	142
Southwest	FIRES	359	106	7	10	429	184	1,095
	ACRES	5,263	62,809	181	112	390,637	195,459	654,461
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	159	13	18	1	204	47	442
	ACRES	2,956	24	3,391	2,269	135,361	21,601	165,602
Eastern Area	FIRES	335		18	12	2,532	164	3,061
	ACRES	353		2,577	70	23,240	14,026	40,266
Southern Area	FIRES	200		192	46	20,551	464	21,453
	ACRES	11,285		38,779	45,024	1,912,351	20,259	2,027,698
TOTAL	FIRES	1,135	254	245	80	24,507	970	27,191
	ACRES	20,117	63,306	45,015	49,555	2,467,448	251,388	2,896,829

Ten Year Average Fires	29,588
Ten Year Average Acres	1,162,282

*** 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					120		120
Northwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		225					225
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						14	14
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						233	233
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					230		230
Southern Area	FIRES					14		14
	ACRES					1,047		1,047
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	16	5	22
	ACRES	0	225	0	0	1,397	247	1,869

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		12		13
	ACRES			20		6,034		6,054
Northwest	FIRES	1	33	3	1		85	123
	ACRES	1,152	4,746	245	6		4,033	10,182
Northern California	FIRES	9	16	7	17		96	145
	ACRES	52	381	16,214	131		3,248	20,026
Southern California	FIRES		6	7		1	58	72
	ACRES		579	551		10	1,387	2,527
Northern Rockies	FIRES	38	11	20	1	7	74	151
	ACRES	1,387	629	3,346	141	128	3,641	9,272
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	13	3	1	33	19	69
	ACRES	54	1,839	1,023	13	692	4,198	7,819
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	8	15
	ACRES		121	550		64	286	1,021
Southwest	FIRES	13	23	3	3		79	121
	ACRES	1,681	22,823	1,428	45		75,407	101,384
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	37	30	82	17	45	118	329
	ACRES	4,581	6,862	13,058	4,703	7,932	29,253	66,389
Eastern Area	FIRES	29		254	21	750	120	1,174
	ACRES	60,253		30,852	3,780	46,580	38,854	180,319
Southern Area	FIRES	39		138	15	1,144	632	1,968
	ACRES	7,632		66,190	10,082	229,433	601,107	914,444
TOTAL	FIRES	166	136	519	76	1,994	1,289	4,180
	ACRES	76,792	37,980	133,477	18,901	290,873	761,414	1,319,437

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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	0	0	94	296
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	1
Alberta	0	1,176	492	306,880
Northwest Territory	1	0	4	0
Saskatchewan	5	0	128	3,407
Manitoba	1	0	37	87
Ontario	0	0	146	1,584
Quebec	4	544	59	632
Newfoundland	1	0	14	65
New Brunswick	0	0	41	28
Nova Scotia	0	0	90	128
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	1
National Parks	0	0	8	8,406
Total	25	1,737	1,116	321,514

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