

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Thursday, May 5, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (74 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	2
Uncontained large fires: **	11
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	2

Nationally, there are 2 large fire being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

The 302nd Airlift Wing, Colorado Springs, CO and the 146th Air Wing, Channel Islands, CA are providing two each, MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel to the state of Texas. The aircraft and personnel are based at Dyess Air Force Base under the command of Colonel Jack Pittman. MAFFS will be released at 2000 today.

Southern Area (PL 4)

New fires:	27
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	6
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMT committed:	1
Type 2 IMT committed:	2

NIMO (Gage) and North Carolina IMT 2 (Hildreth) are assigned to manage large fires and provide support to initial attack operations for the West Branch Operational Area in Texas. Texas State IMT 2 (Hannemann) is managing existing and new fires located in Texas state initial attack zones. Transfer of command from Florida IMT 2 (Graham) to local unit occurred yesterday.

Rock House, Texas Forest Service. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Wilder) to West Branch Operational Area will occur today. Twenty one miles southwest of Fort Davis, TX. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

Jarhead, Big Cypress National Preserve. IMT 1 (Hughes). Seven miles north of Oasis, FL. Southern rough. Active fire behavior. Residences and structures threatened.

Deaton Cole, Texas Forest Service. Thirty-seven miles southwest of Ozona, TX. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Honey Prairie, Okefenokee NWR. IMT 2 has been ordered. Fifteen miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Active fire behavior.

Oasis, Texas Forest Service. Four miles northwest of Telegraph, TX. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Slope, Florida DOF. Twelve miles east of East Naples, FL. Southern rough. No further information received.

Swamp, Florida DOF. Twenty-eight miles west of Ocala, FL. Southern rough. No further information received.

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
Rock House	TX	TXS	314,444	0	95	5/9	98	-78	0	5	0	26	7.8M	ST
Jarhead	FL	BCP	21,645	5,185	20	5/18	285	105	5	25	4	10	1.3M	NPS
Deaton Cole	TX	TXS	175,000	0	75	UNK	156	-59	2	23	4	1	NR	ST
Oasis	TX	TXS	9,445	0	95	5/6	83	-28	1	8	0	0	837K	ST
Slope	FL	FLS	2,824	0	95	UNK	2	-11	0	2	0	1	NR	ST
Honey Prarie	GA	OKR	9,500	7,037	N/A	N/A	41	1	0	5	2	0	130K	FWS
Swamp	FL	FLS	742	0	95	UNK	1	-10	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Hungryland	FL	FLS	1,000	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Southwest (PL 3)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 4

Last Chance, Lincoln NF. Thirty-three miles southwest of Carlsbad, NM. Hardwood slash and brush. No new information.

Bull, Coronado NF. Ten miles west of Nogales, AZ. Grass. No further information received.

Phil, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. Twenty eight miles northwest of Lovington, NM. Grass. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Greaterville, Coronado NF. Nine miles north of Sonoita, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

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
Last Chance	NM	LNF	53,342	0	90	UNK	49	27	1	2	0	1	2.1M	FS
Bull	AZ	CNF	9,711	0	95	5/6	73	-117	2	5	1	0	1.3M	FS
Phil	NM	N5S	2,472	---	80	UNK	93	---	4	23	0	0	51K	ST
Greaterville	AZ	CNF	1,825	0	90	5/6	125	-40	4	7	2	0	310K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 1
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Salt Creek**, Quivira NWR. Thirty one miles west of Hutchinson, KS. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

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
* Salt Creek	KS	QUR	2,543	---	50	UNK	32	---	0	7	0	0	UNK	FWS
Sand Gulch	CO	PSF	495	-60	100	---	71	-38	2	3	0	0	696K	FS

PSF – Pike and San Isabel NF

Predictive Services Discussion: Low relative humidity below 35 percent will create critical fire weather conditions over parts of the Florida Panhandle. A frontal system will move into the upper mid-West, producing scattered showers and thunderstorms across Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. Rain and snow showers will dot the Pacific Northwest as another frontal system enters the lower 48.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



Today's discussion is from the Miscellaneous Category.

Wildfires in/near Oil and Gas Fields

As energy production increases across the country, many firefighters are responding to an increasing number of wildland fires in areas with oil and gas production, exploration, and development. As with any wildland fire operation, firefighters must maintain situational awareness at all times; however, areas of oil and gas production create an environment where firefighters may not be cognizant of potential hazards that could be encountered in these areas. First and foremost - Only engage the wildland fire when it is safe to do so and recognizing hazards in the oil field should be a part of the incident size up prior to engagement/suppression action.

Driving hazards are amplified by narrow one lane roads and high amounts of large truck traffic. Roads often are dead-ended.

Well sites and other facilities with flammable and/or hazardous materials in tanks, pits or other containers.

Pipelines are common with some on the surface or buried just below the surface. *This is a watchout situation for dozers, engines and other equipment.*

Poisonous gases including hydrogen sulfide (H₂S).

