

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Friday, May 15, 2015 – 0800 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)**

|                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Initial attack activity:      | Light 510 (new fires) |
| New large incidents:          | 8 (*)                 |
| Large fires contained:        | 13                    |
| 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.

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| New fires:               | 92 |
| New large incidents:     | 2  |
| Uncontained large fires: | 2  |
| Type 1 IMTs committed:   | 1  |

\* **Mud Lake Complex (3 fires)**, Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS. IMT 1 (Dueitt). Fifteen miles northeast of Ochopee, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior with running, backing and creeping. Residences threatened.

| Incident Name      | Unit   | Size  |      | %   | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|--------------------|--------|-------|------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
|                    |        | Acres | Chge |     |           |     | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli |           |          |            |
| * Mud Lake Complex | FL-BCP | 7,689 | ---  | 5   | Comp      | UNK | 86        | ---  | 1         | 2   | 9    | 0         | 800K     | NPS        |
| * Triple G         | FL-FLS | 750   | ---  | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 1         | ---  | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 1K       | ST         |
| Whippoorwill       | VA-VAS | 326   | 51   | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 2         | -46  | 0         | 1   | 0    | 0         | 12K      | PRI        |

FLS – Florida Forest Service

VAS – Virginia DOF

**Eastern Area (PL 2)**

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| New fires:               | 107 |
| New large incidents:     | 4   |
| Uncontained large fires: | 2   |

\* **Coleman Hollow**, Maryland DNR. Three miles southeast of Bloomington, MD. Hardwood Litter. Moderate fire behavior with flanking and backing. Trail closures in effect.

\* **Lower Hill Road**, Maryland DNR. Two miles south of Fairmount, MD. Timber and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running torching. Structures threatened.

| Incident Name          | Unit   | Size  |      | %   | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|------------------------|--------|-------|------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
|                        |        | Acres | Chge |     |           |     | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli |           |          |            |
| * Coleman Hollow       | MD-MDS | 100   | ---  | 50  | Ctn       | UNK | 29        | --   | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 20K      | ST         |
| * Lower Hill Road      | MD-MDS | 275   | ---  | 90  | Ctn       | UNK | 0         | ---  | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 1K       | ST         |
| Roosa Gap              | NY-NYS | 2,759 | 142  | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 2         | -233 | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 230K     | ST         |
| Carty                  | MO-MTF | 2,146 | 136  | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 0         | -10  | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 750K     | FS         |
| Agassiz                | MN-MNS | 1,148 | -52  | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 47        | 0    | 0         | 5   | 1    | 0         | 10K      | PRI        |
| Atison                 | NJ-NJS | 710   | 0    | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 0         | 0    | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 12K      | ST         |
| Bayle Mountain         | NH-NHS | 275   | 125  | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 0         | -45  | 0         | 0   | 3    | 0         | 75K      | PRI        |
| Heights                | PA-PAS | 220   | 60   | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 0         | 0    | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 20K      | PRI        |
| Jackson Creek          | WI-MEA | 133   | 0    | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 0         | 0    | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 20K      | BIA        |
| * Heavenly Valley Road | NY-NYS | 133   | ---  | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 12        | ---  | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 4K       | PRI        |
| * Hypsie Creek         | PA-PAS | 122   | ---  | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 41        | ---  | 0         | 12  | 1    | 0         | 5K       | ST         |

NYS – New York Forest Rangers      MTF – Mark Twain National Forest      MNS – Minnesota DNR  
 NJS – New Jersey Forest Fire Service      NHS – New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands  
 PA-PAS – Pennsylvania Division of Forest Fire Protection      MEA – Menominee Tribe

### Alaska (PL 1)

|                          |    |
|--------------------------|----|
| New fires:               | 23 |
| New large incidents:     | 2  |
| Uncontained large fires: | 0  |

\* **Stuart Inert 2**, Military Zone, BLM. Twenty miles east of Moose Creek, AK. Tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with running. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

\* **Stuart Inert**, Military Zone, BLM. Seventeen miles east of Moose Creek, AK. Tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with running. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

| Incident Name    | Unit   | Size  |      | %  | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|------------------|--------|-------|------|----|-----------|-----|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|-----------|----------|------------|
|                  |        | Acres | Chge |    |           |     | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli |           |          |            |
| * Stuart Inert 2 | AK-MID | 1,650 | ---  | 90 | Comp      | NR  | 0         | ---  | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 10K      | DOD        |
| * Stuart Inert   | AK-MID | 743   | ---  | 90 | Comp      | NR  | 2         | ---  | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 14K      | DOD        |

### Southwest Area (PL 2)

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| New fires:               | 4 |
| New large incidents:     | 0 |
| 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 |           |          |            |
| Red Hill      | NM-N3S | 421   | 0    | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 0         | -14  | 0         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 80K      | PRI        |

N3S – New Mexico State Forestry

### Northwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 18  
 New large incidents: 0  
 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 |           |          |            |
| Peavine Creek | OR-732S | 148   | 0    | 100 | Ctn       | --- | 47        | -47  | 2         | 0   | 0    | 0         | 230K     | PRI        |

