

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, May 26, 2012 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (111 new fires)
 New large fires: 2 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires: ** 11
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

** 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: 7
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 3
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Whitewater-Baldy, Gila NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Pierson) to IMT 1 (Sciacca) will occur today. Fifteen miles east of Glenwood, NM. Timber. Extreme fire behavior with crowning and long range spotting. Residences threatened.

Gladiator, Prescott NF. IMT 1 (Reinarz). Started on state land one mile east of Crown King, AZ. Timber. Creeping and smoldering. Evacuations have been lifted.

Sunflower, Tonto NF. Thirty miles north of Mesa, AZ. 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
Whitewater-Baldy	NM	GNF	82,252	11,674	0	UNK	586	80	12	26	4	20	3.2M	FS
Gladiator	AZ	PNF	16,240	0	40	UNK	762	-228	16	25	3	6	13M	ST
Sunflower	AZ	TNF	17,618	---	43	7/30	67	---	2	5	1	0	5.6M	FS

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 3

Duck Lake, Michigan DNR. Fifteen miles northeast of Newberry, MI. Timber. Crowning and torching with long range spotting. Numerous structures threatened.

Pine Creek, Seney NWR. Nine miles northeast of Pine Stump Junction, MI. Brush. Active fire behavior.

* **North Prong**, Mark Twain NF. Two miles northwest of Beaver Lake, MO. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire activity.

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Duck Lake	MI	MIS	17,935	12,935	20	5/27	91	91	0	17	1	72	250K	ST
Pine Creek	MI	SNR	3,400	400	70	UNK	48	-56	0	11	1	0	615K	FWS
* North Prong	MO	MTF	122	---	50	UNK	5	---	0	1	0	0	2.5K	FS

Southern California (PL 2)

New fires: 13
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

* **Banner**, Monte-Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Zombro). Eighteen miles east of Julian, CA. Brush and grass. Active fire behavior with short range spotting. Structures threatened. Evacuations in effect.

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
* Banner	CA	MVU	3,100	---	20	UNK	438	---	17	51	4	0	575K	ST

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

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

Tre, East Fork Fire District. IMT 2 (Sommer). Fifteen miles southeast of Gardnerville, NV. Hardwood slash, pinyon-juniper, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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
Tre	NV	EFKX	7,500	0	85	5/27	567	-8	16	20	8	19	2.5M	CNTY

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 57
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 2

* **The 1475**, Florida Forest Service. Fifteen miles northeast of Gainesville, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior with spotting.

Junction, Merritt Island, NWR. Six miles east of Titusville, FL. Brush. Structures threatened. No new information.

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* The 1475	FL	FLS	1,500	---	80	---	65	---	0	6	2	0	NR	ST
Junction	FL	MIR	600	---	60	UNK	23	---	0	5	1	0	20K	FWS

Eastern Great Basin (PL 1)

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

* **Long Canyon**, Bear River Area, Utah DNR. Twenty miles west of North Ogden, UT. Grass and 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
* Long Canyon	UT	BRS	4,000	---	50	UNK	56	---	1	12	1	0	35K	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: An upper low over the Great Basin will continue to produce critical fire weather conditions over the southern Great Basin and the Southwest where winds could gust to 50 mph and relative humidity will drop to 6 to 12 percent. Scattered showers will spread across the Northwest and the northern Great Basin while areas of rain and snow cover much of central Idaho, Montana and western Wyoming. Snow in western Montana could be heavy. Very warm and humid weather will persist across the eastern half of the U.S. with scattered showers and thunderstorms developing over the northern Plains, the Great Lakes and New England. In Alaska, rain will continue along the Gulf coast while scattered showers and a few thunderstorms move over the Interior.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Today's discussion is from the
Weather / Fire Behavior Category.

Scenario 

EXTREME FIRE BEHAVIOR (part 2)

Mild, moderate and EXTREME fire behavior has always been present in cases of shelter deployment. It is critical for firefighters to maintain situational awareness of live and dead fuel moisture conditions as well as predicted and current weather conditions. As fire behavior changes, it is critical to respond correctly to the changing situation.

