

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, May 20, 2021– 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity:

Initial attack activity:	Light (121 fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	4
Uncontained large fires: ***	10
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there are 2 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 0730 Mountain time unless significant activity occurs.

Active Incident Resource Summary							
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel	Change in Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	2	1,600	6	57	0	438	-186
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	4	4,129	3	12	0	133	15
SWCC	7	18,917	8	21	4	350	-132
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	6	3,268	4	25	1	172	-37
SACC	9	3,194	0	33	0	207	8
Total	28	31,109	21	148	5	1,300	-332

Southwest Area (PL 3)

New fires:	10
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4

Tussock, Phoenix District Office, BLM. Eight miles southwest of Crown King, AZ. Brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Communication infrastructure threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Three Rivers, Lincoln NF, USFS. Twelve miles northwest of Ruidoso, NM. Short grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened. Area and trail closures in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Warsaw, Coronado NF, USFS. Twenty miles northwest of Nogales, AZ. Short grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Cuervito, Santa Fe NF, USFS. Ten miles east of Pecos, NM. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Doagy, Gila NF, USFS. Previously reported incident. Forty-five miles northeast of Silver City, NM. Timber and grass. Moderate fire behavior with flanking, backing and smoldering. 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			
Tussock	AZ-PHD	5,546	0	94	Ctn	5/20	32	-30	0	2	2	0	6.5M	BLM
Three Rivers	NM-LNF	5,854	-119	98	Ctn	7/4	25	0	1	2	0	0	4.2M	FS
Warsaw	AZ-CNF	950	0	80	Ctn	5/21	97	-32	3	3	1	0	495K	FS
Cuervito	NM-SNF	1,300	0	68	Ctn	5/25	60	-39	1	3	0	0	775K	FS
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Doagy	NM-GNF	5,000	2,700	9	Comp	5/29	131	15	3	10	1	0	273K	FS

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:	19
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1

Palisades, Los Angeles Fire Department. Six miles northwest of Santa Monica, CA. Brush and chaparral. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened. Trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Palisades	CA-LFD	1,158	0	66	Ctn	5/22	410	-186	6	48	0	0	6.7M	CNTY

Eastern Area (PL 3)

New fires:	36
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	2

* **Bezhik**, Superior NF, USFS. Seventeen miles northwest of Ely, MN. Timber. Active fire behavior with running, torching and flanking. Structures and communication infrastructure threatened. Road closures in effect.

East Mountain, Massachusetts Bureau of Forest Fire Control. Two miles northeast of Williamstown, MA. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Total	Chge				Crw	Eng	Heli					
* Bezhik	MN-SUF	950	---	10	Ctn	5/25	120	---	4	9	0	4	35K	FS
East Mountain	MA-MAS	947	0	75	Ctn	5/21	8	-145	0	0	0	0	50K	ST
Ballanger	NJ-NJS	617	0	100	Ctn	---	22	22	0	10	1	0	150K	ST
Godfrey	MN-MNS	347	-453	100	Ctn	---	2	-38	0	1	0	0	20K	ST

NJS – New Jersey Forest Fire Service

MNS – Minnesota DNR

Great Basin Area (PL 1)

New fires:	4
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	3

Cherrywood, Nevada National Security Site, DOE. Twenty miles northeast of Beatty, NV. Grass, brush and timber. Active fire behavior with wind-driven runs, flanking and short-range spotting. Structures and communication infrastructure threatened.

* **Bunker Peak**, Ely District Office, BLM. Thirty-five miles southeast of Caliente, NV. Brush and grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Four Mile, Payette NF, USFS. Ten miles southwest of Yellow Pine, ID. Timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

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		Total	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Cherrywood	NV-NTE	3,000	1,300	0	Ctn	5/25	47	0	1	6	0	0	80K	DOE
* Bunker Peak	NV-ELD	300	---	0	Ctn	5/22	15	---	0	2	0	0	75K	BLM
Four Mile	ID-PAF	803	0	95	Ctn	6/6	5	0	0	0	0	0	16K	FS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires:	26
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			
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Oscar Ashton	FL-FLS	673	-20	95	Comp	5/21	17	-9	0	3	0	0	71K	ST
Agricola RD 2	FL-FLS	170	-130	100	Comp	---	3	-5	0	1	0	0	5K	ST
Weeping Willow	FL-FLS	1,833	33	100	Comp	---	3	-4	0	1	0	0	10K	ST