732S – Douglas Forest Protection Association

### Active Incident Resource Summary

| GACC         | Fires     | Cumulative Acres | Crews    | Engines   | Helicopters | Total Personnel |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|
| AK           | 0         | 0                | 0        | 0         | 0           | 0               |
| NW           | 1         | 148              | 2        | 0         | 0           | 47              |
| ON           | 0         | 0                | 0        | 0         | 0           | 0               |
| OS           | 0         | 0                | 0        | 0         | 0           | 0               |
| NR           | 0         | 0                | 0        | 0         | 0           | 0               |
| GB           | 1         | 0.1              | 0        | 1         | 0           | 11              |
| SW           | 0         | 0                | 0        | 0         | 0           | 0               |
| RM           | 0         | 0                | 0        | 0         | 0           | 0               |
| EA           | 11        | 8,094            | 0        | 18        | 2           | 132             |
| SA           | 16        | 16,304.3         | 3        | 6         | 15          | 190             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>24,546.4</b>  | <b>5</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>17</b>   | <b>380</b>      |

[\\*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 Interagency  | FIREs | 0   | 9     | 0   | 0   | 13    | 1    | 23    |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 1,003 | 0   | 0   | 9     | 0    | 1,012 |
| Northwest           | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 12    | 6    | 18    |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 13    | 1    | 14    |
| Northern California | FIREs | 1   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 82    | 21   | 104   |
|                     | ACRES | 4   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 50    | 4    | 58    |
| Southern California | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 1   | 2   | 93    | 7    | 103   |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 1   | 0   | 820   | 3    | 824   |
| Northern Rockies    | FIREs | 4   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 8     | 2    | 14    |
|                     | ACRES | 31  | 0     | 0   | 0   | 17    | 4    | 52    |
| Great Basin         | FIREs | 3   | 0     | 1   | 8   | 2     | 14   | 3     |
|                     | ACRES | 3   | 0     | 1   | 24  | 0     | 28   | 3     |
| Southwest           | FIREs | 4   | 0     | 0   | 14  | 9     | 33   | 4     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 24  | 1     | 25   | 0     |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIREs | 1   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 1     | 2    | 1     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |
| Eastern             | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 1   | 0   | 100   | 6    | 107   |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 1   | 0   | 901   | 3    | 905   |
| Southern            | FIREs | 0   | 0     | 0   | 1   | 85    | 6    | 92    |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0     | 0   | 10  | 262   | 60   | 332   |
| TOTAL               | FIREs | 11  | 17    | 2   | 4   | 415   | 61   | 510   |
|                     | ACRES | 35  | 1,006 | 2   | 11  | 2,120 | 76   | 3,250 |

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

| Area                |       | BIA    | BLM    | FWS   | NPS   | ST/OT   | USFS   | TOTAL   |
|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------|--------|---------|
| Alaska              | FIREs | 0      | 23     | 0     | 0     | 77      | 1      | 101     |
|                     | ACRES | 0      | 2,836  | 0     | 0     | 227     | 1      | 3,064   |
| Northwest           | FIREs | 19     | 12     | 6     | 3     | 134     | 48     | 222     |
|                     | ACRES | 357    | 0      | 1     | 0     | 402     | 14     | 774     |
| Northern California | FIREs | 2      | 0      | 1     | 0     | 533     | 83     | 619     |
|                     | ACRES | 4      | 0      | 345   | 0     | 689     | 510    | 1,548   |
| Southern California | FIREs | 7      | 12     | 5     | 4     | 899     | 92     | 1,019   |
|                     | ACRES | 12     | 1,875  | 5     | 4     | 8,823   | 1,850  | 12,569  |
| Northern Rockies    | FIREs | 374    | 15     | 1     | 0     | 209     | 60     | 659     |
|                     | ACRES | 3,517  | 4,819  | 93    | 0     | 46,197  | 3,984  | 58,610  |
| Great Basin         | FIREs | 5      | 66     | 2     | 3     | 115     | 32     | 223     |
|                     | ACRES | 9      | 381    | 0     | 5     | 979     | 513    | 1,887   |
| Southwest           | FIREs | 177    | 48     | 0     | 4     | 217     | 117    | 563     |
|                     | ACRES | 510    | 1,939  | 0     | 9     | 12,314  | 490    | 15,262  |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIREs | 222    | 35     | 11    | 5     | 278     | 33     | 584     |
|                     | ACRES | 11,584 | 233    | 543   | 6,840 | 49,364  | 509    | 69,073  |
| Eastern             | FIREs | 543    | 0      | 25    | 11    | 4,158   | 271    | 5,008   |
|                     | ACRES | 2,241  | 0      | 2,064 | 546   | 40,771  | 5,469  | 51,091  |
| Southern            | FIREs | 274    | 0      | 2     | 6     | 9,956   | 197    | 10,435  |
|                     | ACRES | 33,914 | 0      | 66    | 98    | 114,477 | 11,455 | 160,010 |
| TOTAL               | FIREs | 1,623  | 211    | 53    | 36    | 16,576  | 934    | 19,433  |
|                     | ACRES | 52,148 | 12,083 | 3,117 | 7,502 | 274,243 | 24,795 | 373,888 |

