

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Friday, May 17, 2019 – 0800 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (May 10 – May 16)**

Initial attack activity:	Light (504) new fires
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires:**	1
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there is 1 large fire 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.

[Link](#) to Understanding the IMSR.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	1	14,265	4	0	2	130
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCC	1	358	0	0	0	9
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	2	941	0	2	2	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15,564</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>160</b>

### Alaska Area (PL 1)

New fires:	10
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**Oregon Lakes**, Military Zone, Alaska Fire Service. AK Green Team (IMT 2). Started on DOD land 10 miles southwest of Delta Junction, AK. Tall grass, medium logging slash and timber. Active fire behavior with wind driven runs, backing and flanking.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Oregon Lakes	AK-MID	14,265	8,632	32	Comp	10/15	130	76	4	0	2	0	1M	DOD

### Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires:	88
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	1

**Thick Root**, Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS. Thirty miles east of Naples, FL. Southern rough and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Total	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Thick Root	FL-BCP	528	0	60	Ctn	UNK	20	-2	0	2	2	0	355K	NPS
* Wood Fire – (49)	FL-FLS	413	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	0	0	0	3K	ST

FLS – Florida Forest Service

### Northern Rockies Area (PL 1)

New fires:	11
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Total	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Prospect	ID-PDS	358	0	100	Ctn	---	9	-130	0	6	0	0	880K	ST

PDS – Ponderosa Area Office, IDL

### Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires:	38
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Total	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Poncho	NM-N5S	524	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	60K	ST

N5S – Capitan District, NM State Forestry

### Fires and Acres Last Week (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	9	0	10
	ACRES	0	1,284	0	0	1	0	1,285
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	11	2	14
	ACRES	0	102	0	0	19	0	121
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	1	0	57	6	64
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	35	30	65
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	1	90	3	94
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	63	0	63
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	5	6	11
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	33	25	60
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	3	0	0	6	1	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Southwest Area	FIREs	21	4	0	0	2	11	38
	ACRES	153	4	0	0	527	34	718
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	3	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	30	0	0	0	30
Eastern Area	FIREs	37	0	1	0	117	16	171
	ACRES	21	0	8	0	483	73	586
Southern Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	85	2	88
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	1,112	171	1,284
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>504</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>175</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,279</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>4,220</b>

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	34	0	0	64	4	102
	ACRES	0	7,013	0	0	199	0	7,212
Northwest Area	FIREs	12	14	3	0	220	25	274
	ACRES	667	107	25	0	943	438	2,180
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	1	2	0	297	40	340
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	270	113	383
Southern California Area	FIREs	6	25	2	1	595	39	668
	ACRES	5	29	2,500	0	5,508	37	8,079
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	348	3	2	0	113	30	496
	ACRES	3,932	31	69	0	1,971	657	6,660
Great Basin Area	FIREs	5	37	0	2	49	10	103
	ACRES	6	284	0	0	48	11	349
Southwest Area	FIREs	147	54	4	7	151	105	468
	ACRES	529	1,714	10	184	7,705	1,737	11,879
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	53	15	0	0	99	21	188
	ACRES	465	94	5,043	0	12,889	3,218	21,709
Eastern Area	FIREs	240	0	7	13	1,832	198	2,290
	ACRES	536	0	52	508	18,347	5,498	24,942
Southern Area	FIREs	184	0	20	30	7,249	155	7,638
	ACRES	22,128	0	819	1,747	108,189	9,798	142,681
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>995</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>10,669</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>12,567</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>28,268</b>	<b>9,272</b>	<b>8,518</b>	<b>2,439</b>	<b>156,069</b>	<b>21,509</b>	<b>226,078</b>

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

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

Ten Year Average Fires (2009 – 2018 as of today)	22,752
Ten Year Average Acres (2009 – 2018 as of today)	1,089,366

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week (by Ownership):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Northwest Area	FIREs	0	0	1	0	0	3	4
	ACRES	0	0	15	0	0	471	486
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1,127	1,127
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	208	208
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	3	2	9	1	0	21	36
	ACRES	272	6,120	2,985	25	0	2,322	11,724
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	1,626	1,632
Southwest Area	FIREs	1	0	0	1	0	3	5
	ACRES	143	10	0	102	0	87	342
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	4	3	1	1	3	12
	ACRES	0	481	1,389	400	160	1,534	3,964
Eastern Area	FIREs	11	0	15	0	69	30	125
	ACRES	624	0	3,625	0	10,141	2,858	17,248
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	6	0	422	17	445
	ACRES	0	0	937	0	14,363	13,246	28,546
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>2,797</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>735</b>	<b>3,702</b>	<b>15,321</b>	<b>4,758</b>	<b>34,569</b>	<b>35,297</b>	<b>94,382</b>

\*\*\*Prescribed fire acres are for reference only and may not reflect the most up-to-date information.

\*\*\*Official prescribed fire accomplishment reporting occurs through agency specific systems of record.

### Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	6	110	287	2,379
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	16	11
ALBERTA	13	0	344	3,570
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	7	1
SASKATCHEWAN	2	0	55	817
MANITOBA	1	282	58	7,736
ONTARIO	1	0	46	220
QUEBEC	1	0	42	37
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	0	37	72
NEW BRUNSWICK	0	0	90	116
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	73	93
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	9
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	14	7
TOTALS	24	392	1,070	15,068

\*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

**Predictive Services Discussion:** The dramatic pattern change across the West continues entering the forecast period as the unseasonably cool and wet low pressure system moves into the northern Great Basin Friday and allows for rain to continue falling across the northwestern quarter of the country. To the south, pockets of critical fire weather conditions are expected as a breezy, dry, but cooler than average westerly flow continues. A second period of cool and wet conditions begins Saturday as an even cooler system approaches the coast of California and Oregon. Rain and mountain snow is expected on a broader scale through Sunday night in the higher elevations of northern California, Oregon, Nevada, and Utah. Some lower elevations across extreme western Oregon could see some accumulating snowfall briefly Sunday night as the system begins to move southeast. On Monday, the strong system will begin to warm as it moves toward the Four Corners. High pressure will briefly move on shore into California and southwestern Oregon and will allow for some warming to occur. Critical fire weather conditions will again develop across portions of the Southwest as winds increase and as humidity levels remain dry. A third strong system is expected to move into the Pacific Northwest and northern California Tuesday night and Wednesday bringing more rain and mountain snow. This system will split into two with both systems stalling out. One will be centered over Montana and will take the majority of the moisture and cold air with it, and the other will take up residence over the Southwest and will be mostly dry and windy on its eastern flanks. In Alaska, the convective southerly flow will gradually transition briefly to a warm and dry pattern across the Interior as high pressure builds in from the Yukon Territory. However, the convective pattern will resume mid-week as the ridge drifts eastward and weakens.



## 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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