

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, May 17, 2012 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (87 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 2
 Uncontained large fires: ** 8
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

** 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: 3
 New large fires: 1
 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. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

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

Elwood, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Thirty-six miles northeast of San Carlos, AZ. Timber. Active fire behavior.

* **Baldy**, Gila NF. Thirty miles northwest of Silver City, NM. Mixed conifer and grass. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant fire activity occurs.

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	5,421	3,420	5	UNK	537	70	16	18	6	4	2.2M	ST
Bull Flat	AZ	FTA	1,900	0	50	5/20	328	19	7	57	1	0	1.5M	BIA
Sunflower	AZ	TNF	12,500	500	10	UNK	528	125	15	13	7	0	1.8M	FS
Elwood	AZ	SCA	1,600	0	5	UNK	145	2	5	2	1	0	604K	BIA

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* Baldy	NM	GNF	700	---	N/A	N/A	4	---	0	0	0	0	6K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 7
New large fires: 0
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. Residences 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
Hewlett	CO	ARF	982	582	5	UNK	329	98	11	9	3	0	629K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 6
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Just Missed Again, Merritt Island, NWR. Five miles east of Kennedy Space Center, FL. Grass. No new information.

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Just Missed Again	FL	MIR	533	---	50	6/22	26	---	0	8	1	0	40K	FWS
West Holey Lands	FL	FLS	7,000	1,000	100	---	1	-3	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

FLS – Florida Forest Service

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Wall**, Carson City District, BLM. Seventy miles northeast of Fallon, NV. Pinyon pine, juniper, 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
* Wall	NV	CCD	4,500	---	5	5/20	58	---	4	0	3	0	40K	BLM

Northwest Area (PL 1)

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

* **Hickey**, Lakeview District, BLM. Twelve miles east of Lakeview, OR. Mixed conifer, 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
* Hickey	OR	LAD	100	---	35	5/19	4	---	0	2	0	0	25K	BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires: 3
 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
Stag	MT	CNF	1,250	19	100	---	50	-27	0	9	1	0	165K	FS

CNF – Custer NF

Predictive Services Discussion: A trough moving into the West Coast will bring cool temperatures and scattered showers to the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies. There will be strong and gusty westerly winds and low humidity over the Great Basin and Desert Southwest ahead of this trough. A weak trough moving into the central part of the country will bring isolated thunderstorms and strong southerly winds to the Plains. Ridging will cause temperatures to warm and humidity to lower across the eastern half of the country. Isolated afternoon showers and thunderstorms will occur over parts of the southeastern states. In Alaska, there will be above normal temperatures and mostly dry conditions.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Leadership Category.

Bias for Action

Leaders in the wildland fire service are not only empowered but also duty-bound to act on a situation that is within our power to affect, even without direction from above.

This empowerment is not intended to encourage freelancing. In a high-risk environment, freelancing is a dangerous and unpredictable element, causing more harm than good. Ultimately, leaders are always accountable for their actions.

- A bias for action acknowledges wildfire as an environment where events do not always go according to plan,
- At times during an incident, one person may be the only one in a position to see what needs to be done and to make it happen,
- Time may not permit gathering all of the information that one might like to have, if you wait until you have all the facts to be 100% sure it will almost always be too late.

In these time critical situations, fire leaders use judgment, act within the intent of their leaders, work in unison with others, develop and communicate a plan, and then inform leaders of actions as soon as safely possible.

On a chaotic and rapidly developing wildfire, one person taking the initiative can make all the difference in seizing and taking advantage of an opportunity. Being hesitant, risk-averse, or indecisive can expose firefighters to greater long-term risks and translate into a waste of time, opportunity, energy, and money.

Discussion Points

- Discuss the difference between freelancing and a bias for action.
- Describe and Discuss instances of taking appropriate action and indecisiveness / non-action.
- How are some ways we train for situations requiring a bias for action?

