

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, May 17, 2018 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (119) new fires
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:**	10
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there are 5 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	1	117	3	2	0	74
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCC	1	64,000	0	0	0	40
GBCC	1	1,400	0	0	0	1
SWCC	7	112,207	9	8	1	284
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	2	1,505	0	3	4	91
SACC	18	190,689	12	85	11	941
Total	30	369,918	24	98	16	1,431

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires:	16
New large incidents:	3
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Mallard, Texas A&M Forest Service. IMT 1 (Dueitt). Started on private land 13 miles east of Wayside, TX. Brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened.

Avian Complex, (three fires), Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS. IMT 2 (Parrish). Fifteen miles northeast of Everglades City, FL. Southern rough and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Area and trail closures in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

* **Santee**, Francis Marion & Sumter NF. Three miles east of McClellanville, SC. Timber and southern rough. Moderate fire behavior with running, backing and creeping. Residences threatened.

* **Caldwell**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land 20 miles northwest of Fort Davis, TX. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior.

* **County Road 150**, Texas A&M Forest Service. Started on private land two miles northeast of Pawnee, TX. Brush and tall grass. Active fire behavior with creeping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Mallard	TX-TXS	75,425	0	43	Ctn	5/29	512	-14	9	55	3	1	5.6M	PRI
Avian Complex	FL-BCP	82,461	0	5	Comp	5/31	279	-42	3	6	3	7	9.2M	NPS
* Santee	SC-FMF	301	---	75	Ctn	5/17	12	---	0	4	1	0	6K	FS
* Caldwell	TX-TXS	1,600	---	65	Ctn	5/18	38	---	0	3	2	0	1K	PRI
* County Road 150	TX-TXS	339	---	80	Ctn	5/17	8	---	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
Prairie Dog Fork	TX-TXS	305	0	100	Ctn	---	1	1	0	0	0	0	1K	PRI
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Tye River	VA-VAF	2,057	57	80	Comp	5/21	5	-6	0	1	0	0	335K	FS
CN 346-B	AL-ALF	478	0	80	Comp	6/30	9	0	0	2	0	0	15K	FS

VAF - George Washington & Jefferson NF ALF – National Forests in Alabama

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	14
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5

Happy, Northwest District, Arizona DOF. Nineteen miles north of Bagdad, AZ. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with backing.

Woods, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Eight miles northeast of Kohls Ranch, AZ. Timber, medium logging slash, and short grass. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Pinery, Southeast District, Arizona DOF. Six miles southwest of Hilltop, AZ. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Sombrero, Southeast District, Arizona DOF. Fifteen miles east of Mammoth, AZ. Brush and short grass. No new information.

Rattlesnake, Fort Apache Agency, BIA. Twenty-four miles southwest of Alpine, AZ. Timber, heavy logging slash, and short grass. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Happy	AZ-A5S	1,000	650	1	Ctn	5/20	7	2	0	0	0	0	10K	ST
Woods	AZ-ASF	102	0	70	Ctn	5/17	59	-22	3	0	0	0	180K	FS
Pinery	AZ-A3S	1,200	0	60	Ctn	5/19	87	-46	4	1	0	0	750K	ST
Sombrero	AZ-A3S	304	0	---	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	120K	ST
Rattlesnake	AZ-FTA	26,072	0	---	Ctn	UNK	4	---	0	1	0	0	11M	BIA

Eastern Area (PL 3)

New fires: 56

New large incidents: 0

Uncontained large fires: 1

Clow, Minnesota DNR. Three miles north of Orleans, MN. Timber, brush, and tall grass. No new information.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Clow	MN-MNS	1,500	---	0	Ctn	NR	59	---	0	2	2	0	200K	ST

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	3	2	6
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	3	0	4
Northern California Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	11	3	15
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	6	3	10
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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	4	1	7
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Southwest Area	FIREs	6	0	0	0	4	4	14
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	3	221	225
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Eastern Area	FIREs	11	0	0	0	39	6	56
	ACRES	4	0	0	0	470	27	501
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	47	0	47
TOTAL FIRES:		19	2	0	0	80	18	119
TOTAL ACRES:		7	1	0	0	530	251	789

