

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Tuesday, May 15, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (110 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 8  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

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.

**Southwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 8  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

**Gladiator**, Prescott NF. IMT 1 (Reinarz). Started on state land one mile east of Crown King, AZ. Timber. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Community of Crown King evacuated.

**Bull Flat**, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. IMT 2 (Philbin). Twenty miles northwest of Cibecue, AZ. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior.

**Sunflower**, Tonto NF. IMT 2 (Templin). Thirty miles north of Mesa, AZ. Pinyon pine, juniper, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

**Elwood**, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Thirty-six miles northeast of San Carlos, AZ. Timber. 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
Gladiator	AZ	PNF	1,600	1,000	5	UNK	512	425	16	14	4	3	600K	ST
Bull Flat	AZ	FTA	5,000	4,500	35	UNK	136	108	4	7	3	0	3M	BIA
Sunflower	AZ	TNF	4,600	1,500	5	UNK	257	74	10	11	4	0	800K	FS
Elwood	AZ	SCA	1,505	368	5	UNK	140	-2	5	2	1	0	332K	BIA

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 7  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

\* **Hewlett**, Arapaho & Roosevelt NF. IMT 2 (Richardson). Twenty miles northwest of Fort Collins, CO. Timber. 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
* Hewlett	CO	ARF	260	---	0	UNK	64	---	2	0	1	0	NR	FS

**Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 0  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

\* **Antelope Complex** (two fires), Battle Mountain District, BLM. Sixty miles southwest of Battle Mountain, NV. Grass. 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
* Antelope Complex	NV	BMD	3,500	---	25	---	82	---	3	5	0	0	150K	BLM
Pahroc	NV	ELD	4,123	0	100	---	34	-42	1	0	1	0	35K	BLM

ELD – Ely District, BLM

**Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)**

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

**Stag**, Custer NF. Twenty miles south of Ashland, MT. Logging slash 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
Stag	MT	CNF	1,231	881	25	5/15	77	51	1	11	1	0	50K	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A broad ridge will remain in place over the western U.S. while a trough deepens in the eastern half of the country. Temperatures will continue warming over most of the Intermountain West. A low drifting under the ridge will increase winds across the southern Great Basin which, coupled with high temperatures and low relative humidity, will produce critical fire weather conditions in southern Nevada and southwestern Utah. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms are possible across parts of the Northwest. High pressure will usher in cooler weather across the Plains while lingering cold fronts across the Great Lakes and the East coast will produce scattered showers and thunderstorms in the upper Mississippi Valley and from northeastern Georgia to Maine. In Alaska, scattered showers will develop in the eastern Interior while rain approaches the Southwest. The rest of the state will be cool and mainly dry.

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.**



## ESCAPE ROUTES

An escape route is a preplanned and understood route to reach a safety zone.

- What are the primary concerns in choosing an escape route?
  - Select the closest, least obstructed route.
  - Plan for more than one escape route.
  - Avoid an uphill escape.
  - Scout and clearly mark the route for visibility (aids during smoky situations or night operational periods). NWCG recommends using hot-pink flagging marked "Escape Route" (NFES 0566). Crews with colorblind members may wish to carry and utilize fluorescent chartreuse flagging (NFES # 2396).
- - Determine escape time--consider slowest person, fatigue, and temperature factors.
  - Continuously reassess the situation with regard to work progress and additional resource arrivals.
  - Assure all line personnel are familiar with escape routes.
  - Vehicles parked for escape.

### References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and 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					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					7		7
Northern California	FIRES					7	1	8
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES		0			1		1
	ACRES		350			1		351
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					5		5
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2	1	1		1	3	8
	ACRES	1	84	0		44	2	131
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			3	3	7
	ACRES		0			7	280	287
Eastern Area	FIRES	12				20	6	38
	ACRES	6				187	5	198
Southern Area	FIRES					36	2	38
	ACRES					231	27	258
TOTAL	FIRES	14	2	1	0	76	17	110
	ACRES	7	434	0	0	482	315	1,238

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1				62	1	64
	ACRES	0				141	0	141
Northwest	FIRES	23	5		1	57	7	93
	ACRES	1,218	9,365		3	715	2	11,303
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	2	467	66	537
	ACRES		0	0	1	736	63	800
Southern California	FIRES	7	38	1	5	627	127	805
	ACRES	9	164	0	1	912	102	1,188
Northern Rockies	FIRES	464	10	10	2	72	33	591
	ACRES	23,642	1,836	751	620	2,175	729	29,753
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	45		3	119	11	187
	ACRES	103	256		0	1,107	157	1,623
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	62		4	40	7	116
	ACRES	12	5,148		0	2,666	537	8,363
Southwest	FIRES	251	61	9	4	186	143	654
	ACRES	5,039	3,042	14	2,228	9,328	15,777	35,428
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	353	44	19	4	439	85	944
	ACRES	17,334	271	1,238	818	33,260	10,327	63,248
Eastern Area	FIRES	634		31	11	5,245	265	6,186
	ACRES	1,606		1,332	397	41,282	5,312	49,929
Southern Area	FIRES	207		17	21	9,026	289	9,560
	ACRES	30,768		14,916	3,443	110,790	47,204	207,121
TOTAL	FIRES	1,952	266	88	57	16,340	1,034	19,737
	ACRES	79,731	20,082	18,251	7,511	203,112	80,210	408,897

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>26,513</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>988,951</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	0					6	6
	ACRES	60					1,953	2,013
Northern California	FIRES			0				0
	ACRES			200				200
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		0				9	9
	ACRES		40				267	307
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						53	53
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					27	1	28
	ACRES					1,732	1,069	2,801
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	27	18	45
	ACRES	60	40	200	0	1,732	3,342	5,374

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					2,120		2,120
Northwest	FIRES	2	43	3			93	141
	ACRES	145	3,499	909			15,597	20,150
Northern California	FIRES	2	13	12	21		137	185
	ACRES	107	203	17,413	151		10,651	28,525
Southern California	FIRES		6	4		1	152	163
	ACRES		1,521	125		550	3,946	6,142
Northern Rockies	FIRES	15	11	49	3	24	158	260
	ACRES	1,716	4,385	12,986	233	1,354	18,378	39,052
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		75	121
	ACRES	539	7,706	2,591	109		33,259	44,204
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	23	68	21	12	57	203
	ACRES	2,022	2,537	12,416	2,492	1,256	10,107	30,830
Eastern Area	FIRES	33		342	40	875	139	1,429
	ACRES	21,498		63,209	9,054	55,681	55,451	204,893
Southern Area	FIRES	22		117	52	6,724	819	7,734
	ACRES	4,743		47,264	37,384	412,737	790,087	1,292,215
TOTAL	FIRES	112	132	607	156	7,678	1,670	10,355
	ACRES	31,497	23,443	157,520	49,692	474,327	953,218	1,689,697

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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	38	473	150	1,023
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	1
Alberta	20	1,735	294	2,542
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	9	226	72	699
Manitoba	5	407	74	7,648
Ontario	13	254	201	651
Quebec	3	7	175	200
Newfoundland	0	0	24	1,464
New Brunswick	1	0	224	319
Nova Scotia	5	1	207	671
Prince Edward Island	0	0	5	9
National Parks	0	0	3	0
Total	94	3,103	1,431	15,228

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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