

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Friday, May 16, 2014 – 0530 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Light (43 new fires)
New large fires:	4 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	9
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

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

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

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	2
New large fires:	4
Uncontained large fires:	5
Type 1 IMTs committed	1
Type 2 IMTs committed	1

\* **Tomahawk**, Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. IMT 2 (Garwood). One mile northwest of Fallbrook, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior. Community of Fallbrook threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Cocos**, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Two miles east of Escondido, CA. Brush. Active fire behavior with spotting. Structures threatened.

\* **Bernardo**, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Two miles east of Fairbanks Ranch, CA. Brush and grass. Minimal fire behavior. Residences threatened.

\* **Highway**, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Six miles southeast of Fallbrook, CA. Chaparral. Active fire behavior. Road closures in effect.

**Miguelito**, Santa Barbara County. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum) back to the local unit occurred yesterday. Three miles south of Lompoc, CA. Chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Structures and energy infrastructure 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
* Tomahawk	CA	MCP	6,300	---	23	5/21	383	---	2	55	10	0	1M	DOD

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* Cocos	CA	MVU	800	---	5	UNK	NR	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
* Bernardo	CA	MVU	1,548	---	85	5/20	211	---	4	30	0	0	2.1M	PRI
* Highway	CA	MVU	380	---	0	UNK	NR	---	0	0	0	0	NR	PRI
Miguelito	CA	SBC	632	32	95	5/16	80	-620	2	10	0	0	920K	CNTY

### Southwest Area (PL 3)

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

**Signal**, Gila NF. IMT 2 (Nieto). Ten miles north of Silver City, NM. Timber. Backing and creeping. Structures threatened. Evacuations and area closures in effect.

**Skunk**, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Twenty-six miles east of San Carlos, AZ. Timber. 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
Signal	NM	GNF	5,740	0	35	5/20	647	-41	21	17	5	0	3.7M	FS
Skunk	AZ	SCA	10,054	---	10	UNK	109	---	2	3	1	0	45K	BIA

### Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 19  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Double Diamond**, Texas Forest Service. Started on private land one mile west of Fritch, TX. Grass. No new information.

**Guthrie**, Oklahoma DOF. Two miles south of Guthrie, OK. Hardwood slash and 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
Double Diamond	TX	TXS	2,583	---	85	UNK	50	---	0	3	0	466	NR	PRI
Guthrie	OK	OKS	3,250	---	95	UNK	12	---	0	5	0	42	300K	ST
Orange Blossom	FL	BCP	3,828	0	100	---	3	-3	0	1	0	0	1.9M	NPS

BCP – Big Cypress, NPS

**Other Fires**

(As of May 16)

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	1	6,018	1	3	0	35
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	6,018	1	3	0	35

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A ridge of high pressure over the Western U.S. will weaken somewhat as it shifts east of the Cascade Mountains today. Although winds over California will be somewhat diminished with onshore flow, it will still remain breezy and unseasonably warm over the Intermountain West. East of the Rocky Mountains, low pressure aloft will keep conditions unsettled with showers and thunderstorms from the Ohio Valley through the Mid Atlantic Coast. Heavy rain will continue to bring flood concerns to the Northeast where it is already saturated.

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



## COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

*Weather / Fire Behavior Category*

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mop-up stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or air tankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and air tankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

**References:**

Incident Response Pocket Guide page 5  
[Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	22	0	22
Northwest	FIREs	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Northern California	FIREs	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	68	0	68
Southern California	FIREs	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	500	0	500
Northern Rockies	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	50	2	52
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
	ACRES	0	75	0	0	150	0	225
Western Great Basin	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	19	0	19
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	41	0	41
TOTAL	FIREs	2	3	0	0	35	3	43
	ACRES	4	76	0	0	831	3	914

