

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY MAY 29, 2004 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 106 new fires reported. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

PEPPIN, Lincoln National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Bateman) is assigned. This fire is six miles north of Capitan, NM in timber. Hazardous terrain, poor accessibility and heavy dead fuel loading continue to be major concerns. Drying conditions and high winds contributed to increased fire activity. Crews are constructing fireline for structure protection.

KP, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is 20 miles south of Alpine, AZ in brush and mixed conifer. Poor access, heavy fuel loading and steep rugged terrain have impeded suppression efforts. Short, uphill crown runs and group torching were observed. US Highway 191 will remain closed to public access in order to provide for firefighter and public safety.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PEPPIN	NM	LNF	25,500	20	UNK	632	14	25	5	12	1.6M
KP	AZ	ASF	12,956	60	UNK	505	12	16	5	0	2.4M

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ROAD 1 FIRE, Florida Division of Forestry. A Florida Division of Forestry Type 2 Incident Management Team (Jones) is assigned. This fire is 17 miles northwest of Macclenny, FL in pine timber. Dry conditions, difficult terrain and hot, windy weather are hampering containment efforts.

BLOCKS H&J, Everglades National Park. This fire is 15 miles west of Homestead, FL in grass, brush and hardwood timber. Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST) continues with good success. Hazardous terrain, high temperatures, and reburn potential are concerns.

BOMBING RANGE 1, National Forests in Florida. This fire is 14 miles north-northwest of Umatilla, FL in brush and Sand pine. This fire is within a Naval bombing range; no on the ground suppression action is allowed. A confinement strategy is in place. Some crowning was observed.

CORAPEAKE ROAD, Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hendricks) is assigned. This fire is 18 miles south-southwest of Chesapeake, VA in brush. Active surface fire was observed.

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ROAD 1 FIRE	FL	FLS	2,500	10	5/31	78	0	7	4	0	NR
BLOCKS H&J	FL	EVP	1,450	97	5/31	100	2	4	1	0	238K
BOMBING RANGE 1	FL	FNF	340	70	6/1	17	0	2	2	0	63K
CORAPEAKE ROAD	VA	GDR	273	80	5/30	86	0	5	1	0	393K

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Northern New Mexico for strong southwest winds and low relative humidity.

Fire Weather Watch: Eastern Arizona, southern New Mexico and the Texas panhandle for strong southwest winds and low relative humidity.

Weather Discussion: A strong low pressure system will continue to drive across the Great Basin today. In the Northwest sector of the country, numerous showers and thunderstorms will come to an end as the storm departs. However, the southern Great Basin, Southwest and Rocky Mountain areas will continue to see very strong wind in combination with lowering relative humidity. Some thunderstorms are also possible along the Colorado Front Range. Florida will remain hot, dry and breezy with very little in the way of thunderstorms.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHWEST AREA Breezy to windy all areas except western Arizona, with partly to mostly sunny skies area-wide. A slight chance for a sprinkle or light shower on higher terrain along the northern border.	50s to 70s mountains 80s and 90s lower elevations	5 to 20% NM and west TX 10 to 25% AZ	West to southwest 15 to 30 mph with higher gusts, except west 10 to 20 mph western AZ.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise sunny.	65 to 75 coastal areas 65 to 80 mountains 75 to 85 valleys 80 to 90 upper deserts 90 to 100 lower deserts	15 to 30%	Northwest to northeast 10 to 20 mph.



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INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS NOT CLEAR

Every firefighter will give and receive briefings at some point on the job. Briefings are an effective way to disseminate information that can make the firefighter's job safer and easier. When giving a briefing, it is important to keep the following questions in mind and remain perceptive to how the audience is receiving the information:

- Did they ask questions? Talk about what it is like giving a briefing. Do you get empty stares? What feedback are you looking for to ensure they understand you?

- Did they take notes? What kind of information would you like to see people write down?

- Did they repeat information back? What other ways can you identify that your briefing is registering?

- Did you give all the necessary information? How will you ensure that you covered everything necessary?
 - Task
 - Location
 - Communications
 - Hazards
 - Who, when, etc.

- It is also important for the firefighter who is receiving instructions to be mindful of the following during the briefing:
 - Did you really listen? What do you do to make yourself pay attention to everything being said?
 - Did you understand the assignment, location, and the nature and location of hazards? Do you expect to figure it out for yourself when you get out there or do you step forward and ask questions?

- To reduce the risks, take the time and get it right!

