

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Moderate (228) new fires
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires:**	4
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there are 3 large fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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

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

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	1	1,502	0	0	0	4
ONCC	1	244	2	0	0	70
OSCC	0	1,756	0	0	0	0
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	6	117,005	4	25	0	275
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	3	374	0	8	1	39
SACC	27	109,923	18	104	17	1,136
Total	38	230,804	24	137	18	1,524

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires:	70
New large incidents:	3
Uncontained large fires:	2
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

McDannald, Texas A&M Forest Service. IMT 1 (Dueitt). Started on private land 21 miles west of Ft. Davis, TX. Tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, smoldering and creeping. Numerous structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Avian Complex, Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS. IMT 2 (Parrish). Fifteen miles northeast of Everglades City, FL. Southern rough and tall grass. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and backing. Numerous structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect.

* **Palomin**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 70 miles southwest of Corpus Christi, TX. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
McDannald	TX-TXS	19,043	73	61	Ctn	5/11	388	-20	5	44	6	1	4.3M	PRI
Avian Complex	FL-BCP	41,751	2,943	16	Comp	5/31	253	62	2	11	4	5	4.4M	NPS
* Palomin	TX-TXS	325	---	95	Ctn	5/08	3	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
* Strausburg Road	NC-NCS	1,183	---	100	Ctn	---	5	---	0	1	0	0	3K	ST
* Storm Trooper	FL-EAQ	1,100	---	100	Ctn	---	11	---	0	4	1	0	10K	DOD
Little Shepherds Trail	KY-KYS	683	---	100	Ctn	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	15K	ST
Belfast Keller Road	GA-GAS	300	---	100	Ctn	---	4	---	0	0	0	0	15K	ST
Tressel	KY-PRI	123	---	100	Ctn	---	7	0	1	0	0	0	2K	PRI
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Tye River	VA-VAF	1,608	0	60	Comp	5/12	131	0	5	5	1	0	250K	FS
Context	FL-EVP	1,047	---	70	Comp	UNK	15	---	0	2	1	0	420K	NPS

NCS – North Carolina Forest Service
GAS – Georgia Forestry Commission
EVP – Everglades National Park, NPS

EAQ – Eglin Air Force Base, DOD
PRI – Kentucky Private Lands

KYS – Kentucky DOF
VAF - George Washington & Jefferson NF

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	8
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	2

Tinder, Coconino NF. Twenty miles northeast of Pine, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping. Area and trail closures in effect.

Rattlesnake, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. Twenty-four miles southwest of Alpine, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Tinder	AZ-COF	15,841	0	79	Ctn	5/31	179	-95	3	5	0	96	6.9M	FS
Rattlesnake	AZ-FTA	26,072	0	90	Ctn	5/11	40	-94	1	5	0	0	11.2M	BIA
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OK Bar NM-N3S 61,580 130 81 Comp 5/15 12 -1 0 3 0 0 1M ST

N3S – Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	3	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	18	0	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIREs	2	1	0	0	4	1	8
	ACRES	1	1	0	0	470	0	472
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	1	1	0	0	5	0	7
	ACRES	0	6	0	0	50	0	56
Eastern Area	FIREs	43	0	0	0	53	5	101
	ACRES	73	0	0	0	427	2	502
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	70	0	70
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,703	0	1,703
TOTAL FIRES:		46	3	0	0	171	8	228
TOTAL ACRES:		74	7	0	0	2,664	2	2,747

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	13	3	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	23	1	24
Northwest Area	FIREs	20	14	3	0	87	26	150
	ACRES	252	52	1,507	0	212	16	2,039
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	6	0	0	312	28	346
	ACRES	0	10	0	0	201	304	515
Southern California Area	FIREs	4	3	0	1	716	58	782
	ACRES	1	38	0	250	5,748	13	6,050
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	193	1	0	0	35	15	244
	ACRES	1,369	1	0	0	670	19	2,059
Great Basin Area	FIREs	4	68	0	9	109	14	204
	ACRES	47	762	0	35	1,995	73	2,912
Southwest Area	FIREs	253	57	4	10	284	215	823
	ACRES	27,368	1,937	215	3,288	179,496	34,829	247,133
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	86	27	5	3	222	27	370
	ACRES	2,170	78	1,712	7	184,602	221	188,790
Eastern Area	FIREs	343	0	1	11	1,930	231	2,516
	ACRES	3,891	0	21	179	11,085	6,775	21,951
Southern Area	FIREs	387	67	26	31	13,591	233	14,335
	ACRES	115,011	310	2,622	14,352	819,256	21,836	973,387
TOTAL FIRES:		1,290	245	39	65	17,299	850	19,788
TOTAL ACRES:		150,109	3,188	6,077	18,111	1,203,288	64,087	1,444,860

Ten Year Average Fires (2008 – 2017 as of today)	20,879
Ten Year Average Acres (2008 – 2017 as of today)	1,010,140

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	750	750
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	100	100
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	50	0	0	0	0	50
Eastern Area	FIREs	2	0	1	0	9	9	21
	ACRES	36	0	60	0	282	544	922
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	502	6	508
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	9,278	4,936	14,214
TOTAL FIRES:		2	1	1	0	511	15	530
TOTAL ACRES:		36	50	60	0	9,560	6,330	16,036

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	3	0	7	1	11
	ACRES	0	0	56	0	7,444	70	7,570
Northwest Area	FIREs	17	22	7	2	0	97	145
	ACRES	1,572	1,909	1,085	5	0	16,536	21,107
Northern California Area	FIREs	2	3	6	9	0	116	136
	ACRES	27	1,792	5,224	435	0	16,347	23,825
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	2	1	0	0	117	120
	ACRES	0	65	80	0	0	11,097	11,242
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	7	12	4	3	2	57	85
	ACRES	2,140	12,347	2,996	12,203	116	9,865	39,667
Great Basin Area	FIREs	2	16	2	4	31	61	116
	ACRES	75	1,903	40	67	935	16,597	19,617
Southwest Area	FIREs	10	15	6	4	1	94	130
	ACRES	1,676	12,963	194	836	51	58,101	73,821
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	10	35	19	9	35	107	215
	ACRES	214	3,827	9,170	263	6,401	44,031	63,906
Eastern Area	FIREs	28	0	86	25	555	164	858
	ACRES	29,857	0	10,693	7,406	50,618	57,927	156,501
Southern Area	FIREs	68	0	138	32	53,870	917	55,025
	ACRES	18,760	0	112,097	106,741	2,236,007	936,012	3,409,617
TOTAL FIRES:		144	105	272	88	54,501	1,731	56,841
TOTAL ACRES:		54,321	34,806	141,635	127,956	2,301,572	1,166,583	3,826,873

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

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

Predictive Services Discussion: High pressure will remain in charge of the weather over the West as temperatures continue to warm to be 10 degrees or so above normal. A back door cold front will produce scattered showers across the northern Great Plains while a cold front moves into the east bringing scattered showers and storms. The Gulf Coast States will remain dry and warm under the influence of high pressure centered over the Gulf of Mexico. In Alaska, most of the Interior will be dry and cool under the influence of a weak high pressure ridge. However, the approaching and weakening area of low pressure from the Bering Sea will continue to produce precipitation across the southwestern Interior and along the northern Gulf Coast.



Attempting A Frontal Assault On A Fire

Operational Engagement Category

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.
- Are you relying on aircraft for support operation? Any operation, especially frontal assault, should not need air resources to be safe.

In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

Resources:

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

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