

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Wednesday, May 23, 2018 – 0800 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial Attack Activity:	Light (71) new fires
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:**	1
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there are 6 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.

<b>Active Incident Resource Summary</b>						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	1	117	0	0	0	6
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	1	1,261	0	0	0	0
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	1	110	0	1	0	14
SWCC	7	53,404	5	19	0	168
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	12	181,337	1	10	4	193
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>300,165</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>381</b>

**Southwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	11
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	1

\* **Buzzard**, Gila NF. IMT 2 (Millert) mobilizing. Ten miles east of Reserve, NM. Timber. Active fire behavior with short crown runs, wind-driven and uphill runs.

**Pinery**, Southeast District, Arizona DOF. Six miles southwest of Hilltop, AZ. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Buzzard	NM-GNF	800	---	0	Comp	6/12	87	---	3	3	0	0	120K	FS
Pinery	AZ-A3S	1,200	0	85	Ctn	5/31	9	0	0	1	0	0	750K	ST

### Southern Area (PL 2)

New Fires: 3  
 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			
* Railhead	TX-TXS	321	---	100	Ctn	---	8	---	0	1	0	0	1K	PRI
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Avian Complex	FL-BCP	82,461	0	90	Comp	5/31	106	0	1	1	3	9	10.4M	NPS
Tye River	VA-VAF	2,057	0	80	Comp	UNK	5	0	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

TXS – Texas A & M Forest Service

BCP - Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS

ALF – National Forests in Alabama

VAF – George Washington & Jefferson NF

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	8	4	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	28	0	28
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	14	1	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	3	0	5
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	2	0	3
Southwest Area	FIREs	3	1	0	0	1	6	11
	ACRES	5	0	0	0	0	805	810
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs	3	0	0	0	10	0	13
	ACRES	108	0	0	0	219	0	327
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	15	0	15
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>113</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>1,201</b>

**Fire and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	10	0	0	47	7	64
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	166	1	169
Northwest Area	FIREs	23	15	3	0	169	47	257
	ACRES	254	116	1,507	0	317	26	2,220
Northern California Area	FIREs	3	7	0	0	415	47	472
	ACRES	1	10	0	0	452	321	784
Southern California Area	FIREs	10	5	1	3	938	68	1,025
	ACRES	13	42	2	252	7,555	20	7,884
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	305	1	0	0	46	20	372
	ACRES	2,185	1	0	0	664	20	2,870
Great Basin Area	FIREs	6	87	2	10	145	25	275
	ACRES	102	909	0	35	3,496	183	4,725
Southwest Area	FIREs	297	75	4	10	391	271	1,048
	ACRES	27,585	1,981	215	3,288	240,306	40,852	314,227
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	95	37	6	4	246	45	433
	ACRES	2,119	94	1,712	7	184,724	210	188,866
Eastern Area	FIREs	412	0	3	11	2,767	272	3,465
	ACRES	4,120	0	21	179	15,826	7,004	27,150
Southern Area	FIREs	392	67	27	32	14,734	247	15,499
	ACRES	115,064	310	2,622	18,869	974,421	22,440	1,133,726
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1,543</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>19,898</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>22,910</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>151,443</b>	<b>3,465</b>	<b>6,079</b>	<b>22,630</b>	<b>1,427,927</b>	<b>71,077</b>	<b>1,682,621</b>

Ten Year Average Fires (2008 – 2017 as of today)	23,983
Ten Year Average Acres (2008 – 2017 as of today)	1,127,872

**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	1	0	0	0	0	4	5
	ACRES	5	0	0	0	0	84	89
Northern California Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	0	23	25
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	1	0	1	0	2	1	5
	ACRES	80	0	111	0	141	9	341
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	141	141
Southwest Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	900	900
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs	2	0	4	0	10	0	16
	ACRES	47	0	1,637	0	1,106	0	2,790
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	106	0	106
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	693	0	693
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>134</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,748</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>4,987</b>

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

Areas		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	3	0	11	1	15
	ACRES	0	0	56	0	35,666	70	35,792
Northwest Area	FIREs	21	27	9	6	0	150	213
	ACRES	2,192	5,483	4,497	413	0	42,751	55,336
Northern California Area	FIREs	4	3	7	11	0	119	144
	ACRES	109	1,792	7,434	437	0	16,969	26,741
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	2	3	1	0	118	124
	ACRES	0	65	405	40	0	11,590	12,100
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	9	13	25	3	4	91	145
	ACRES	2,926	12,437	8,175	12,203	257	13,018	49,016
Great Basin Area	FIREs	2	18	2	4	32	70	128
	ACRES	75	2,239	40	67	2,420	19,051	23,892
Southwest Area	FIREs	10	15	6	4	1	95	131
	ACRES	1,676	12,963	194	836	51	67,289	83,009
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	11	36	22	9	37	110	225
	ACRES	223	3,889	14,239	263	7,508	45,339	71,461
Eastern Area	FIREs	54	0	133	29	965	218	1,399
	ACRES	31,811	0	21,200	7,669	82,161	69,311	212,152
Southern Area	FIREs	68	0	141	33	55,999	937	57,178
	ACRES	18,760	0	117,763	106,832	2,279,377	947,436	3,470,168
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>179</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>57,049</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>59,702</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>57,772</b>	<b>38,868</b>	<b>174,003</b>	<b>128,760</b>	<b>2,407,440</b>	<b>1,232,824</b>	<b>4,039,667</b>

\*\*\* 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/>

### Canadian Fires and Hectacres

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTACRES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO- DATE	HECTACRES YEAR- TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	38	421	203	2,385
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	8	2,668
ALBERTA	72	160	420	1,505
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	1	0
SASKATCHEWAN	7	1,683	181	14,426
MANITOBA	0	0	152	13,598
ONTARIO	6	2	170	368
QUEBEC	5	1	139	127
NEWFOUNDLAND	1	0	49	104
NEW BRUNSWICK	13	7	134	151
NOVA SCOTIA	2	1	85	151
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	8	10
NATIONAL PARKS	2	6,893	14	24,056
TOTALS	146	9,169	1,564	59,548

\*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Prescribed Service Discussion:** The upper low over the Great Basin will weaken and lift northward ahead of the next trough. Southwesterly winds, low humidity, and warm temperatures will keep an elevated risk of fire activity over Arizona and western New Mexico. Scattered rain and thunderstorms will continue across the Northwest, the Northern Rockies, and the northern Plains. Some rain could be heavy across Montana, Wyoming, and the Dakotas. Scattered thunderstorms will also stretch along the Front Range of the Rockies from New Mexico to Colorado. A front moving through the Southeast will produce rain and thunderstorms from eastern Texas to the Carolinas and the Gulf States. Temperatures will be very warm over most of the Southwest, the Plains, and the East. Mild to warm conditions will continue across the West.

A strong low will move across the Aleutians, driving moist air into the state. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms will form over most of the southern and central sections of the state. Temperatures will be cool on the North Slope and along the Gulf coast. The Interior will be warm.

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



## Falling Snags

*Felling Safety Category*

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; they are subject to rot and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw fire brands far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of fire weakened or dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Machine operations. Air operations - cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use qualified saw teams and felling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

### Lessons lost

I am not falling that snag

[Logging eTool - Felling Trees - Potential Hazards.html](#)

### Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#), [Hazard Tree Safety Website](#), [Interagency Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Operations](#), [Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide](#)

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