- You must know the location of the assignment and:
 - What is to be done.
 - Who you are to report to and how often to report.
 - When you are expected to complete the assignment.
 - Hazards.
 - Communication plan frequencies.
 - Weather and fire behavior.
 - Status of adjoining forces.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					6		6
Southern California	FIRES					6	1	7
	ACRES					5	1	6
Northern Rockies	FIRES	7				1	1	9
	ACRES	47				0	1	48
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		2			0		2
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1					6	7
	ACRES	0					52	52
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					68	0	68
	ACRES					273	50	323
TOTAL	FIRES	8	1	0	0	88	9	106
	ACRES	47	2	0	0	285	104	438

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	1		87	1	90
	ACRES		50	0		173	0	223
Northwest	FIRES	49	12	12	5	229	61	368
	ACRES	577	9	29	3	314	149	1,081
Northern California	FIRES	4				568	102	674
	ACRES	0				1,036	1,279	2,315
Southern California	FIRES	10	18	3	7	956	150	1,144
	ACRES	645	1,315	2	6	31,244	1,383	34,595
Northern Rockies	FIRES	638	14	11		283	102	1,048
	ACRES	3,966	187	236		8,359	3,286	16,034
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	43	2	6	20	19	91
	ACRES	2	102	1	32	194	364	695
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	18		2	16	8	46
	ACRES	1	49		0	12	280	342
Southwest	FIRES	190	27	1	12	228	186	644
	ACRES	709	3,167	0	241	9,254	48,031	61,402
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	146	23	28	2	137	46	382
	ACRES	3,490	53	1,166	0	19,186	2,802	26,697
Eastern Area	FIRES	488		36	17	4,821	365	5,727
	ACRES	5,093		2,650	97	50,560	5,507	63,907
Southern Area	FIRES	107		37	19	20,863	496	21,522
	ACRES	15,219		4,561	918	228,027	71,651	320,376
TOTAL	FIRES	1,635	156	131	70	28,208	1,536	31,736
	ACRES	29,702	4,932	8,645	1,297	348,359	134,732	527,667

Ten Year Average Fires	34,280
Ten Year Average Acres	752,660

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			160				160
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		1	2	4
	ACRES			130		806	381	1,317
Southern Area	FIRES			1		11	1	13
	ACRES			325		1,034	242	1,601
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	3	0	12	3	18
	ACRES	0	0	615	0	1,840	623	3,078

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					2,087		2,087
Northwest	FIRES	33	75	34	1		220	363
	ACRES	6,271	6,805	3,641	30		55,289	72,036
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	9	15		181	258
	ACRES	251	731	13,501	624		22,315	37,422
Southern California	FIRES		4	7	7		71	89
	ACRES		28	680	308		6,210	7,226
Northern Rockies	FIRES	18	5	67	3	46	308	447
	ACRES	1,467	137	9,367	1,046	3,083	40,955	56,055
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	13	3	6	21	55	99
	ACRES	149	2,144	547	1,237	1,588	16,450	22,115
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4				4	8
	ACRES		80				71	151
Southwest	FIRES	14	13	6	8		272	313
	ACRES	2,796	4,743	519	1,727		47,740	57,525
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	38	108	16	12	110	326
	ACRES	5,117	11,850	19,596	2,969	3,947	45,430	88,909
Eastern Area	FIRES	20		314	18	592	163	1,107
	ACRES	14,454		40,601	3,752	56,426	27,272	142,505
Southern Area	FIRES	51		133	67	340	1,042	1,633
	ACRES	8,503		58,165	58,852	172,057	941,495	1,239,072
TOTAL	FIRES	193	191	681	141	1,016	2,426	4,648
	ACRES	39,008	26,518	146,617	70,545	239,188	1,203,227	1,725,103

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						55	55
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				101			101
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		30					30
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	0	2	0	1	5
	ACRES	0	30	0	101	0	55	186

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	306	886
Yukon Territory	0	0	4	6
Alberta	2	0	509	2,167
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	3
Saskatchewan	0	0	95	646
Manitoba	1	0	39	358
Ontario	0	0	75	1,305
Quebec	1	0	111	108
Newfoundland	5	4	64	252
New Brunswick	0	0	170	305
Nova Scotia	0	0	134	164
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	8	2,436
Total	9	4	1,516	8,634

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest			6						6	
Northern California										
Southern California	3		2		2				5	
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	1	1	22	6						
Western Great Basin	1									
Southwest	29		11	33	8	2			244	111
Rocky Mountain	1		1		1					
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	2		13	8	5	4			70	90
Total	37	1	55	47	16	6	0	0	325	201

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