

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, May 18, 2020 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1

National Fire Activity May 15 – May 17, 2020:

Initial attack activity:	Light (281 new fires)
New large incidents:	5
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires:***	9
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there are 4 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.

[Link](#) to Understanding the IMSR.

This report will be posted Monday – Friday at 0800 Mountain time unless significant activity occurs.

NIMO (Houseman) has been assigned to COVID-19 support at Forest Service headquarters in Washington D.C.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	2	40,605	2	7	2	94
SWCC	1	434	1	2	0	44
RMCC	2	2,245	0	18	0	57
EACC	1	370	0	0	0	0
SACC	22	43,013	3	43	8	436
Total	28	86,667	6	70	10	631

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	64
New large incidents:	4
Uncontained large fires:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

36th Ave SE, Florida Forest Service. IMT 2 (FL Forest Service Green Team). Fifteen miles east of Destin, FL. Southern rough, timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping, smoldering and backing. Structures threatened.

Moonfish, Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS. Thirty-two miles southwest of Doral, FL. Hardwood litter and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

High Hill, National Forests in Florida, USFS. Three miles northeast of Flagler Beach, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior with flanking and wind driven runs.

5 Mile Swamp, Florida Forest Service. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Florida Forest Service Blue Team) to local unit occurred on May 14. Two miles south of Milton, FL. Minimal fire behavior.

Hurst Hammock, Florida Forest Service. Five miles west of Pensacola, FL. Southern rough. No new information.

Musset Bayou, Florida Forest Service. Eight miles east of Destin, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire behavior.

* **Winterhill Road**, Florida Forest Service. One mile northeast of Vicksburg, FL. Southern rough and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
36 th Ave SE	FL-FLS	8,663	663	50	Ctn	5/31	149	95	0	13	3	45	782	ST
Moonfish	FL-BCP	25,834	0	60	Ctn	5/31	85	-3	1	5	3	3	1.7M	NPS
High Hill	FL-FNF	569	15	85	Ctn	UNK	30	6	0	3	1	0	450K	FS
5 Mile Swamp	FL-FLS	2,215	0	98	Ctn	5/25	27	15	0	7	0	12	221K	ST
Hurst Hammock	FL-FLS	1,191	---	98	Ctn	5/18	2	---	0	1	0	0	176K	ST
Musset Bayou	FL-FLS	343	0	95	Ctn	5/20	27	27	0	2	0	34	331K	ST
* Winterhill Road	FL-FLS	122	---	85	Comp	5/20	28	---	0	1	0	0	71K	ST
* Mosquito Bite	FL-EAQ	708	---	100	Comp	---	5	---	0	3	0	0	5K	DOD
* Riley Road	MS-MSS	110	---	100	Comp	---	8	---	0	0	0	0	22K	ST
* Rusty Pipe II	FL-FLS	360	---	100	Ctn	---	2	---	0	0	0	0	33K	ST
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Deakle Road	AL-ALS	1,090	690	80	Comp	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	0	50K	PRI
County Line	FL-FLS	500	---	80	Comp	UNK	2	---	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
Fox	FL-FLS	920	0	100	Comp	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	17K	ST

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires:	11
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	0

* **PCMS Complex**, Fort Carson Army Base. Twenty-two miles northeast of Model, CO. Timber and short grass. Active fire behavior. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* PCMS Complex	CO-FCQ	2,175	---	10	Comp	5/19	46	---	0	15	0	0	1K	DOD

Great Basin Area (PL 1)

New fires:	20
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	3

Taft, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, USFS. Twenty-two miles northeast of Ely, NV. Brush and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

Saddle, Northeast Area, Utah DNR. One mile north of Midway, UT. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Trail closures in effect.

