

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, May 12, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (85 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 4  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally there are no 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.

**Western Great Basin Area (PL 1)**

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

**Pahroc**, Ely District, BLM. Thirty miles southwest of Caliente, NV. Grass. Active fire behavior.

\* **MM 47**, Winnemucca District, BLM. Eighteen miles southeast of Denio, NV. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

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
Pahroc	NV	ELD	1,250	750	25	5/12	67	52	2	4	1	0	15K	BLM
* MM47	NV	WID	892	---	70	UNK	24	---	0	6	0	0	50K	BLM

**Southwest Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 10  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Bull Flat**, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. Twenty miles northwest of Cibecue, AZ. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity.

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
* Bull Flat	AZ	FTA	500	---	5	5/13	92	---	4	4	0	0	NR	BIA

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 26  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Center**, Merritt Island NWR. One mile north of Kennedy Space Center, FL. Brush and grass. No new information.

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
Center	FL	MIR	800	---	75	UNK	16	---	0	5	1	0	35K	FWS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** The remnants of a closed low over Texas will move across the lower Mississippi Valley as a ridge builds over the West. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will produce heavy rain across the mid and lower Mississippi Valley. A weak cold front moving across the upper Midwest and the Plains will produce rain and a few thunderstorms from Colorado to the Great Lakes. High pressure in the West will produce a gradual warm up. In Alaska, scattered rain and some snow showers will continue over much of the state except the far north.

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



## Today's discussion is from the Motorized Operations Category.

### ATV Safety

The use of ATVs for wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire operations has increased dramatically over the last ten years. Note: Several agencies have required training for ATV operations (check your agency's requirements).

- Most injuries associated with ATVs occur when:
  - the driver loses control (When the operator encounters a change of terrain or swerves to avoid an obstacle, it causes an abrupt change of balance and loss of control.)
  - the vehicle rolls over
  - the driver or passenger is thrown off
  - the operator's loss of attention to what, where, and how an ATV is being operated
  - or there is a collision with a fixed object
- Identified contributing factors to ATV accidents include:
  - rider inexperience
  - excessive speed--excessive speed, combined with rough terrain, can create enough pitch and bounce to cause the operator to lose control of the vehicle
  - lack of helmet use
  - the ATV is improperly loaded or load weight exceeds vehicle operation capacity
  - the operator carries a passenger that affects the operators control and operation of the ATV
- Safety measures for ATV use include:
  - Conduct pre-ride inspection-- This inspection should include checking tires, throttle cable, front and rear brakes, lights and switches, oil and fuel, chain or drive shaft, air filter, clean out of weeds and other debris from around engine and other hot components, and the chassis for any defects or wear.
  - Single riders only--Injuries frequently occur to passengers, therefore riding double should not be permitted.
  - Always wear PPE- helmets, eye protection, and protective clothing. Appropriate helmets are those designed for motorcycle (not firefighting) use, and should include safety visors/face shields, goggles, or safety glasses for eye protection.
  - Use headlights to improve visibility by other vehicles
  - Maintain speeds acceptable for riding conditions, especially over uneven terrain
  - Traversing slopes should be avoided
  - Mounted or towed loads should not exceed manufacturer's recommendation and should be properly mounted so that weight transfer does not affect the center of gravity of the machine--mounting a tank (e.g., drip torch) on the rear of the vehicle increases the chances for a rear turnover.
  - Do not drive on public roads - Collisions with automobiles on public roads are the most common cause of fatal ATV accidents. It may be illegal to operate an ATV on public roads—check your state's laws.

