

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 1

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (91 new fires)
New large fires:	0 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	4
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

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

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	7
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2

Soldier Basin, Coronado NF. Five miles east of Nogales, AZ. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity.

Island Lake, Imperial NWR. Twenty-two miles north of Yuma, AZ. Brush. Running and spotting.

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
Soldier Basin	AZ	CNF	3,800	1,800	8	5/28	200	3	5	12	3	0	490K	FS
Island Lake	AZ	IMR	1,500	1,200	50	5/22	31	0	1	5	2	2	250K	FWS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

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

Grand, Los Padres NF. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Kaslin) back to the local unit will occur today. Two miles east of Frazier Park, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire activity.

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Grand	CA	LPF	4,346	0	95	5/22	847	-424	27	34	1	0	7M	FS

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

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

Sweats Complex, Helena NF. Twenty miles northeast of Helena, MT. Timber. No new information.

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Sweats Complex	FS	HNF	457	---	95	UNK	28	---	1	2	0	0	700K	FS

Other Fires

(As of May 17)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	0	0	0	0	0	0
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	1	3,498	0	0	0	2
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	3,498	0	0	0	2

Predictive Services Discussion: An upper low will drift across the Northwest, bringing showers to the region. A ridge will build across the Rockies producing a rapid warm-up across the interior West with gusty winds over the Southwest. Scattered strong thunderstorms will continue from Texas to the Great Lakes. Rainy and cool conditions will linger in the northern Plains and Upper Midwest. Very warm weather will continue across the East and South.

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



UNINFORMED ON STRATEGY, TACTICS OR HAZARDS

Fireline Safety Category

Firefighters who are uninformed on strategy, tactics or hazards are in conflict with Watchout Situation #5. Before going to the fireline, it is imperative that firefighters obtain information about strategies, tactics or hazards by asking themselves the following questions:

- Can communications be established to find out strategy, tactics or hazards? Discuss ways you might establish communications; for example, contacting someone who is already on the fire and asking them what tactics and strategies are working or not working, what hazards they have witnessed, etc.
- Can scouting safely identify potential hazards? Talk about different methods of scouting a fire (e.g., using a lookout from your crew or sending a line scout ahead, utilizing air attack or the spotter on a smokejumper airplane). Discuss what types of hazards you might come across and ways you would mitigate them. For example, arriving at a fire after dark and a being instructed to dig line downhill with the fire below. How could you make this a safe situation?
- Have strategies, tactics or hazards changed since last informed? Discuss situations that might alter the way you are fighting a fire (e.g., wind shifts, resources you expected don't arrive, etc.). Also, think about what new hazards can develop while you are on the fireline (e.g., roots burning out and trees coming down, winds shifting direction and speed, etc.)
- Can you get a briefing from your supervisor? Talk about the importance of constant communications and ensuring firefighters are on the same page with strategies and tactics. For example, if one crew decides to do a burnout, but doesn't let the crew at the other end of the line know what they are doing, then what can happen?
- To reduce the risks:
 - Post lookouts.
 - Determine escape routes and establish safety zones.
 - Consider retreating until you are informed.
 - Don't leave a staging area or operational briefing until you have all the pertinent information. Emphasize ways to inform firefighters about strategies, tactics and hazards. Tell a story about when you were uninformed and what you did to correct the situation so that you were safe.
 - Get the national standard Incident Response Pocket Guide standard briefing

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	0				0		0
Northern California	FIRES				21	1	22	
	ACRES				49	0	49	
Southern California	FIRES	1	3				4	8
	ACRES	0	0				0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3			3	1	7
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1					6	7
	ACRES	1					1,806	1,807
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Eastern Area	FIRES	6			22			28
	ACRES	6			89			95
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				111			111
TOTAL	FIRES	9	7	0	0	63	12	91
	ACRES	7	0	0	0	250	1,806	2,063

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					27	1	28
	ACRES					154	0	154
Northwest	FIRES	21	19	6	1	106	64	217
	ACRES	132	141	153	0	491	106	1,023
Northern California	FIRES	1	1		4	712	82	800
	ACRES	1	61		1	8,621	3,979	12,663
Southern California	FIRES	3	37	7	2	1,024	132	1,205
	ACRES	1	150	5	6	12,091	211	12,464
Northern Rockies	FIRES	180	12	3		93	60	348
	ACRES	3,334	198	997		1,298	12,553	18,380
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	13	58		2	82	26	181
	ACRES	111	1,899		0	687	86	2,783
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	29	2	2	10	4	48
	ACRES	1	560	0	0	5	0	566
Southwest	FIRES	219	54	21	17	209	231	751
	ACRES	2,305	914	413	199	3,771	4,812	12,414
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	212	32	8	6	191	41	490
	ACRES	542	1,347	470	63	4,554	110	7,086
Eastern Area	FIRES	274		24	20	3,757	190	4,265
	ACRES	7,122		521	80	33,574	1,055	42,352
Southern Area	FIRES	113		34	14	7,678	264	8,103
	ACRES	10,724		3,613	1,435	83,475	10,788	110,035
TOTAL	FIRES	1,037	242	105	68	13,889	1,095	16,436
	ACRES	24,273	5,270	6,172	1,784	148,721	33,700	219,920

Ten Year Average Fires	27,657
Ten Year Average Acres	1,078,441

*** 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	2						2
	ACRES	400						400
Northern California	FIRES			0			1	1
	ACRES			379			5	384
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES				6			6
	ACRES				44			44
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				2			2
	ACRES				1,434			1,434
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	0	8	1	11
	ACRES	400	0	379	0	1,478	5	2,262

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	1	5		7
	ACRES			5	12	883		900
Northwest	FIRES	5	36	7	3		117	168
	ACRES	672	8,878	444	67		28,092	38,153
Northern California	FIRES	2	12	11	19		113	157
	ACRES	35	736	15,203	250		5,374	21,598
Southern California	FIRES		3	4	2	1	138	148
	ACRES		36	53	123	120	4,765	5,097
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	11	16	2	25	142	207
	ACRES	1,583	2,742	4,941	156	958	9,917	20,297
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	20	2	4	18	40	88
	ACRES	340	1,375	2	34	552	10,157	12,460
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		12	7	24
	ACRES		239	35		103	300	677
Southwest	FIRES	20	18	5	1		59	103
	ACRES	19,479	10,642	1,372	10		15,930	47,433
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	40	28	10	33	95	218
	ACRES	1,691	3,167	3,144	616	5,085	24,970	38,673
Eastern Area	FIRES	13		123	38	614	137	925
	ACRES	21,098		11,489	4,687	28,258	29,974	95,506
Southern Area	FIRES	43		79	18	9,098	740	9,978
	ACRES	13,721		44,128	21,672	514,892	838,384	1,432,797
TOTAL	FIRES	110	144	277	98	9,806	1,588	12,023
	ACRES	58,619	27,815	80,816	27,627	550,851	967,863	1,713,591

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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