- Discuss how the following factors can contribute or lead to extreme fire behavior:
 - Frost Kill: Has there been a late or unusually extensive freeze? Is the loading of frost-killed fuels high?
 - Drought Conditions: Live Fuel Moistures Index, KBDI, Soil Moisture Index, low humidity, high temperatures
 - Slope: Increases fire spread uphill, preheats fuels by convection, may channel winds
 - Sea Breeze/Foehn: Wind direction may vary throughout the day, humidity changes may occur; strong wind velocities may drive fire behavior to extremes.
- To aid situational awareness, track NFDRS live and dead fuel moisture outputs.
- Take hourly weather observations and track the hourly changes. By tracking fuel moisture and weather observations and using Fire Severity Related to Fuel Moisture Chart, firefighters can be alerted to those conditions that can lead to situations where there is a high potential for extreme fire behavior.

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				1	2		3
	ACRES				2	21		23
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Northern California	FIRES		1			13	1	15
	ACRES		3			13	0	16
Southern California	FIRES		1			12		13
	ACRES		14			25		39
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					3,509		3,509
Western Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Southwest	FIRES	2				2	3	7
	ACRES	1				2	11,427	11,430
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					2	3	5
	ACRES					388	0	388
Southern Area	FIRES					57		57
	ACRES					1,982		1,982
TOTAL	FIRES	2	2	0	2	95	10	111
	ACRES	1	17	0	2	5,941	11,428	17,389

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1		1	102	2	106
	ACRES		0		2	176	0	178
Northwest	FIRES	43	14		3	84	20	164
	ACRES	1,567	9,885		3	766	33	12,254
Northern California	FIRES	2	6	1	2	567	79	657
	ACRES	0	33	0	1	857	65	956
Southern California	FIRES	9	47	4	6	852	150	1,068
	ACRES	11	178	0	2	1,339	122	1,652
Northern Rockies	FIRES	482	10	11	4	84	52	643
	ACRES	23,672	2,617	773	620	2,185	860	30,727
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	13	70		4	154	20	261
	ACRES	154	4,534		0	6,274	168	11,130
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	82		6	50	9	150
	ACRES	12	40,240		0	2,833	538	43,623
Southwest	FIRES	287	62	9	5	222	191	776
	ACRES	6,967	3,029	14	2,228	10,275	142,422	164,935
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	374	55	20	4	464	110	1,027
	ACRES	17,639	326	1,243	818	35,008	19,225	74,259
Eastern Area	FIRES	667		33	12	5,529	323	6,564
	ACRES	1,628		2,480	398	43,234	5,603	53,343
Southern Area	FIRES	220		20	21	9,519	308	10,088
	ACRES	30,783		15,169	3,443	123,492	47,949	220,836
TOTAL	FIRES	2,100	347	98	68	17,627	1,264	21,504
	ACRES	82,433	60,842	19,679	7,515	226,439	216,985	613,893

Ten Year Average Fires	29,139
Ten Year Average Acres	1,141,887

*** 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
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			64				64
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	64	0	0	0	64

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	8		10
	ACRES				18	5,270		5,288
Northwest	FIRES	3	49	3			113	168
	ACRES	851	5,454	900			18,676	25,881
Northern California	FIRES	2	13	14	21		143	193
	ACRES	107	203	22,389	151		12,555	35,405
Southern California	FIRES		6	5		1	153	165
	ACRES		1,521	381		550	4,258	6,710
Northern Rockies	FIRES	15	13	66	4	32	182	312
	ACRES	1,716	5,440	16,321	238	1,709	19,892	45,316
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		16	2	4	23	41	86
	ACRES		1,324	188	269	340	18,869	20,990
Western Great Basin	FIRES		8	4		13	4	29
	ACRES		2,261	419		279	221	3,180
Southwest	FIRES	17	11	6	15		128	177
	ACRES	636	7,706	2,591	109		38,368	49,410
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	22	24	98	21	18	60	243
	ACRES	2,022	2,987	18,416	2,492	8,377	10,814	45,108
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		463	40	904	147	1,590
	ACRES	22,098		76,836	9,054	57,691	57,079	222,758
Southern Area	FIRES	23		120	52	6,977	832	8,004
	ACRES	4,783		48,113	37,384	424,476	798,084	1,312,840
TOTAL	FIRES	118	140	781	159	7,976	1,803	10,977
	ACRES	32,213	26,896	186,554	49,715	498,692	978,816	1,772,886

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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	3	202	204	1,415
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	1
Alberta	1	0	498	3,326
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	0
Saskatchewan	0	2	87	584
Manitoba	1	1	92	17,439
Ontario	15	1,265	351	30,569
Quebec	16	8,224	263	28,914
Newfoundland	0	0	31	1,615
New Brunswick	1	0	235	325
Nova Scotia	0	39	210	738
Prince Edward Island	0	0	5	9
National Parks	0	0	8	641
Total	37	9,733	1,987	85,578

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