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Ten Year Average Fires | 25,531    |
| Ten Year Average Acres | 1,008,078 |

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### Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week (By Ownership)

| AREA                |       | BIA | BLM | FWS   | NPS | ST/OT  | USFS   | TOTAL  |
|---------------------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|--------|--------|--------|
| Alaska              | FIREs | 0   | 1   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 0      | 1      |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 380 | 0     | 0   | 4      | 0      | 384    |
| Northwest           | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 11     | 11     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 3,444  | 3,444  |
| Northern California | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 2     | 0   | 0      | 2      | 4      |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 17    | 0   | 0      | 109    | 126    |
| Southern California | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 50     | 50     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 1     | 0   | 0      | 4      | 5      |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 7,123 | 0   | 0      | 1,041  | 8,164  |
| Great Basin         | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 1      | 1      |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 183    | 183    |
| Southwest           | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 5      | 5      |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 3,238  | 3,238  |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0   | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Eastern             | FIREs | 0   | 0   | 3     | 1   | 12     | 9      | 25     |
|                     | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 465   | 1   | 1,000  | 371    | 1,837  |
| Southern            | FIREs | 1   | 0   | 0     | 0   | 145    | 7      | 153    |
|                     | ACRES | 100 | 0   | 0     | 0   | 12,063 | 9,538  | 21,701 |
| TOTAL               | FIREs | 1   | 1   | 6     | 1   | 157    | 39     | 205    |
|                     | ACRES | 100 | 380 | 7,605 | 1   | 13,067 | 17,974 | 39,127 |

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date (By Ownership)

| AREA                |       | BIA    | BLM    | FWS     | NPS    | ST/OT   | USFS    | TOTAL     |
|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Alaska              | FIREs | 0      | 5      | 0       | 0      | 1       | 0       | 6         |
|                     | ACRES | 0      | 3,965  | 0       | 0      | 954     | 0       | 4,919     |
| Northwest           | FIREs | 2      | 28     | 3       | 2      | 0       | 138     | 173       |
|                     | ACRES | 1,078  | 17,778 | 51      | 49     | 0       | 22,806  | 41,762    |
| Northern California | FIREs | 0      | 0      | 8       | 9      | 0       | 105     | 122       |
|                     | ACRES | 0      | 143    | 3,633   | 188    | 0       | 6,800   | 10,764    |
| Southern California | FIREs | 0      | 2      | 4       | 0      | 0       | 100     | 106       |
|                     | ACRES | 0      | 58     | 495     | 0      | 0       | 1,856   | 2,409     |
| Northern Rockies    | FIREs | 8      | 31     | 14      | 0      | 5       | 101     | 159       |
|                     | ACRES | 3,560  | 10,580 | 10,164  | 0      | 688     | 16,643  | 41,635    |
| Great Basin         | FIREs | 1      | 23     | 1       | 6      | 30      | 47      | 108       |
|                     | ACRES | 20     | 1,445  | 1,060   | 85     | 1,222   | 16,386  | 20,218    |
| Southwest           | FIREs | 7      | 19     | 11      | 6      | 0       | 90      | 133       |
|                     | ACRES | 498    | 16,381 | 2,420   | 4,592  | 0       | 27,561  | 51,452    |
| Rocky Mountain      | FIREs | 8      | 34     | 44      | 11     | 40      | 77      | 214       |
|                     | ACRES | 357    | 6,299  | 10,201  | 1,153  | 1,894   | 21,910  | 41,814    |
| Eastern Area        | FIREs | 39     | 0      | 192     | 16     | 956     | 137     | 1,340     |
|                     | ACRES | 39,771 | 0      | 27,126  | 6,626  | 53,481  | 44,206  | 171,210   |
| Southern Area       | FIREs | 82     | 0      | 131     | 11     | 6,485   | 651     | 7,360     |
|                     | ACRES | 15,633 | 0      | 106,948 | 14,261 | 429,564 | 582,525 | 1,148,931 |
| TOTAL               | FIREs | 147    | 142    | 408     | 61     | 7,517   | 1,446   | 9,721     |
|                     | ACRES | 60,917 | 56,649 | 162,098 | 26,954 | 487,803 | 740,693 | 1,535,114 |

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

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A series of cold, upper level low pressure systems over the Intermountain West will continue to bring widespread showers and thunderstorms throughout the upcoming week. This will also dump snowfall over the Sierras as well as the Wasatch and Rocky Mountains. On the southern end of this trough breezy and drier conditions may work their way into portions of the desert southwest. Periods of dry and breezy weather are also expected for Alaska's Interior and the Great Lakes region. Elsewhere east of the Rockies, showers and thunderstorms are expected for the Plains and Upper Midwest regions this weekend with severe weather possible. Another surge of Gulf moisture will stream northward next week with heavy rain from the southern Plains through the Dakotas. Drier conditions are expected to develop over the eastern U.S. by the middle of next week, while the west will remain moist and unsettled.

<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.

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



## 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:

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