National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Sunday, April 25, 2010 – 0530 MT National Preparedness Level 1

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (41 new fires)

New large fires: 2 (*)
Large fires contained: 0
Uncontained large fires : ** 6
Area Command Teams committed: 0
NIMOs committed: 0
Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Nationally, there is 1 large fire being managed with minimal or no resource commitment.

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires:26New large fires:2Uncontained large fires:2Type 2 IMTs committed1

Tower Complex (two fires), Minnesota State Forestry. IMT2 (Hinds). Ten miles south of Tower, MN. Timber brush, hardwood slash, and grass. Creeping and smoldering.

- * Floodwood Lake 82, Minnesota State Forestry. Eleven miles west of Gheen, MN. Grass. Moderate fire behavior.
- * **Nelson Prairie**, Detroit Lakes NWR. Three miles northeast of Bejou, MN. Hardwood litter and grass. Moderate fire behavior.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ Ctd	Origin Own
Tower Complex	MN	MNS	558	2	90	UNK	51	-10	1	4	0	0	270K	ST
* Floodwood Lake - 82	MN	MNS	547		30	4/26	36		1	2	2	1	20K	ST
* Nelson Prairie	MN	NWR	535		90	4/25	2		0	1	0	0	1K	FWS

^{**} Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents.**

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires:14New large fires:0Uncontained large fires:2

Stoney Fork, National Forests in North Carolina. Three miles southeast of Barnardsville, NC. Hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Bowling Green, National Forests in North Carolina. Five miles southeast of Erwin, TN. Hemlock and hardwood litter. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

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Stoney Fork	NC	NCF	328		95	UNK	88		2	1	1	0	719K	FS
Bowling Green	NC	NCF	200		95	4/24	58		1	0	1	0	735K	FS



Today's discussion is from the LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones) Category.

COMMUNICATIONS

Effective communication is a critical backbone of safe and successful operations.

- Discuss the factors that can affect radio communication at the incident.
 - Knowledge of the radio issued to the individuals
 - Net control, frequencies
 - Line-of-sight restrictions
 - Antenna polarization effect (direction of the antenna)
 - Minimizing noise interference
 - Wide band narrow band
- How can you mitigate potential problems?
 - Implement effective communication procedures--be brief, clear, concise, and tothe-point.
 - Give a good comprehensive briefing. (Refer to the Briefing Checklist inside the back cover of the Incident Response Pocket Guide.)
 - Confirm that relayed information is received, acknowledged, and understood.
 - Keep a continuous information flow (e.g., updates on weather, fire behavior, work progress; changes in strategy/tactics; arrival of additional resources; solicit feedback).
 - Establish emergency check-in procedures.
 - Provide a minimum of 4 radios per 20-person firefighter crew.
- The Five Communication Responsibilities for All Firefighters:
 - Brief others
 - Debrief your actions
 - Communicate hazards to others
 - Acknowledge messages
 - Ask if you don't know

References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide

Fireline Handbook

Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations

"LCES and Other Thoughts" by Paul Gleason

Have an idea? Have feedback? Share it.

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIRES					1		1
Alaska	ACRES	-				0		0
	FIRES							0
Northwest	ACRES	-						0
	FIRES							0
Northern California	ACRES	-						
	FIRES							0
Southern California	FIRES	_						
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
NOTHER ROCKIES	ACRES							0
Factor One of Basis	FIRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
Western Great Basin	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
Southwest	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
NOCKY WOUTHAIT	ACRES							0
	FIRES					23	3	26
Eastern Area	ACRES					8	4	12
	FIRES					14		14
Southern Area	ACRES					90		90
	FIRES	0	0	0	0		3	41
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	0	98	4	102

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					19		19
Alaska	ACRES					1,173		1,173
Northwest	FIRES	7	1			6	7	21
Northwest	ACRES	189	0			2	0	191
Northern California	FIRES					146	9	155
	ACRES					10	6	16
Southern California	FIRES		3			189	39	231
	ACRES		221			264	116	601
Northern Rockies	FIRES	111	2	0		54	25	192
	ACRES	1,652	13	760		461	96	2,982
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	5	10			37	37 7 356 371 7	59
	ACRES	14	68			356	371	809
Western Great Basin	FIRES		7	1		7		15
	ACRES		0	15		28		43
Southwest	FIRES	76	42	1	15	99	86	319
	ACRES	431	763	3	13	20,266	2,625	24,101
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	65	9	2	3	50	7	136
	ACRES	1,176	218	2,926	0	10,309	12	14,641
Eastern Area	FIRES	537		8	8	4,500	347	5,400
Lactority wou	ACRES	2,661		2,964	2	48,000	4,695	58,322
Southern Area	FIRES	482		38	19	12,124	362	13,025
	ACRES	31,863		711	108	167,381	15,402	215,465
TOTAL	FIRES	1,283	74	50	45	17,231	889	19,572
	ACRES	37,986	1,283	7,379	123	248,250	23,323	318,344

Ten Year Average Fires	24,498
Ten Year Average Acres	720,883

^{***} 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		0
Alaska	ACRES					801		801
Northwest	FIRES							0
Northwest	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
Northern Camorna	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
Oddinem Camornia	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES			2				2
Northern Nockies	ACRES			395				395
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
Lasterii Oreat Dasiii	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
Western Great Basin	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
Courimon	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
rtooky Wourtain	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
Lastelli Alea	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
Southern 7 trou	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	395	0	801	0	1,196

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
A11-	FIRES					4		4
Alaska	ACRES					1,424		1,424
Nigotic and	FIRES	4	29	4	1		42	80
Northwest	ACRES	2,000	5,097	1,610	11		2,841	11,559
Nigotherns Oplifers's	FIRES	İ	19	9	12		166	206
Northern California	ACRES		346	8,779	23		3,469	12,617
On the Oalthouse	FIRES	İ	2	6			213	221
Southern California	ACRES		732	263			1,460	2,455
North on Dooling	FIRES	45	15	37	1	7	98	203
Northern Rockies	ACRES	573	1,614	9,358	55	147	11,851	23,598
Factory One at Basin	FIRES		13	7	1	9	16	46
Eastern Great Basin	ACRES		1,228	3,240	52	731	2,841 166 3,469 213 1,460 98 11,851 16 4,487 5 118 64 18,433 142 18,384 116 54,908 1,027	9,738
Mantaga Oscal Basis	FIRES		3	2			5	10
Western Great Basin	ACRES		68	1,395			118	1,581
Southwest	FIRES	3	11	4	5		64	87
Southwest	ACRES	10	11,861	18	840		18,433	31,162
Deele Marintain	FIRES	32	49	55	13	36	142	327
Rocky Mountain	ACRES	1,683	4,002	8,399	2,373	5,562	18,384	40,403
Factors Area	FIRES	41		62	22	854	116	1,095
Eastern Area	ACRES	61,713		8,957	5,504	54,163	54,908	185,245
Couthorn Arcs	FIRES	15		173	61	8,685	1,027	9,961
Southern Area	ACRES	2,705		71,199	55,182	212,852	1,036,220	1,378,158
TOTAL	FIRES	140	141	359	116	9,595	1,889	12,240
TOTAL	ACRES	68,684	24,948	113,218	64,040	274,879	1,152,171	1,697,940

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at http://gacc.nifc.gov/.

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