

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 0800 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity:**

Initial attack activity:	Light (78 new fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires:***	13
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
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.

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	5	41,891	3	23	1	184
SWCC	2	1,926	7	14	3	264
RMCC	1	2,245	0	6	2	23
EACC	1	750	0	5	0	25
SACC	20	43,478	3	50	5	381
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>90,290</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>877</b>

### Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	9
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	6
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

**36<sup>th</sup> Ave SE**, Florida Forest Service. IMT 2 (FL Forest Service Green Team). Eight miles east of Naples, FL. Southern rough, timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

**Moonfish**, Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS. Thirty-two miles southwest of Doral, FL. Hardwood litter and tall grass. No new information.

**High Hill**, National Forests in Florida, USFS. Three miles northeast of Flagler Beach, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire behavior with creeping. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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

**Winterhill Road**, Florida Forest Service. Previously reported incident. One mile northeast of Vicksburg, FL. Southern rough and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

**5 Mile Swamp**, Florida Forest Service. Two miles south of Milton, FL. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
36 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE	FL-FLS	8,250	-413	75	Ctn	5/31	122	-4	0	13	1	45	1M	ST
Moonfish	FL-BCP	25,834	---	65	Ctn	5/31	82	---	1	5	3	3	1.8M	NPS
High Hill	FL-FNF	538	-7	90	Ctn	UNK	9	0	0	2	0	0	520K	FS
Musset Bayou	FL-FLS	343	0	95	Ctn	5/20	36	9	0	13	0	34	342K	ST
Winterhill Road	FL-FLS	122	0	95	Ctn	5/20	29	3	0	0	0	0	75K	ST
5 Mile Swamp	FL-FLS	2,215	---	98	Ctn	5/25	27	---	0	7	0	12	221K	ST
Deakle Road	AL-ALS	1,090	0	100	Ctn	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	141K	PRI
Hurst Hammock	FL-FLS	1,191	0	100	Ctn	---	2	0	0	1	0	0	177K	ST

ALS – Alabama Forestry Commission

### Great Basin Area (PL 1)

New fires:	5
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	5

\* **La Verkin Hill**, Southwest Area, Utah DNR. Started on private land 1 mile east of La Verkin, UT. Brush and tall grass. Extreme fire behavior.

**Taft**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, USFS. Twenty-two miles northeast of Ely, NV. Brush and timber. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

**Anderson Junction**, Southwest Area, Utah DNR. One mile northwest of Toquerville, UT. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping. Structures threatened.

**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.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
* La Verkin Hill	UT-SWS	500	---	0	Ctn	5/20	41	---	0	8	0	0	20K	PRI
Taft	NV-HTF	1,118	---	90	Ctn	5/26	78	---	2	4	1	0	733K	FS
Anderson Junction	UT-SWS	786	436	30	Ctn	UNK	53	-7	1	8	0	3	150K	ST
Saddle	UT-NES	683	0	90	Ctn	UNK	10	-2	0	2	0	0	500K	ST
Basin	AZ-ASD	38,804	0	95	Ctn	UNK	4	2	0	1	0	0	1.8M	BLM

### Southwest Area (PL 2)

New fires:	12
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1

**East Desert**, Central District, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. Ten miles east of Anthem, AZ. Brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
East Desert	AZ-A4S	1,492	0	70	Ctn	5/20	220	23	6	12	3	0	700K	ST

### Eastern Area (PL 3)

New fires:	26
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	1

\* **Big Timber**, New Jersey Forest Fire Service. Four miles southeast of Williamstown, NJ. Closed timber litter. Active fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli				
* Big Timber	NJ-NJS	750	---	10	Ctn	5/20	25	---	0	5	0	0	4K	ST

## Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 6  
 New large incidents: 0  
 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			
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
PCMS Complex	CO-FCQ	2,175	0	10	Comp	UNK	23	-23	0	6	2	0	1K	DOD

FCQ – Fort Carson Army Base

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	3	1	4
	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	3	1	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	2	0	0	8	1	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	30	0	0	0	30
Great Basin Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	4	0	5
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	7	0	8
Southwest Area	FIREs	7	1	0	0	1	3	12
	ACRES	6	2	0	0	1	0	9
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	4	2	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	1	0	20	5	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	120	4	124
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	38	0	38
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		8	3	2	0	52	13	78
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		7	2	30	0	170	5	214

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	71	9	83
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	214	15	230
Northwest Area	FIRES	47	21	2	0	302	50	422
	ACRES	401	1,125	1,002	0	512	32	3,073
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	6	0	0	648	64	720
	ACRES	1	66	0	0	905	406	1,379
Southern California Area	FIRES	2	26	1	0	723	77	829
	ACRES	2	33	0	0	952	164	1,151
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	373	2	1	0	176	50	602
	ACRES	2,553	3	172	0	8,680	350	11,758
Great Basin Area	FIRES	12	101	10	6	196	28	353
	ACRES	40	41,291	0	42	2,034	906	44,314
Southwest Area	FIRES	173	70	2	6	168	263	682
	ACRES	662	293	24	2	5,982	1,437	8,401
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	108	28	4	0	205	47	392
	ACRES	685	171	362	0	30,689	1,267	33,174
Eastern Area	FIRES	274	0	30	1	4,321	251	4,877
	ACRES	272	0	1,486	1	14,491	1,461	17,711
Southern Area	FIRES	194	86	15	22	6,999	253	7,569
	ACRES	17,788	404	3,125	3,005	180,429	21,756	226,508
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1,185</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13,809</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>16,529</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>22,405</b>	<b>43,388</b>	<b>6,171</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>244,890</b>	<b>27,798</b>	<b>347,704</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)</b>	<b>20,624</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)</b>	<b>1,010,570</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/>

**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	500	0	0	0	0	500
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	126	126
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	16	0	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	538	0	538
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1,164</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.

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Borderline critical fire weather conditions will be possible across central New Mexico and southcentral Colorado as breezy southwesterly flow interacts with low humidities and dry fuels. Showers will continue across the Northern Rockies and the North Cascades in Washington where light snow accumulations will be possible near Mount Baker. Warming and drying conditions will be present across most of Oregon, California, and the Great Basin as weak high pressure builds along the West Coast. A weak frontal boundary will remain stalled along the Florida Panhandle and will continue the chances for the redevelopment of showers and thunderstorms. The Interior of Alaska will remain warm and dry under high pressure while southwestern portions of the state begin to see rainfall late in the day with the approach of a weakening cold front.



## Downhill Fireline Construction Checklist

*Operational Engagement Category*

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

- Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with resources until the job is completed.
- Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).
- LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.
  - Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
  - Communication is established between all crews.
  - Rapid access to safety zone(s) is ensured in case fire crosses below crew(s).
- Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.
- Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.
- Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.
- Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.
- Can fire be carried with you?

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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