References: [Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)  
[Safety and Occupational Health Manual Handbook, BLM-1112-1](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Northern California	FIRES					16	1	17
	ACRES					9	0	9
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		892					892
Southwest	FIRES	4				1	5	10
	ACRES	157				0	21	178
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	7				1		8
	ACRES	5				1		6
Eastern Area	FIRES	3				9	5	17
	ACRES	1				144	0	145
Southern Area	FIRES					25	1	26
	ACRES					177	1	178
TOTAL	FIRES	14	1	0	1	56	13	85
	ACRES	163	892	0	0	331	23	1,409

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1				47	1	49
	ACRES	0				106	0	106
Northwest	FIRES	23	5		1	54	7	90
	ACRES	1,218	9,365		3	708	2	11,296
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	2	428	62	494
	ACRES		0	0	1	690	63	754
Southern California	FIRES	7	37	1	5	627	118	795
	ACRES	9	53	0	1	912	100	1,075
Northern Rockies	FIRES	459	9	10	2	66	31	577
	ACRES	23,614	1,336	751	620	2,169	729	29,219
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	45		3	116	11	184
	ACRES	103	256		0	1,102	157	1,618
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	62		4	40	7	116
	ACRES	12	5,148		0	2,666	537	8,363
Southwest	FIRES	240	58	8	4	181	133	624
	ACRES	3,553	2,932	14	2,228	8,389	10,795	27,911
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	346	42	19	4	431	78	920
	ACRES	17,327	271	1,238	818	33,223	9,892	62,769
Eastern Area	FIRES	622		31	11	5,129	253	6,046
	ACRES	1,600		1,332	397	40,853	5,880	50,062
Southern Area	FIRES	207		17	21	8,924	284	9,453
	ACRES	30,768		14,916	3,443	110,297	47,176	206,600
TOTAL	FIRES	1,917	259	87	57	16,043	985	19,348
	ACRES	78,204	19,361	18,251	7,511	201,115	75,331	399,773

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>26,031</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>963,066</b>

\*\*\* 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	1	4				3	8
	ACRES	40	311				839	1,190
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						23	23
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	4	1				2	7
	ACRES	69	5				175	249
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						378	378
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1					3	4
	ACRES	23					1,180	1,203
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			2			1	3
	ACRES			1,350			420	1,770
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		7	3	11
	ACRES			160		91	87	338
Southern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					1,000	665	1,665
TOTAL	FIRES	6	5	3	0	8	14	36
	ACRES	132	316	1,510	0	1,091	3,767	6,816

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					911		911
Northwest	FIRES	2	43	3			84	132
	ACRES	45	3,455	909			13,602	18,011
Northern California	FIRES	2	13	12	21		137	185
	ACRES	107	203	17,213	151		10,651	28,325
Southern California	FIRES		6	4		1	152	163
	ACRES		1,521	125		550	3,946	6,142
Northern Rockies	FIRES	15	10	46	3	5	121	200
	ACRES	1,716	4,321	12,526	233	156	16,141	35,093
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	17	2	4	23	36	84
	ACRES	727	1,331	188	269	350	15,521	18,386
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	4		13	4	29
	ACRES		2,261	419		279	221	3,180
Southwest	FIRES	14	11	6	15		73	119
	ACRES	695	7,706	2,591	109		33,206	44,307
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	23	57	21	12	57	192
	ACRES	2,022	2,537	10,742	2,492	1,256	10,107	29,156
Eastern Area	FIRES	33		342	40	874	140	1,429
	ACRES	21,498		63,209	9,054	55,615	54,844	204,220
Southern Area	FIRES	22		117	52	6,668	816	7,675
	ACRES	4,743		47,264	37,384	410,874	785,995	1,286,260
TOTAL	FIRES	112	131	593	156	7,600	1,620	10,212
	ACRES	31,553	23,335	155,186	49,692	469,991	944,234	1,673,991

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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	4	3	112	550
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	1
Alberta	16	74	239	366
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	3	3	47	424
Manitoba	0	0	67	5,911
Ontario	4	2	170	355
Quebec	0	1	167	178
Newfoundland	0	0	24	1,464
New Brunswick	1	5	223	319
Nova Scotia	0	0	196	666
Prince Edward Island	0	0	5	9
National Parks	0	0	3	0
Total	28	87	1,255	10,242

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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