FLS – Florida Forest Service

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	4	1	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	13	2	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	13	1	14
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	16	2	19
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	328	0	328
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	31	37
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	3	0	0	1	0	4
	ACRES	0	304	0	0	1	0	305
Southwest Area	FIREs	3	1	0	0	0	6	10
	ACRES	1	5	0	125	0	2,707	2,838
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs	7	0	0	1	27	1	36
	ACRES	6	0	0	0	145	0	151
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	25	1	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	175	154	329
TOTAL FIRES:		11	6	0	1	88	15	121
TOTAL ACRES:		7	309	0	125	672	2,894	4,008

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	7	0	0	71	6	84
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	49	3	54
Northwest Area	FIREs	44	43	8	0	460	39	594
	ACRES	200	172	9	0	3,033	1,483	4,899
Northern California Area	FIREs	2	7	0	4	956	118	1,087
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	2,750	222	2,974
Southern California Area	FIREs	6	41	1	4	1,262	139	1,453
	ACRES	25	2,966	1	7	8,354	1,405	12,758
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	584	8	2	1	388	102	1,085
	ACRES	31,741	79	35	20	16,976	19,465	68,316
Great Basin Area	FIREs	12	128	1	5	201	36	383
	ACRES	2,301	7,721	0	4	7,639	979	18,645
Southwest Area	FIREs	252	65	5	8	200	223	753
	ACRES	11,253	7,652	0	1,546	9,173	18,648	48,273
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	61	19	4	4	138	31	257
	ACRES	2,141	37	1,256	307	70,551	2,778	77,071
Eastern Area	FIREs	350	0	18	10	5,169	285	5,832
	ACRES	12,324	0	13,273	536	24,370	14,674	65,177
Southern Area	FIREs	369	0	46	26	9,887	333	10,661
	ACRES	28,682	0	10,338	6,298	206,069	25,640	277,028
TOTAL FIRES:		1,680	318	85	62	18,732	1,312	22,189
TOTAL ACRES:		88,670	18,628	24,913	8,718	348,966	85,301	575,199

Ten Year Average Fires (2011 – 2020 as of today)	19,848
Ten Year Average Acres (2011 – 2020 as of today)	1,009,396

***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/>

Canadian Fires and Hectares

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO- DATE
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	0	0
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	3	0
ALBERTA	4	1	318	12,998
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	0	0
SASKATCHEWAN	3	937	115	6,529
MANITOBA	8	69,005	71	96,575
ONTARIO	11	15,372	112	16,847
QUEBEC	8	3	198	140
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	1	13	4
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	1	88	173
NOVA SCOTIA	1	1	65	62
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	1	0
NATIONAL PARKS	0	0	5	30
TOTALS	36	85,320	989	133,358

*1 Hectare = 2.47 Acres

Predictive Services Discussion: An upper low will move over the Great Basin with broad, deep troughing over the West today. Critical fire weather conditions will develop across the southern Great Basin and into the Southwest and West Slope of Colorado. Dry and breezy conditions are also expected in the Central Valley and surrounding foothills of California. Precipitation is likely over the northern Great Basin and much of the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies, including snow in the mountains and potentially down in the valleys at some locations. Rain will spread over the northern Plains into the Great Lakes with heavy rain remaining likely in far east Texas and Louisiana. Warm and dry conditions are expected across much of the South and Mid-Atlantic with high pressure aloft.

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



Fight Fire Aggressively, Having Provided for Safety First

Operational Engagement Category

Standard Firefighting Order #10 must be considered at all times when fighting fire. In order to fight fire safely and aggressively, every firefighter must be able to answer the following questions:

- Is the suppression method adequate? Are we making progress? Are we beating our heads against a wall? Is there a better way to get this done?
 - Give examples of when you have had to change your suppression method.
- Are there adequate resources and time for effective suppression? Do we need to retreat and reevaluate?
 - Talk about how you dealt with times when you realized you were not making progress on a fire.
- Are lookouts posted? When you post lookouts, who would you choose to be a lookout, and where should they be located?
- Are communications prompt with crews and other resources?
 - Review the importance of effective communications on the fireline.
- Have escape routes and safety zones been established?
 - Talk about your crew's procedure for establishing escape routes and safety zones. Review what constitutes an escape route and a safety zone.
- Do you feel comfortable with your assignment?
 - Discuss how you evaluate the situation. Remind firefighters that every individual has the right to question an assignment.
- To reduce the risks:
 - Post lookouts.
 - Establish trigger points.
 - Retreat if the situation is too complex. Emphasize that safety is everyone's responsibility; we all want to be good firefighters and being safe is part of that.

Resources:

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

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations \(Red Book\)](#)

[10 Standard Firefighting Orders, PMS 110](#)

[18 Watch Out Situations, PMS 118](#)

[10 and 18 Poster, PMS 110-18](#)

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