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	0	7	0	0	90	6	<b>103</b>
	ACRES	0	70	0	0	103	4	<b>177</b>
Northwest	FIREs	17	10	13	0	64	27	<b>131</b>
	ACRES	635	18	16	0	182	46	<b>897</b>
Northern California	FIREs	0	2	2	0	710	57	<b>771</b>
	ACRES	0	34	17	0	1,071	977	<b>2,099</b>
Southern California	FIREs	18	22	5	4	1,619	88	<b>1,756</b>
	ACRES	222	34	57	3	8,659	4,626	<b>13,601</b>
Northern Rockies	FIREs	199	8	2	0	102	33	<b>344</b>
	ACRES	1,723	180	10	0	2,040	92	<b>4,045</b>
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	6	27	0	0	71	14	<b>118</b>
	ACRES	16	138	0	0	599	5	<b>758</b>
Western Great Basin	FIREs	1	29	1	3	13	6	<b>53</b>
	ACRES	15	43	0	0	62	1	<b>121</b>
Southwest	FIREs	206	49	1	7	233	123	<b>619</b>
	ACRES	10,739	74	3	14	10,292	7,241	<b>28,363</b>
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	171	9	19	3	186	17	<b>405</b>
	ACRES	1,927	5	1,160	2,095	28,421	28	<b>33,636</b>
Eastern Area	FIREs	309	0	24	21	3,429	211	<b>3,994</b>
	ACRES	482	0	1,182	182	30,331	4,646	<b>36,823</b>
Southern Area	FIREs	411	0	40	24	13,124	413	<b>14,012</b>
	ACRES	113,263	0	2,886	263	183,501	23,995	<b>323,908</b>
TOTAL	FIREs	<b>1,338</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>19,641</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>22,306</b>
	ACRES	<b>129,022</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>5,331</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>265,261</b>	<b>41,661</b>	<b>444,428</b>

Ten Year Average Fires	<b>26,045</b>
Ten Year Average Acres	<b>988,299</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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	36,648	0	0	0	0	36,648
Northwest	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
	ACRES	0	367	0	0	0	1,082	1,449
Northern California	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIREs	0	0	8	0	0	11	19
	ACRES	0	0	2,336	0	0	1,129	3,465
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
	ACRES	0	636	0	0	0	285	921
Western Great Basin	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	67	0	0	0	0	67
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	13	0	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	208	0	208
TOTAL	FIREs	0	3	8	0	13	22	46
	ACRES	0	37,718	2,336	0	208	2,496	42,758

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
	ACRES	0	59,591	0	0	0	0	59,591
Northwest	FIREs	3	42	4	2	0	128	179
	ACRES	150	8,723	2,780	23	0	13,774	25,450
Northern California	FIREs	0	3	9	9	0	127	148
	ACRES	0	135	7,198	60	0	5,925	13,318
Southern California	FIREs	2	5	3	4	0	70	84
	ACRES	9	277	191	301	0	2,024	2,802
Northern Rockies	FIREs	5	16	27	4	6	86	144
	ACRES	93	4,442	6,974	3,253	193	12,781	27,736
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs	3	15	5	6	16	49	94
	ACRES	355	4,057	2,184	45	502	13,838	20,981
Western Great Basin	FIREs	0	2	0	0	7	3	12
	ACRES	0	476	0	0	147	216	839
Southwest	FIREs	3	13	4	0	1	42	63
	ACRES	1,600	12,657	96	0	75	17,194	31,622
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	14	31	43	14	64	67	233
	ACRES	1,486	2,038	12,525	383	2,337	8,758	27,527
Eastern Area	FIREs	40	0	169	24	891	111	1,235
	ACRES	57,673	0	28,316	4,721	50,250	59,148	200,108
Southern Area	FIREs	82	0	133	23	6,636	822	7,696
	ACRES	15,858	0	44,433	15,863	346,959	836,658	1,259,771
TOTAL	FIREs	152	134	397	86	7,621	1,505	9,895
	ACRES	77,224	92,396	104,697	24,649	400,463	970,316	1,669,745

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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	1	1	161	761
Yukon Territory	0	0	5	1
Alberta	13	10	209	586
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	1
Saskatchewan	16	0	52	570
Manitoba	0	0	13	411
Ontario	0	0	14	52
Quebec	0	0	38	55
Newfoundland	1	1	8	21
New Brunswick	4	5	94	78
Nova Scotia	7	12	72	373
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	3	0
Total	42	29	670	2,908

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 change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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