Use and storage of explosives is common in oil fields. These explosives may be detonated using two-way radio frequencies. Two-way radio use is not allowed within 500 feet of these areas.

Untrained and unequipped personnel may be trying to suppress the fire. Often this is done with heavy equipment.

Construction of raised pads could contain buried woody material. This material can be ignited and burn underground.

Failures of production facility valves, gauges and fittings may result in leaks, fire, explosions, hazardous material spills and toxic vapors.

Vents on oil and gas infrastructures often release pressure. The gases vented may be highly flammable and have the potential to ignite if a flame is nearby. Stay clear of these areas if "venting" is encountered.

Hazard Mitigations As with any wildland fire operation; risk management, safety guidelines and practices should be implemented (e.g., LCES, Fire Orders) prior to and during wildland fire operations. Additional mitigation measures should be considered for suppression efforts in or near oil and gas production:

Identify hazards – agency resource advisors/oil and gas specialists can be of great assistance.

Ensure oil and gas operators in that area have been contacted - utilize dispatch to make contacts if necessary.

Firefighters should limit their time near oil and gas infrastructures.

Firefighters should never manipulate any valves, fittings, etc. in any way.

References:

http://www.nifc.gov/wfstar/oil_gas.htm

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						11	11
Northern California	FIRES			3			1	4
	ACRES			0			0	0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3				1		4
	ACRES	2				1		3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			0		1		1
	ACRES			30		0		30
Eastern Area	FIRES					29	3	32
	ACRES					98	3	101
Southern Area	FIRES	1				26		27
	ACRES	1				507		508
TOTAL	FIRES	4	0	3	0	58	9	74
	ACRES	3	0	30	0	606	14	653

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					47		47
	ACRES					35		35
Northwest	FIRES		3			12	3	18
	ACRES		9			41	11	61
Northern California	FIRES			3	3		15	21
	ACRES			0	2,076		3	2,079
Southern California	FIRES		19			227	36	282
	ACRES		25			959	3	987
Northern Rockies	FIRES	54		3		21	4	82
	ACRES	107		49		209	17	382
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		15			11	2	28
	ACRES		3			2	0	5
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	22	1	7	5		36
	ACRES	10	1	12	0	95		118
Southwest	FIRES	270	78	7	8	319	131	813
	ACRES	1,342	24,050	181	112	250,148	55,086	330,919
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	136	8	18	1	179	29	371
	ACRES	2,333	24	4,035	2,269	135,229	3,602	147,492
Eastern Area	FIRES	228		16	12	2,021	153	2,430
	ACRES	290		2,574	70	21,708	14,023	38,665
Southern Area	FIRES	195		174	31	19,170	404	19,974
	ACRES	11,133		12,960	6,624	1,851,089	19,203	1,901,009
TOTAL	FIRES	884	145	222	62	22,012	777	24,102
	ACRES	15,215	24,112	19,811	11,151	2,259,515	91,948	2,421,752

Ten Year Average Fires	24,861
Ten Year Average Acres	955,428

*** 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
	ACRES					55		55
Northwest	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		55				45	100
Northern California	FIRES			0			3	3
	ACRES			651			509	1,160
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		0			1	4	5
	ACRES		325			40	196	561
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			2		1		3
	ACRES			110		16		126
Eastern Area	FIRES	4		11	2	29	2	48
	ACRES	6,859		1,861	180	2,167	30	11,097
Southern Area	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					1,424		1,424
TOTAL	FIRES	4	1	13	2	34	10	64
	ACRES	6,859	380	2,622	180	3,702	780	14,523

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		6		7
	ACRES			20		980		1,000
Northwest	FIRES		27	5	1		72	105
	ACRES		2,826	445	6		2,256	5,533
Northern California	FIRES	3	15	7	15		81	121
	ACRES	22	306	14,091	72		2,322	16,813
Southern California	FIRES		5	7			53	65
	ACRES		570	551			879	2,000
Northern Rockies	FIRES	34	7	9		4	45	99
	ACRES	1,187	693	2,323		72	1,661	5,936
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		10	3	1	22	10	46
	ACRES		1,284	995	13	659	1,527	4,478
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	4	11
	ACRES		127	550		64	182	923
Southwest	FIRES	8	20	3	1		66	98
	ACRES	1,650	14,749	1,428	15		24,729	42,571
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	8	23	48	16	44	112	251
	ACRES	759	825	7,955	3,603	7,555	23,487	44,184
Eastern Area	FIRES	18		123	19	658	100	918
	ACRES	60,767		16,377	3,622	41,217	33,885	155,868
Southern Area	FIRES	39		136	15	1,023	610	1,823
	ACRES	7,632		65,745	10,082	210,951	584,491	878,901
TOTAL	FIRES	110	111	343	68	1,759	1,153	3,544
	ACRES	72,017	21,380	110,480	17,413	261,498	675,419	1,158,207

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

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