References:

[Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program](#)

[Leading In the Wildland Fire Service](#)

[Tactical Decision Games Library](#)

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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					15		15
Northern California	FIRES	2				6		8
	ACRES	0				4		4
Southern California	FIRES		1			12		13
	ACRES		0			9		9
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2		3
	ACRES	0				3		3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		2			0	2	4
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		4,535					4,535
Southwest	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					1	9,420	9,421
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	2			1	0	7
	ACRES	2	160			0	587	749
Eastern Area	FIRES					35	1	36
	ACRES					74	5	79
Southern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					5		5
TOTAL	FIRES	7	7	0	0	69	4	87
	ACRES	2	4,697	0	0	111	10,014	14,824

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					69	1	70
	ACRES					144	0	144
Northwest	FIRES	24	5		3	64	7	103
	ACRES	1,219	9,365		3	735	2	11,324
Northern California	FIRES	2	1	1	2	482	68	556
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	745	64	810
Southern California	FIRES	7	40	1	6	711	129	894
	ACRES	9	164	0	2	962	102	1,239
Northern Rockies	FIRES	465	10	10	4	76	35	600
	ACRES	23,642	2,617	751	620	2,180	738	30,548
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	9	50		3	124	13	199
	ACRES	103	363		0	1,161	159	1,786
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	75		4	44	7	133
	ACRES	12	25,865		0	2,832	537	29,246
Southwest	FIRES	258	61	9	4	188	172	692
	ACRES	6,892	3,031	14	2,228	9,329	25,659	47,153
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	360	46	19	4	447	89	965
	ACRES	17,342	569	1,238	818	33,145	10,929	64,041
Eastern Area	FIRES	637		32	11	5,327	271	6,278
	ACRES	1,608		1,334	397	64,504	5,324	73,167
Southern Area	FIRES	207		17	21	9,072	292	9,609
	ACRES	30,768		14,916	3,443	118,063	47,211	214,401
TOTAL	FIRES	1,972	288	89	62	16,604	1,084	20,099
	ACRES	81,595	41,974	18,253	7,512	233,800	90,725	473,859

Ten Year Average Fires	26,878
Ten Year Average Acres	1,026,808

*** 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	0				3	4
	ACRES	252	110				545	907
Northern California	FIRES			0			3	3
	ACRES			1,167			272	1,439
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						27	27
Northern Rockies	FIRES		0				6	6
	ACRES		35				129	164
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						2,765	2,765
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						55	55
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			6				6
	ACRES			912				912
Eastern Area	FIRES			2		7	1	10
	ACRES			155		1,258	12	1,425
Southern Area	FIRES					15	1	16
	ACRES					47	753	800
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	8	0	22	19	50
	ACRES	252	145	2,234	0	1,305	4,558	8,494

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					2,270		2,270
Northwest	FIRES	3	43	4			104	154
	ACRES	797	3,609	965			18,295	23,666
Northern California	FIRES	2	13	12	21		140	188
	ACRES	107	203	20,880	151		10,863	32,204
Southern California	FIRES		6	4		1	152	163
	ACRES		1,521	125		550	3,947	6,143
Northern Rockies	FIRES	15	12	61	3	28	173	292
	ACRES	1,716	4,640	15,481	233	1,515	18,938	42,523
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	18	2	4	23	42	91
	ACRES	736	1,331	188	269	340	18,881	21,745
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		33,314	44,259
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	23	74	21	12	58	210
	ACRES	2,022	2,537	13,328	2,492	1,256	10,152	31,787
Eastern Area	FIRES	33		416	40	892	141	1,522
	ACRES	21,498		71,780	9,054	57,160	55,740	215,232
Southern Area	FIRES	22		117	52	6,761	821	7,773
	ACRES	4,743		47,264	37,384	415,387	791,517	1,296,295
TOTAL	FIRES	113	134	700	156	7,737	1,710	10,550
	ACRES	32,158	23,808	173,021	49,692	478,757	961,868	1,719,304

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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	5	0	167	1,097
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	1
Alberta	12	436	317	3,315
Northwest Territory	1	0	1	0
Saskatchewan	2	105	77	830
Manitoba	0	0	80	13,412
Ontario	15	227	233	4,048
Quebec	3	0	181	244
Newfoundland	0	0	25	1,464
New Brunswick	0	0	226	323
Nova Scotia	3	11	210	683
Prince Edward Island	0	0	5	9
National Parks	0	0	3	0
Total	41	779	1,527	25,426

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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