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	9	0	0	37	5	51
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	162	1	165
Northwest Area	FIREs	23	16	3	0	131	40	213
	ACRES	254	134	1,507	0	265	25	2,185
Northern California Area	FIREs	2	6	0	0	381	40	429
	ACRES	1	10	0	0	390	315	716
Southern California Area	FIREs	9	3	0	3	844	64	923
	ACRES	13	38	0	252	5,926	20	6,249
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	258	1	0	0	41	19	319
	ACRES	1,723	1	0	0	653	20	2,397
Great Basin Area	FIREs	4	76	0	10	132	22	244
	ACRES	47	798	0	35	3,432	73	4,385
Southwest Area	FIREs	279	68	4	10	326	234	921
	ACRES	27,470	1,950	215	3,288	187,370	39,974	260,267
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	87	29	6	3	234	39	398
	ACRES	2,098	79	1,712	7	184,722	209	188,827
Eastern Area	FIREs	397	0	3	11	2,349	251	3,011
	ACRES	3,964	0	21	179	12,923	6,932	24,019
Southern Area	FIREs	392	67	27	32	14,536	247	15,301
	ACRES	115,064	310	2,622	18,869	944,754	22,440	1,104,059
TOTAL FIRES:		1,451	275	43	69	19,011	961	21,810
TOTAL ACRES:		150,634	3,322	6,077	22,630	1,340,597	70,009	1,593,269

Ten Year Average Fires (2008 – 2017 as of today)	22,636
Ten Year Average Acres (2008 – 2017 as of today)	1,051,067

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	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	1,639	0	0	0	1,639
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	270	0	0	13	283
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	0	0
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs	1	0	4	0	16	2	23
	ACRES	352	0	585	0	693	1,800	3,430
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	74	0	74
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	220	0	220
TOTAL FIRES:		1	0	6	0	90	3	100
TOTAL ACRES:		352	0	2,494	0	913	1,813	5,572

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	11	1	15
	ACRES	0	0	56	0	33,286	70	33,412
Northwest Area	FIREs	20	27	9	6	0	136	198
	ACRES	2,187	5,483	4,497	413	0	39,712	52,292
Northern California Area	FIREs	3	3	7	9	0	118	140
	ACRES	107	1,792	7,434	435	0	16,795	26,563
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	2	2	1	0	118	123
	ACRES	0	65	350	40	0	11,140	11,595
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	8	12	21	3	2	82	128
	ACRES	2,746	12,422	7,241	12,203	116	12,795	47,523
Great Basin Area	FIREs	2	18	2	4	31	69	126
	ACRES	75	2,239	40	67	2,420	18,739	23,580
Southwest Area	FIREs	10	15	6	4	1	94	130
	ACRES	1,676	12,963	194	836	51	62,701	78,421
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	11	36	22	9	36	109	223
	ACRES	223	3,889	11,165	263	7,507	45,149	68,196
Eastern Area	FIREs	50	0	121	25	701	204	1,101
	ACRES	31,607	0	18,021	7,406	65,456	67,035	189,525
Southern Area	FIREs	68	0	140	33	55,496	937	56,674
	ACRES	18,760	0	117,762	106,832	2,269,462	947,436	3,460,252
TOTAL FIRES:		172	113	333	94	56,278	1,868	58,858
TOTAL ACRES:		57,381	38,853	166,760	128,495	2,378,298	1,221,572	3,991,359

*** 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: A stronger low pressure system will linger along the coast of California. This will continue the convective pattern across the northwestern portion of the country. Critical fire weather conditions may be possible across extreme southeastern California, southern Nevada, and western Arizona as the low pressure area creates breezy conditions. The remnant of the previous upper level low pressure area will continue to fracture as it moves into the Great Plains and spread warm, humid, and unstable air into the eastern third of the nation. Expect scattered storms across the Great Plains and east of the Mississippi River. In Alaska, a developing ridge of high pressure over the Interior will lead to a drying trend as a low pressure area in the western Gulf of Alaska begins to move southeast towards the Lower 48.

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



Constructing Line Without A Safe Anchor Point

Operational Engagement

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.
- Do you have a lookout posted? Can they see the main fire?
- How have you mitigated Watchout Situation #8?

Resources:

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

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