

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2000 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL III

CURRENT SITUATION:

Two of the large fires in the Southwest Area are contained. Crews are preparing for a wind event forecast to occur this afternoon and tomorrow. Initial attack activity was reported in the Southwest and Southern Areas. The National Interagency Coordination Center processed orders for airtankers, air attack aircraft, a lead plane, infrared aircraft, engines, a shower unit, radio equipment, meteorological equipment, crews, and miscellaneous overhead. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, California, Utah, Oklahoma, and Maryland.

On 5/13, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced a 30-day suspension of all federal prescribed fires west of the 100th meridian. For more information, see the U.S. Forest Service Fire web page at www.fs.fed.us/fire/news.shtml.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

A Type I Team (Gage) is staged in Albuquerque, NM.

CERRO GRANDE, Bandelier National Monument. An Area Command Team (Meuchel) and two Type I Incident Management Teams (Humphrey and Bateman) are assigned. The fire is burning near Los Alamos, NM. A major effort is underway to secure the northwest flank of the fire against today's predicted wind event. Residents of the community of White Rock were allowed to return to their homes. The spot fires on the north side of Santa Clara Canyon have been contained. Crews and air resources continue to support Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory fire personnel. The increase in the number of structures destroyed reflects revised county calculations. No additional structures have been lost in the past 24 hours.

SCOTT ABLE, Lincoln National Forest. The fire is located 20 miles south of Cloudcroft, NM. A Type I Incident Management Team (Studebaker) is assigned. Crews are working to establish secure fireline in critical areas. Structures are still threatened on the north and east sides of the fire. Numerous interior unburned islands adjacent to green fuels remain. Further damage assessment indicates that 64 residences, 16 outbuildings and 12 vehicles were lost. Final numbers will be reported tomorrow.

OUTLET, Grand Canyon National Park. A Type I Incident Management Team (Fry) is assigned. The fire is burning in designated and proposed wilderness two miles north of North Rim Village. Progress was made in establishing and improving an anchor point. Increasing winds, heavy fuel loading and abnormally dry fuels are challenging containment efforts. The evacuation of concession and government personnel and the closure of the North Rim visitor complex remain in effect.

COON CREEK, Tonto National Forest. The fire is 20 miles north of Globe, AZ in the Sierra Ancha Wilderness. Rehabilitation work is progressing near wilderness trails. The fire is creeping through unburned fuels in

the interior, but no fire activity has been observed on the perimeter.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
CERRO GRANDE	NM	BAP	42232	28	UNK	1286	39	32	7	235	NR	5.1M
SCOTT ABLE	NM	LNF	20717	50	5/17	798	33	31	5	80	NR	NR
OUTLET	AZ	GCP	8327	15	5/18	811	29	23	7	0	NR	1.7M
COON CREEK	AZ	TNF	9259	50	UNK	67	1	4	2	0	NR	4.9M
CREE	NM	LNF	8265	100	---	302	6	17	2	0	NR	3.4M
MANUELITAS	NM	N4S	1410	100	---	107	5	8	0	5	130K	165K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

COOK RANCH, Texas State Forest Service. The fire is located 36 miles south of Ft. Stockton, TX. Burnout operations have been completed. Crews are building fireline around interior unburned areas of the fire.

LONG BAY, National Forests of Florida. This fire is in the Apalachicola National Forest, 40 miles southwest of Tallahassee, FL. Mop-up, patrol and rehabilitation activities are continuing.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
COOK RANCH	TX	TXS	46000	80	5/17	358	7	14	8	1	UNK	1.6M
LONG BAY	FL	FNF	3588	98	5/15	95	3	4	3	0	NR	1.5M

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TUSKIE RIDGE, Pennsylvania State Forestry. This fire is 15 miles southeast of Altoona, PA. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	EST LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TUSKIE RIDGE	PA	PAS	300	75	5/12	100	3	0	0	0	NR	NR

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN ALL OF NEW MEXICO EXCEPT THE SOUTHEAST PORTION FOR STRONG WINDS AND HIGH HAINES INDICES THIS AFTERNOON ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN ALL OF NORTHERN ARIZONA FOR STRONG WINDS AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES THIS AFTERNOON ***

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED IN ALL OF FLORIDA FOR LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITIES THIS AFTERNOON ***

New Mexico will be windy and warmer. Afternoon winds will be southwest to west at 20 to 30 mph and gusty. High temperatures will be in the 80's to lower 90's. Minimum relative humidities will be 7 to 17 percent.

