

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, May 1, 2015 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity: Light (582 new fires)
 New large incidents: 10 (*)
 Large fires contained: 8
 Uncontained large fires: ** 6
 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.

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 274
 New large incidents: 5
 Uncontained large fires: 2

* **Agassiz**, Minnesota DNR. Started on private land 10 miles southeast of Middle River, MN. Brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior.

* **Clarksburg State Forest**, Massachusetts Bureau of Forest Fire Control. Two miles north of North Adams, MA. Hardwood litter. Smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Agassiz	MN-MNS	1,200	---	90	Ctn	NR	47	---	0	5	0	0	10K	PRI
* Clarksburg State Forest	MA-MAS	189	---	85	Ctn	NR	97	---	0	16	1	0	20K	ST
* Neal WMA	MN-MNS	600	---	100	Ctn	---	29	---	0	8	0	0	NR	ST
* McKinley	MN-MNS	500	---	100	Ctn	---	55	---	1	4	1	0	15K	ST
* RL 372	MN-RLA	350	---	100	Ctn	---	18	---	0	6	4	0	15K	BIA

RLA – Red Lake Agency, BIA

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 82
 New large incidents: 3
 Uncontained large fires: 3

***Carl**, Camp Pendleton Marine Corp Base. Six miles east of San Clemente, CA. Brush. No fire behavior received. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

*** Mortar**, Camp Pendleton Marine Corp Base. Eight miles west of Fallbrook, CA. Brush. Minimal fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

***Grenade**, Camp Pendleton Marine Corp Base. Eight miles southeast of San Clemente, CA. Brush. Interior burning. Last report unless significant fire activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Carl	CA-MCP	4000	---	0	Comp	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	DOD
* Mortar	CA-MCP	800	---	0	Comp	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	2K	DOD
* Grenade	CA-MCP	350	---	95	Comp	NR	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	DOD
Highway	CA-RRU	1,049	0	100	Ctn	---	54	-24	3	4	0	0	1.5M	ST

RRU – Riverside Unit, Cal Fire

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 94

New large incidents: 1

Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Grand Lake	FL-FLS	2,103	3	100	Ctn	---	0	-16	0	0	0	0	2K	ST
* Boars Hammock	FL-FLS	727	---	100	Ctn	---	4	---	0	0	1	0	NR	ST

FLS – Florida Forest Service

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires: 15

New large incidents: 1

Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Pinon Well	NM-LCD	935	---	100	Ctn	---	16	---	0	3	0	0	6K	BLM

LCD – Las Cruces Field Office, BLM

Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires: 12

New large incidents: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

Rebel, Fort Totten Agency, BIA. One mile south of St. Michael, ND. Timber and grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Rebel	ND-FTA	416	---	95	Ctn	NR	0	---	0	0	0	2	NR	BIA
Straight	MT-MCD	191	-9	100	Ctn	NR	9	0	0	0	0	0	5K	FS

MCD- Miles City Field Office, BLM

Active Incident Resource Summary

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	1	1,049	3	4	0	54
NR	1	191	0	0	0	9
GB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	1	935	0	3	0	16
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	7	3,027	3	49	3	423
SA	2	767	0	7	1	34
Total	13	6,270	9	69	4	6,270

*This table is updated daily and includes the total count of active incidents and acres with resources assigned that have been reported in the SIT-209 program within the last seven days. This includes what has been reported in the Geographic Area summary tables above.

Fires and Acres Last Week (By Protection)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	5	0	0	17	0	22
	ACRES	0	226	0	0	4	0	230
Northwest	FIRES	0	1	0	0	5	11	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	2	7
Northern California	FIRES	1	0	0	0	44	3	48
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	132	1	133
Southern California	FIRES	0	4	1	0	70	7	82
	ACRES	0	3	1	0	27	3	34
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1	0	0	0	8	3	12
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	8	0	10
Great Basin	FIRES	1	1	0	0	9	1	12
	ACRES	4	0	0	0	1	1	6
Southwest	FIRES	3	3	0	0	5	4	15
	ACRES	1	937	0	0	2	8	948
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1	0	0	2	2	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	102	0	102
Eastern Area	FIRES	66	0	0	1	186	21	274
	ACRES	425	0	0	0	2,298	59	2,782
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	94	0	94
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	171	0	171
TOTAL	FIRES	73	15	1	1	440	52	582
	ACRES	432	1,166	1	0	2,750	74	4,423

