National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Monday, May 9, 2011 – 0530 MT National Preparedness Level 1

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (31 new fires)

New large fires: 9(*)
Large fires contained: 1
Uncontained large fires: ** 22
Area Command Teams committed: 0
NIMOs committed: 1
Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

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

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

Southern Area (PL 4)

New fires:	15
New large fires:	4
Uncontained large fires:	11
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMT committed:	2
Type 2 IMT committed:	3

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.

Jarhead, Big Cypress National Preserve. IMT 1 (Hughes). Seven miles north of Oasis, FL. Southern rough. Moderatel fire activity. Structures threatened.

Pains Bay, Alligator River NWR. IMT 1 (Quesinberry). Nineteen miles south of Manns Harbor, NC. Grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Honey Prairie, Okefenokee NWR. Georgia State IMT 2 (Kline). Fifteen miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Active fire behavior.

* **Dickens County Complex** (two fires), Texas Forest Service. Complex includes previously reported Edwards and Batch Camp fires. Seven miles southeast of Dickens, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Rock House, Texas Forest Service. Twenty-one miles southwest of Fort Davis, TX. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

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

* **Schwartz,** Texas Forest Service. Twenty miles east of Marathon, TX. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

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

- * **Gage Holland**, Texas Forest Service. Six miles west of Alpine, TX. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.
- * **611 Gas Plant,** Texas Forest Service. Thirteen miles northwest of Sweetwater, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

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 new information.

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

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
Jarhead	FL	ВСР	28,800	1,380	60	5/18	359	1	5	34	7	12	3.3M	NPS
Pains Bay	NC	ALR	20,094	8,954	30	UNK	119	18	0	9	1	0	209K	FWS
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	61,822	17,622	N/A	N/A	102	9	0	10	2	0	515K	FWS
* Dickens County Complex	TX	TXS	65,000	61,000	40	UNK	105	1	1	16	1	0	NR	ST
Rock House	TX	TXS	314,444	0	95	5/9	16	0	0	3	0	26	8.2M	ST
Deaton Cole	TX	TXS	175,000	0	95	UNK	47	7	1	4	1	1	NR	ST
Oasis	TX	TXS	9,445	0	95	5/10	4	0	0	2	0	0	877K	ST
* Schwartz	TX	TXS	3,684		5	UNK	68		1	7	3	0	10K	ST
* Gage Holland	TX	TXS	3,500		10	UNK	40		0	4	4	0	50K	ST
* 611 Gas Plant	TX	TXS	3,500		0	UNK	36		0	4	3	0	NR	ST
Slope	FL	FLS	2,824		90	UNK	11	0	0	1	0	1	NR	ST
Swamp	FL	FLS	780		95	UNK	3	2	0	1	0	0	NR	ST

Southwest (PL 4)

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3
9
1
2

^{*} Horseshoe 2, Coronado NF. IMT 1 (Reinarz). Fifty miles northeast of Bisbee, AZ. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. Active fire behavior. Evacuations in progress.

Miller, Gila NF. IMT 2 (Reidy). Twenty-five miles north of Silver City, NM. Timber. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Locust, Fort Apache Agency. IMT 2 (Philbin). One mile northwest of Whiteriver, AZ. Brush. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened.

* Cloverdale 2, Socorro District, New Mexico State Forestry. Forty-five miles south of Animas, NM. Grass. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened.

Crooked Creek, Roswell BLM. Seventeen miles northwest of Hope, NM. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

Bull, Coronado NF. Ten miles west of Nogales, AZ. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

* **Milagro,** Las Vegas District, New Mexico State Forestry. One mile north of Milagro, NM. Grass. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened.

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

Cloverdale, Socorro District, New Mexico State Forestry. Six miles southwest of Cloverdale, NM. Grass.Minimal fire activity.

Wildcat, Coronado NF. Ten miles south of Sonoita, AZ. Brush. Moderate fire activity. No new information.

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* Horseshoe 2	AZ	CNF	2,000		0	5/22	0		0	0	0	0	50K	FS
Miller	NM	GNF	32,960	5,200	N/A	N/A	198	-26	4	10	2	0	661K	FS
Locust	ΑZ	FTA	364	-23	30	5/11	237	163	8	23	3	0	515K	BIA
* Cloverdale 2	NM	N3S	23,389		10	5/13	95		3	10	2	0	100K	ST
Crooked Creek	NM	ROD	17,500	4,500	20	5/12	222	92	7	19	0	0	740K	BLM
Bull	ΑZ	CNF	9,711	0	95	5/9	4	0	0	1	0	0	1.3M	FS
* Milagro	NM	N4S	3,000		50	UNK	30		0	12	0	1	15K	ST
Greaterville	ΑZ	CNF	1,825	0	95	UNK	4	0	0	1	0	0	400K	FS
Cloverdale	NM	N3S	485	0	95	UNK	1	-87	0	0	0	0	100K	ST
Wildcat	ΑZ	CNF	433	83	80	5/9	140	-20	4	9	1	0	270K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires:4New large fires:1Uncontained large fires:1

* **Tunner**, Pike San Isabel National Forest and Grasslands. Five miles north of Elkhart, KS. Brush. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

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* Tunner	KS	PSF	16,640		30	5/11	45		1	15	0	1	120K	FS
Salt Creek	KS	QUR	1,897	0	100		4	0	0	1	0	0	UNK	FWS

QUR - Quivira NWR

Southern California Area (PL 1)

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

* **Spanish Trail**, California Desert District BLM. Fifty miles northeast of Baker, CA. Grass. No further information received.

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*Spanish Trail	CA	CDD	300		70	UNK	40		0	6	0	0	UNK	BLM

Predictive Services Discussion: A strong low pressure system moving through the inter-mountain west is bringing hot, dry winds to Arizona, western Texas, eastern Colorado and western Kansas for continued high fire potential through Tuesday.

