

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, May 22, 2013 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (89 new fires)  
 New large fires: 0 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 2  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 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: 15  
 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. 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
Soldier Basin	AZ	CNF	6,000	2,200	15	5/28	205	5	6	11	3	0	836K	FS
Island Lake	AZ	IMR	1,500	---	50	5/22	31	---	1	5	2	2	250K	FWS

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 6  
 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
Grand	CA	LPF	4,346	0	100	---	166	-681	5	8	1	0	8.2M	FS

LPF - Los Padres NF

**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
Sweats Complex	FS	HNF	457	---	100	---	28	---	1	2	0	0	1M	FS

HNF - Helena NF

**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 over the Northwest will continue to drift slowly through the region. Scattered showers and possibly a few thunderstorms will move across the Northwest and northern Rockies. Meanwhile, an amplifying ridge over the Rockies will increase southwesterly flow over the Southwest, bringing dry and windy conditions to the region. In the East, a frontal system stretching from the Great Lakes to eastern Texas will continue to produce strong thunderstorms from the Mississippi Valley to the East coast. Temperatures will cool across the northwest quarter of the nation. Very warm conditions will continue across most of the Southwest, the southern Plains and the East.

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



# THUNDERSTORM SAFETY

## *Environmental Factors Category*

Thunderstorms cause significant hazards for wildland firefighters, including downbursts that can cause extreme fire behavior and lightning. When thunderstorm development is likely, lookouts should be posted and aware of signs of a developing storm. A sudden reversal in wind direction, a noticeable rise in wind speed, and a sharp drop in temperature may note the mature stage of a storm. Heavy rain, hail and lightning occur only in the mature stage of a thunderstorm. During a storm, use the following guidelines:

- Do not lie down.
  - The best position is sitting on the pack or crouching with feet close together.
  - Avoid sitting directly on the ground, if possible; but, if necessary, keep feet and butt close together.
  - Avoid grouping together. Keep a minimum of 15 feet between people when possible.
  - Removing caulk boots will not provide safety if stocking covered or bare feet are then in contact with the ground--don't bother!
- "Stay out of dry creek beds" is correct for flash floods, but has nothing to do with lightning.
- Handheld radios (with short rubber antennas) or cell phones are safe to use. Communication is vital to crew safety. Do not use land line radios or radios with elevated antennas.
- Wide, open spaces are better than trees or clumps of trees in the vicinity. Ridge tops, etc., should be avoided.
- If you feel the hair on your arms or head "stand up," there is a high probability of a strike in the vicinity. Crouch or sit on a pack.
- Put down all tools.
- Take shelter in vehicles if possible.

### References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					240		240
Northwest	FIRES	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	1				1	3	5
Northern California	FIRES		1			18	2	21
	ACRES		5			48	0	53
Southern California	FIRES		4		1		1	6
	ACRES		100		10		0	110
Northern Rockies	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	1	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	2			3		7
	ACRES	1	6			0		7
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	4		0		8	3	15
	ACRES	1		2,700		174	2,209	5,084
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	0					0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					26	1	27
	ACRES					31	0	31
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
TOTAL	FIRES	8	7	0	1	63	10	89
	ACRES	3	111	2,700	10	495	2,213	5,532

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		2			37	1	40
	ACRES		0			395	0	395
Northwest	FIRES	23	19	6	2	106	65	221
	ACRES	133	141	153	0	491	109	1,027
Northern California	FIRES	1	2		4	728	84	819
	ACRES	1	66		1	8,668	3,979	12,715
Southern California	FIRES	3	36	7	2	1,042	132	1,222
	ACRES	1	150	5	6	11,770	211	12,143
Northern Rockies	FIRES	243	12	3		98	61	417
	ACRES	4,879	198	997		1,336	12,554	19,964
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	15	66		2	85	26	194
	ACRES	112	2,055		0	687	86	2,940
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	29	2	2	11	4	49
	ACRES	1	560	0	0	5	2	568
Southwest	FIRES	230	54	21	21	216	234	776
	ACRES	2,308	914	3,113	199	3,942	7,021	17,497
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	213	32	8	6	191	42	492
	ACRES	542	1,347	470	63	4,554	110	7,086
Eastern Area	FIRES	274		27	20	3,834	194	4,349
	ACRES	7,122		953	80	33,620	1,055	42,830
Southern Area	FIRES	113		34	14	7,737	264	8,162
	ACRES	10,724		3,613	1,435	83,604	10,788	110,164
TOTAL	FIRES	1,116	252	108	73	14,085	1,107	16,741
	ACRES	25,823	5,431	9,304	1,784	149,072	35,915	227,329

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>28,046</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,082,175</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		1			0		1
	ACRES		15			4		19
Northwest	FIRES	0					1	1
	ACRES	994					5	999
Northern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						17	17
Southern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					18		18
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						29	29
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				575			575
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					402		402
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	1	2	4	8
	ACRES	994	15	0	575	424	51	2,059

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	1	1	5		8
	ACRES		15	5	12	887		919
Northwest	FIRES	7	36	7	3		118	171
	ACRES	2,066	8,878	444	67		28,097	39,552
Northern California	FIRES	2	12	11	19		115	159
	ACRES	35	736	15,203	250		5,391	21,615
Southern California	FIRES		3	4	2	2	138	149
	ACRES		36	53	123	138	4,765	5,115
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	11	17	2	25	143	209
	ACRES	1,583	2,742	5,241	156	958	9,946	20,626
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	20	2	5	18	40	89
	ACRES	340	1,375	2	609	552	10,410	13,288
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		141	45	616	137	952
	ACRES	21,098		13,277	4,742	28,263	29,974	97,354
Southern Area	FIRES	43		79	18	9,110	740	9,990
	ACRES	13,721		44,128	21,672	514,901	838,384	1,432,806
TOTAL	FIRES	112	145	296	106	9,821	1,592	12,072
	ACRES	60,013	27,830	82,904	28,257	550,887	968,167	1,718,058

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

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.

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***