Arizona will be mostly sunny and windy. Winds will be southwest at 20 to 40 mph. High temperatures will be in the 70's in the mountains and up to 100 in the southern deserts. Minimum relative humidities will be 5 to 17 percent.

Florida will be mostly clear with north winds at 10 to 15 mph. High temperatures will be 85 to 90. Afternoon relative humidities will be near 20 percent.

West Texas will be mostly sunny and locally breezy. Winds will be southwest at 10 to 25 mph. High temperatures will range from the upper 80's to mid 90's in most of the state, and up to 109 along the Rio Grande River.

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
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					5		5
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES		2		1	3	5	11
	ACRES		1		6746	8	0	6755
ROCKY MTN	FIRES			3				3
	ACRES			85				85
EASTERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES					42	8	50
	ACRES					151	123	274
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	3	1	46	13	65
	ACRES	0	1	85	6746	164	123	7119

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1		1	1	74		77
	ACRES	6		700	0	482		1188
NORTHWEST	FIRES	32	2	2		35	15	86
	ACRES	260	50	0		258	5	573
CA-NORTH	FIRES	14				226	36	276
	ACRES	46				206	4272	4524
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	1	11		1	674	101	788
	ACRES	0	66		5	520	152	743
NORTHERN	FIRE	495	2	12		180	39	728
	ACRES	5481	18	468		6109	76	12152
GB-EAST	FIRES	8	25			10	16	59
	ACRES	566	478			77	5	1126
GB-WEST	FIRES	5	14				14	33
	ACRES	60	303				51	414
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	230	45	12	17	607	238	1149
	ACRES	2221	4386	7440	8930	207964	71643	302584
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	298	13	15	6	240	45	617
	ACRES	11935	230	517	6492	24359	6387	49920
EASTERN	FIRES	765			25	7115	357	8262
	ACRES	15825			519	74036	15096	105476
SOUTHERN	FIRES	20		34	39	24977	677	25747
	ACRES	3754		5729	985	397363	24466	432297
TOTALS	FIRES	1869	112	76	89	34138	1538	37822
	ACRES	40154	5531	14854	16931	711374	122153	910997

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
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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							0
	ACRES							0

SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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			88	140
	ACRES	4636	1155	5022			14937	25750
CA-NORTH	FIRES			2			117	119
	ACRES			820			9359	10179
CA-SOUTH	FIRES			1	2		78	81
	ACRES			10	24		4571	4605
NORTHERN	FIRES	20	1	54	3	53	186	317
	ACRES	1775	1200	12078	395	6226	29177	50851
GB-EAST	FIRES		15	3	3	5	16	42
	ACRES		1452	700	975	125	11290	14542
GB-WEST	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1526	1526
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	31	213	26	9	2	188	469
	ACRES	8385	14214	1888	4269	360	59491	88607
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	1	8	107	7	7	39	169
	ACRES	850	2743	18932	2726	675	13726	39652
EASTERN	FIRES	12			11	89	184	296
	ACRES	2832			1290	51578	17958	73658
SOUTHERN	FIRES	8		130	60	103	697	998
	ACRES	879		60699	35706	61971	450985	610240
USA TOTALS	FIRES	84	252	348	95	259	1595	2633
	ACRES	19357	20764	100149	45385	120935	613020	919610

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES	10						10
	ACRES	0						0
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
NORTHERN	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0

SOUTHWEST	116	14	90	58	21	7	25		537	195
ROCKY MTN			1	2						
EASTERN		3							2	27
SOUTHERN	5		13		7				46	
TOTAL	121	17	106	60	28	7	25	0	585	222

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