Link to Predictive Services Outlook products



Today's discussion is from the Hazard Tree Category.

Hazard Trees - Situational Awareness

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and green hazard trees present a significant threat to wildland firefighter safety. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw off embers creating spot fires in advance of the main fire. Snags may burn through more quickly than green trees and can fall without warning. Live, green trees weakened by insects, disease, weather, fire, and age presents another hazard and they can also fall without notice.

- The risk of serious injuries from hazard trees may increase during the night operational period when visibility is reduced.
- While work in cooler, nighttime environments can help control efforts, it also presents an increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees. Night operations should be restricted in areas of high risk rated dead and dying trees.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong or gusty winds from storm cells. Air operations - water or retardant drops, rotor wash from helicopters. Steep slopes with rolling material. Erosion and undercut root systems. Diseased or bug-killed areas (Mountain Pine Beetle).
- Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) in the area. Numerous downed trees/material. Broken tops and dead limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs, tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks, lack of needles, bark, limbs or other indicators of overhead hazards. Roots damaged by equipment, fire or erosion create hazards.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and establish No-Work-Zones (NWZ) in all high-risk areas until the hazard has been mitigated. Instruct firefighters of established NWZ in briefings. Identify with flagging/signs, and show area on maps. Establish lookouts to protect NWZs. Assign only qualified sawyers and Falling Bosses. Order additional professional fallers in advance. Use heavy equipment, and blasters when appropriate. Plan a quick and safe escape routes. Do not turn your back on a falling tree or known hazard. Use lookouts to maintain secure felling areas. Maintain situational awareness.

References: <u>Hazard Tree Safety Web Page</u>

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
Alaska	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
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Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES	_						0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	2				1	2	5
	ACRES	225				3,000	2,200	5,425
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	_				1	3	4
	ACRES					0	10,100	10,100
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		
	ACRES					4		4
Southern Area	FIRES					11	4	15
	ACRES					7,626	13	7,639
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	0	20	9	31
	ACRES	225	0	0	0	10,630	12,313	23,168

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		58		59
Alaska	ACRES			0		37		37
Northwest	FIRES		3			12	3	18
Northwest	ACRES		9			41	11	61
Northern California	FIRES			3	3		16	22
	ACRES			0	2,076		3	2,079
Southern California	FIRES		43			357	45	445
	ACRES		35			1,101	6	1,142
Northern Rockies	FIRES	63		3		21	5	92
	ACRES	120		49		209	19	397
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		18			11	2	31
Lactorii Great Baciii	ACRES		11			2	0	13
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	22	1	7	5		36
Troctom Groat Bacin	ACRES	10	1	12	0	95		118
Southwest	FIRES	278	84	7	8	325	136	838
	ACRES	1,645	35,308	181	112	253,201	66,824	357,271
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	144	8	18	1	185	33	389
,	ACRES	2,947	24	3,389	2,269	135,256	13,800	157,685
Eastern Area	FIRES	256		18	12	2,165	155	2,606
	ACRES	313		2,575	70	21,793	14,032	38,783
Southern Area	FIRES	195		178	31	19,360	409	20,173
	ACRES	11,133		24,964	6,624	1,882,652	19,219	1,944,592
TOTAL	FIRES	937	178	229	62	22,499	804	24,709
	ACRES	16,168	35,388	31,170	11,151	2,294,387	113,914	2,502,178

Ten Year Average Fires	26,014
Ten Year Average Acres	1,004,163

^{***} 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
Alaalaa	FIRES							0
Alaska	ACRES							0
	FIRES							0
Northwest	ACRES							0
N. 41	FIRES	3			1		1	5
Northern California	ACRES	18			1		2	21
0 - 11 0 - 17 1	FIRES							0
Southern California	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
Northern Rockies	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
Western Great basin	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
Southwest	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0					0
ROCKY MOUITAIN	ACRES		4,265					4,265
Footowa Avec	FIRES							0
Eastern Area	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
Southern Area	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	0	1	0	1	5
TOTAL	ACRES	18	4,265	0	1	0	2	4,286

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		8		9
Alaska	ACRES			20		2,860		2,880
	FIRES	1	32	5	1		75	114
Northwest	ACRES	92	8,965	445	6		2,879	12,387
N. 41	FIRES	6	15	7	17		82	127
Northern California	ACRES	40	306	14,091	103		2,324	16,864
	FIRES		5	7			54	66
Southern California	ACRES		570	551			979	2,100
	FIRES	34	7	12		6	50	109
Northern Rockies	ACRES	1,187	693	2,468		127	2,493	6,968
	FIRES		11	3	1	24	15	54
Eastern Great Basin	ACRES		1,627	995	13	662	2,382	5,679
	FIRES		4	1		2	4	11
Western Great Basin	ACRES		127	550		64	182	923
Canthunat	FIRES	8	20	3	3		68	102
Southwest	ACRES	1,650	14,749	1,428	44		25,033	42,904
De alos Masontais	FIRES	9	26	54	17	45	115	266
Rocky Mountain	ACRES	779	6,390	9,184	4,703	7,932	24,486	53,474
F 1 A	FIRES	21		149	21	661	102	954
Eastern Area	ACRES	59,658		18,862	3,780	41,266	34,139	157,705
O. the are Area	FIRES	39		138	15	1,041	611	1,844
Southern Area	ACRES	7,632		66,190	10,082	212,308	584,621	880,833
TOTAL	FIRES	118	120	380	75	1,787	1,176	3,656
TOTAL	ACRES	71,038	33,427	114,784	18,731	265,219	679,518	1,182,717

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

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