

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2000 - 0530 MDT  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL II

CURRENT SITUATION:

New large fires were reported in the Southwest and Southern Areas. The Cerro Grande fire near Los Alamos, NM moved into town yesterday and numerous homes were reported burned. The town of Espanola, NM was evacuated Wednesday night as a precautionary measure. High winds are forecast for Arizona and New Mexico again today. The Southwest Area ordered an Area Command Team and a Type I Incident Management Team. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for helicopters, airtankers, meteorological equipment, radio equipment, a caterer, a shower, engines, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, California, Oklahoma, and Texas.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

An Area Command Team (Meuchel) and a Type I Incident Management Team (Bateman) have been ordered for the Cerro Grande incident. A Type I Incident Management Team (Frye) has been ordered to stage in Flagstaff.

CERRO GRANDE, Bandelier National Monument. A Type I Incident Management Team (Humphrey) is assigned. The fire is burning near Los Alamos, NM. Despite intense efforts to secure firelines, southwest winds gusting to 50 mph pushed the fire into a subdivision yesterday afternoon, destroying numerous homes. Approximately 11,000 residents in the community of Los Alamos have been ordered to evacuate. Structure protection efforts are ongoing.

OUTLET, Grand Canyon National Park. A Type II Incident Management Team (Anderson) has been ordered. The fire is burning in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer two miles north of the North Rim Village. Extreme fire behavior caused by high winds pushed the fire across Highway 67. Residents and visitors at the North Rim Village were evacuated.

CREE, Lincoln National Forest. A Type I Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. The fire is burning in pinyon-juniper forest near Ruidoso, NM. High winds yesterday caused the fire to grow outside of established firelines. Four subdivisions remain evacuated; some residents were allowed to return home.

COON CREEK, Tonto National Forest. The fire is 20 miles north of Globe, AZ in the Sierra Ancha Wilderness. Transition to a Type III Incident Management Team was completed yesterday. Crews and engines patrolled the east side of the fire in Cherry Creek.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CERRO GRANDE	NM	BAP	10000	5	UNK	611	19	28	9	UNK	UNK	1.6M

OUTLET	AZ	GCP	1500	0	UNK	74	3	3	0	0	UNK	UNK
CREEK	NM	LNF	8650	35	5/15	675	21	31	5	0	NR	1.7M
COON CREEK	AZ	TNF	9259	50	UNK	131	2	8	2	0	NR	4.8M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COOK RANCH, Texas State Forest Service. The fire is burning 36 miles south of Ft. Stockton, TX. The fire was active yesterday, but accounted for only moderate growth. Current threats are to oil fields, power lines and structures.

PALM SWAMP, Florida State Forestry. This fire is east of Lake City, FL. Retardant was dropped on the fire yesterday afternoon. Twelve dozers and a helicopter are committed.

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COOK RANCH	TX	TXS	43500	45	5/20	257	7	8	4	1	NR	NR
PALM SWAMP	FL	FLS	120	UNK	5/11	UNK	UNK	UNK	1	0	UNK	UNK

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN ALL OF NEW MEXICO FOR STRONG, GUSTY WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN ALL OF ARIZONA FOR STRONG, GUSTY WINDS AND LOW AFTERNOON RELATIVE HUMIDITIES \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN THE DAVIS MOUNTAINS IN WEST TEXAS FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES AND STRONG WINDS \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA AND THE PANHANDLE FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES \*\*\*

New Mexico will be partly cloudy and very windy. Winds will be southwest at 25 to 40 mph with stronger gusts. High temperatures will be in the 70's in the mountains and into the 90's at lower elevations.

Arizona will be mostly sunny and windy. Winds will be west to southwest at 20 to 30 mph with higher gusts in the northern part of the state. Minimum afternoon humidities will be 10 to 25 percent. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's in the mountains and in the mid 90's in the deserts.

West Texas will be mostly sunny and hot. High temperatures will be between 90 and 108. Winds will be southwest at 10 to 20 mph. Afternoon humidities will range from 10 to 20 percent.

Florida will be partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures will be in the 80's. Winds will be south to southwest

at 10 to 15 mph. Minimum humidities will be 30 to 40 percent.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	2				1		3
	ACRES	2				0		2
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
GB-EAST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES			1	1	7	3	12
	ACRES			75	7800	57	3964	11896
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES					21		21
	ACRES					203		203
SOUTHERN	FIRES				1	95	7	103
	ACRES				40	4885	46	4971
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	1	2	126	10	141
	ACRES	2	0	75	7840	5145	4010	17072

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			1	1	44		46
	ACRES			700	0	68		768
NORTHWEST	FIRES	32	2	2		35	15	86
	ACRES	260	50	0		258	5	573
CA-NORTH	FIRES					221	35	256
	ACRES					205	4271	4476
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1	11		1	623	97	733
	ACRES	0	66		5	439	152	662
NORTHERN	FIRES	481	2	4		178	39	704
	ACRES	5375	18	368		4509	76	10346
GB-EAST	FIRES	8	23			5	14	50
	ACRES	566	456			72	3	1097
GB-WEST	FIRES	4	12				12	28
	ACRES	60	302				1	363

SOUTHWEST	FIRES	220	42	12	17	591	221	1103
	ACRES	2213	4385	7440	2616	207320	29037	253011
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	295	12	12	5	210	42	576
	ACRES	11782	201	432	6462	24208	6385	49470
EASTERN	FIRES	763			23	6558	352	7696
	ACRES	15825			468	69912	14952	101157
SOUTHERN	FIRES	20		34	38	20510	649	21251
	ACRES	3754		5729	945	356100	23973	390501
TOTALS	FIRES	1824	104	65	85	28975	1476	32529
	ACRES	39835	5478	14669	10496	663091	78855	812424

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-NORTH	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						93	93
CA-SOUTH	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						3	3
NORTHERN	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						75	75
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES					5	2	7
	ACRES					1895	146	2041
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	5	5	10
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1895	317	2212

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	12	15	25			84	136
	ACRES	4636	1155	5022			14587	25400
CA-NORTH	FIRES			2			117	119



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CA-NORTH										
CA-SOUTH										
NORTHERN										
GB-EAST										
GB-WEST										
SOUTHWEST	60		45	33	13	7	1		252	41
ROCKY MTN										
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN	3		10	6	4				64	15
TOTAL	63	0	55	39	17	7	1	0	316	56

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