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (By Protection)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	8	0	0	47	0	55
	ACRES	0	278	0	0	201	0	479
Northwest	FIRES	18	10	6	3	105	37	179
	ACRES	356	0	1	0	342	11	710
Northern California	FIRES	1	0	1	0	407	53	462
	ACRES	0	0	345	0	545	443	1,333
Southern California	FIRES	7	12	3	1	672	66	761
	ACRES	12	1,875	3	4	7,095	1,832	10,821
Northern Rockies	FIRES	313	17	0	0	155	37	522
	ACRES	2,406	4,817	0	0	35,060	3,966	46,249
Great Basin	FIRES	4	48	2	2	102	24	182
	ACRES	9	234	0	4	942	669	1,858
Southwest	FIRES	147	39	0	4	164	73	427
	ACRES	501	1,023	0	9	11,543	429	13,505
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	171	25	10	5	269	24	504
	ACRES	10,224	230	543	6,840	49,260	500	67,597
Eastern Area	FIRES	495	0	21	10	2,687	201	3,414
	ACRES	2,050	0	1,487	546	30,381	2,342	36,806
Southern Area	FIRES	273	0	2	4	8,604	187	9,070
	ACRES	33,782	0	66	68	94,283	11,392	139,591
TOTAL	FIRES	1,429	159	45	29	13,212	702	15,576
	ACRES	49,340	8,457	2,445	7,471	229,652	21,584	318,949

Ten Year Average Fires	22,392
Ten Year Average Acres	895,508

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week (By Ownership)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	2,788	0	0	0	0	2,788
Northwest	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	16	17
	ACRES	0	60	0	0	0	3,439	3,499
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	985	1	0	99	1,085
Southern California	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	10	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	34	885	919
Great Basin	FIRES	0	2	0	0	2	0	4
	ACRES	0	87	0	0	300	0	387
Southwest	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	27	27
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0	0	12	0	2	0	14
	ACRES	0	0	1,840	0	63	0	1,903
Eastern Area	FIRES	3	0	8	2	118	15	146
	ACRES	180	0	877	60	8,598	3,841	13,556
Southern Area	FIRES	1	0	0	1	207	8	217
	ACRES	760	0	0	287	11,658	4,630	17,335
TOTAL	FIRES	4	5	20	4	330	51	414
	ACRES	940	2,935	3,702	348	20,653	12,921	41,499

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date (By Ownership)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
	ACRES	0	2,794	0	0	0	0	2,794
Northwest	FIRES	2	28	3	1	0	101	135
	ACRES	1,056	17,778	51	30	0	16,625	35,540
Northern California	FIRES	0	0	6	9	0	103	118
	ACRES	0	143	2,620	188	0	7,504	10,455
Southern California	FIRES	0	2	1	0	0	100	103
	ACRES	0	58	460	0	0	1,806	2,324
Northern Rockies	FIRES	8	31	10	0	5	75	129
	ACRES	3,560	10,580	2,812	0	360	13,573	30,885
Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	1	8	30	46	109
	ACRES	20	1,439	1,060	78	1,222	14,397	18,216
Southwest	FIRES	7	18	11	5	0	82	123
	ACRES	498	16,241	2,420	4,542	0	24,120	47,821
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	34	33	10	38	74	197
	ACRES	357	6,269	8,618	153	1,894	21,094	38,385
Eastern Area	FIRES	34	0	108	12	747	109	1,010
	ACRES	39,861	0	18,739	6,622	44,701	42,970	152,893
Southern Area	FIRES	80	0	119	11	6,005	556	6,771
	ACRES	15,383	0	105,235	14,261	390,134	501,684	1,026,697
TOTAL	FIRES	140	140	292	56	6,825	1,246	8,699
	ACRES	60,735	55,302	142,015	25,874	438,311	643,773	1,366,010

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

Predictive Services Discussion: Aside from showers and thunderstorms in the central Rockies and Plains region, the weather pattern across the Nation will be relatively warm and dry until late weekend. On Sunday a Canadian cold front in Montana will slowly progress eastward, spreading showers and thunderstorms from the northern Plains through the northeast U.S. through mid-week. Further West, the pattern will open up opportunities for showers and thunderstorms across much of the Interior West as an upper level low pressure system streams moisture northward through from the southern Rockies. Another low pressure system will be moving into the Pacific Northwest early next week for unsettled conditions through late-week. Generally dry weather will persist over California during the coming week as well as much of the southeast U.S., except southern Florida where rain will be plentiful.

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

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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ASH PIT HAZARDS

Miscellaneous Fireline Hazards

Ash pits are an inherent and hidden risk to wildland firefighters that can cause severe burns and injuries. Ash pits are created when a ground fire consumes underground fuels creating an empty space that is imperceptible from the surface.

- Environmental factors that increase the risk of ash pit formation after a wildfire:
 - Extensive root systems of trees and shrubs.
 - Deep duff or peat, the organic layer covering mineral soil.
 - Landscapes that have once been cultivated or manipulated by heavy equipment, old dozer piles, sawmills, timber sale yards or decking areas.
 - Small rodent holes that have become filled with decadent combustible debris, beaver holes near dams and stream beds, badger and coyote dens.
 - White ash is sometimes an indicator of ash pits as are swarms of hovering insects.
 - With the sun behind the suspected ash pit, look for small nearly translucent smokes that dissipate quickly above the ground.
 - Ash pits often give off the smell of incomplete combustion or of creosote burning.
- Mitigation measures to consider:
 - Identification of high risk landscape.
 - Identify and flag all hazardous discovered ash pits.

Resources:

[Safety Advisory: Ash Pit Safety](#)

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