Basin, Arizona Strip Field Office, BLM. Twenty miles southeast of Mesquite, NV. Timber, brush and short grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

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		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Taft	NV-HTF	1,118	0	90	Ctn	5/26	78	0	2	4	1	0	733K	FS
Saddle	UT-NES	683	0	85	Ctn	5/19	0	-133	0	0	0	0	487K	ST
Basin	AZ-ASD	38,804	0	92	Ctn	5/18	18	-45	0	3	1	0	1.8M	BLM

Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	57
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Lumberton	NM-N1S	434	0	100	Ctn	---	44	-26	1	2	0	1	510K	ST

N1S – Chama District, New Mexico State Forestry Division

Fires and Acres May 15 – May 17, 2020 (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	7	0	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	53	0	53
Northwest Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	17	1	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	60	4	66
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	49	12	62
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	12	0	0	6	2	20
	ACRES	0	37	0	0	44	0	81
Southwest Area	FIREs	17	1	0	0	5	34	57
	ACRES	46	0	0	0	5	12	63
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	1	3	0	0	2	5	11
	ACRES	0	19	0	0	2,175	0	2,194
Eastern Area	FIREs	19	0	0	0	10	6	35
	ACRES	11	0	0	0	17	6	35
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	61	3	64
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	582	32	614
TOTAL FIRES:		39	19	0	0	168	55	281
TOTAL ACRES:		62	57	0	0	2,931	62	3,113

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	3	0	0	67	8	78
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	206	16	224
Northwest Area	FIREs	47	21	2	0	298	50	418
	ACRES	401	1,125	1,002	0	509	32	3,070
Northern California Area	FIREs	2	6	0	0	642	63	713
	ACRES	1	66	0	0	887	406	1,361
Southern California Area	FIREs	2	24	1	0	696	74	797
	ACRES	2	33	0	0	930	164	1,129
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	341	2	0	0	176	48	567
	ACRES	2,407	3	142	0	8,680	350	11,582
Great Basin Area	FIREs	11	98	10	6	184	27	336
	ACRES	39	37,801	0	42	1,653	906	40,442
Southwest Area	FIREs	158	68	2	6	161	254	649
	ACRES	615	291	24	2	4,227	1,337	6,497
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	107	27	4	0	200	44	382
	ACRES	608	171	362	0	30,687	1,266	33,095
Eastern Area	FIREs	268	0	27	1	3,881	243	4,420
	ACRES	271	0	1,457	1	13,660	1,456	16,845
Southern Area	FIREs	194	86	15	21	6,836	253	7,405
	ACRES	17,788	404	3,125	3,005	179,527	21,756	225,606
TOTAL FIRES:		1,130	335	61	34	13,141	1,064	15,765
TOTAL ACRES:		22,133	39,897	6,112	3,050	240,969	27,693	339,855

Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)	20,337
Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)	1,001,782

***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/>

Prescribed Fires and Acres May 15 – May 17, 2020 (by Ownership):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	14,659	0	0	0	0	14,659
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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	109	109
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	100	0	0	0	0	100
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	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	105	0	0	0	0	0	105
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	97	2	99
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,442	146	1,588
TOTAL FIRES:		2	1	0	0	97	3	103
TOTAL ACRES:		105	14,759	0	0	1,442	255	16,561

***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.

Predictive Services Discussion: Critical fire weather conditions are expected across southern portions of the Great Basin and Arizona where a strengthening southwesterly wind flow will encounter low humidities over critically dry fuels. Borderline critical fire weather conditions are expected across the Florida panhandle in the afternoon as a strong cold front passes creating gusty northwesterly winds and dry conditions in its wake. While showers and storms are expected to accompany the front's passage, they will be of short duration. Wet conditions will continue across Northern California, Northern Nevada, the Pacific Northwest, Idaho, and Western Montana. In Alaska, showers will become increasingly widespread across the southwestern Interior and along the south central coast as a front moves east from the Alaska Peninsula and begins to turn north.



Building Fireline Downhill

With Fire Below

Operational Engagement

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and down slope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below? How many resources do you want to engage?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing, where they are getting their information, and where and when it might occur.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide, PMS 461](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Operations](#)

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210](#)

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