

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Monday, May 16, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (80 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires: **	11
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

Nationally, there are 2 large fires 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.

Southern Area (PL 4)

New fires:	58
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	6
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMT committed:	1
Type 2 IMT committed:	3

NIMO (Gage) and Southern Area IMT 2 (Dueitt) are assigned to manage large fires and provide support to initial attack operations for the West Branch Operational Area in Texas. Texas IMT 2 (Hannemann) is managing existing and new fires located in Texas state initial attack zones.

Pains Bay, Alligator River NWR. IMT 1 (Quesinberry). Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Quesinberry) to North Carolina IMT 2 (Smith) will occur at end of shift today. Nineteen miles south of Manns Harbor, NC. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

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

Iron Mountain, Texas Forest Service. Ten miles northwest of Alpine, TX. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Schwartz, Texas Forest Service. Twenty miles east of Marathon, TX. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Jarhead, Big Cypress National Preserve. Seven miles north of Oasis, FL. Southern rough. No new information.

Gage Holland, Texas Forest Service. Six miles west of Alpine, TX. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Cobalt, Florida Division of Forestry. Nineteen miles east of East Naples, 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
Pains Bay	NC	ALR	25,678	0	80	UNK	236	28	1	18	3	0	1.9M	FWS
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	128,861	0	N/A	N/A	347	18	2	30	8	0	3.5M	FWS
Iron Mountain	TX	TXS	87,401	0	90	5/22	94	-2	2	9	1	0	2.4M	ST
Schwartz	TX	TXS	83,995	0	90	5/22	128	-18	2	30	0	0	1.6M	ST
Jarhead	FL	BCP	38,130	---	95	UNK	86	---	1	10	3	12	5.1M	NPS
Gage Holland	TX	TXS	5,975	0	98	5/16	4	0	0	2	0	1	676K	ST
Cobalt	FL	FLS	3,700	0	90	UNK	22	0	0	0	1	0	NR	ST
Dickens County Complex	TX	TXS	89,200	0	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Southwest (PL 4)

New fires: 5
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 Type 1 IMT committed: 1
 Type 2 IMT committed: 2

Horseshoe 2, Coronado NF. IMT 1 (Reinarz). Fifty miles northeast of Bisbee, AZ. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Miller, Gila NF. IMT 2 (Templin). Twenty-five miles north of Silver City, NM. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

Mayhill, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. IMT 2 (Pierson). Two miles west of Mayhill, NM. Hardwood slash, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Queen, Lincoln NF. Thirty-five miles southwest of Carlsbad, NM. Brush. Minimal fire activity.

* **Tivis**, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry. Three miles west of Floyd, NM. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

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Horseshoe 2	AZ	CNF	26,542	4,432	20	6/22	630	16	15	22	9	0	4.4M	FS
Miller	NM	GNF	70,963	6,535	N/A	N/A	406	-124	13	7	7	4	3.5M	FS
Mayhill	NM	N5S	31,861	0	85	5/17	481	-59	11	31	2	16	3.3M	ST
Queen	NM	LNF	4,200	0	95	UNK	36	3	1	6	0	1	100K	FS
* Tivis	NM	N5S	800	---	90	5/16	24	---	0	10	0	0	70K	ST

Southern California Area (PL 1)

New fires: 0

New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Momyer, San Bernardino NF. Seventeen miles northeast of Apple Valley, CA. Timber. 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
Momyer	CA	BDF	150	0	80	5/17	175	0	4	0	2	0	1.3M	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Critical fire weather conditions associated with low relative humidity below 35 percent, high dispersion levels and winds greater than 15 mph will develop over the Florida Panhandle. Critical fire weather conditions are expected across eastern Arizona, southwestern Colorado and western New Mexico due to low relative humidity below 15 percent and winds 20 to 35 mph. A strong Pacific front will bring scattered rain and snow showers and a few thunderstorms over much of the Northwest, the northern Rockies and the northern Great Basin. Meanwhile, a stalled frontal system will keep rain and a few thunderstorms across much of the Eastern Seaboard from Maine to the Carolinas. The center of the country will remain mild and generally dry.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products



**Today's discussion is from the
Weather / Fire Behavior Category.**

NFDRS POCKET CARDS

An aid to identifying local fuels conditions that might contribute to severe fire behavior is the NFDRS Pocket Card. The Pocket Card displays a general assessment of the fire potential compared to local fire occurrence and historical fire danger. It is a tool that can be used to track daily outputs of the National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS) throughout the fire season for a local area.

● The Pocket Card provides:

- A general indicator of the potential fire danger for a given rating area.
- A graph to show the trend and status of the current year's fire season.
- A comparison of current year's conditions to historical worst and average conditions.
- Fire danger values related to past large fires.
- Critical local thresholds for temperature, humidity, wind speed, and fuel moistures.

● Discuss the following ways to use the Pocket Card:

- Use it primarily before fires occur, before arriving to a fire, and during initial stages of fire events, such as initial fire size-up, initial attack, and extended attack.
- Use the Pocket Card to track local fire danger and in so doing increase the safety of your firefighters through increased awareness of fire danger conditions. NOTE: If fire danger is running at or above seasonal highs, be alert to those weather conditions that can lead to extreme fire behavior; e.g., low RH, 1-hour fuel moisture less than 5%, high temperatures, moderate to high winds.
- Use it to track daily fire dangers so that there are no surprises when extreme fire behavior occurs.
- Use it to supplement local experience.
- Use the Pocket Card as a point of reference for firefighters not familiar with the area represented by the card.
- When you receive your fire assignment outside your local area, visit the National Pocket Card website at <http://fam.nwcg.gov/fam-web/pocketcards/default.htm/>. Click on the map and locate a Pocket Card for the area to which you are going.
- Put the Card in the Pocket of all your firefighters and keep a copy in your fire vehicle.
- Post the card in dispatch. Use them in briefings. Provide them to incoming crews.
- Do not use the Pocket Card for site specific fire behavior predictions and fireline actions or without an interpretive briefing.
- Review definitions and implications of ERC and BI values.

References:

NFDRS Pocket Cards, NWCG, famweb.nwcg.gov/pocketcards

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					11		11
	ACRES					8		8
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIRES	1				1	3	5
	ACRES	1				3	4,543	4,547
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					19		19
Southern Area	FIRES			1		54	3	58
	ACRES			1		722	2	725
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	1	0	70	8	80
	ACRES	1	0	1	0	752	4,545	5,299

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		112	1	114
	ACRES			0		888	0	888
Northwest	FIRES		4			12	1	17
	ACRES		9			41	0	50
Northern California	FIRES			3	3		20	26
	ACRES			0	2,076		4	2,080
Southern California	FIRES	2	45			69	52	168
	ACRES	1	35			261	6	303
Northern Rockies	FIRES	72		4		24	8	108
	ACRES	247		49		210	19	525
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		21			14	1	36
	ACRES		11			27	0	38
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	27	1	7	7	1	44
	ACRES	10	2	12	0	97	0	121
Southwest	FIRES	342	96	7	10	367	155	977
	ACRES	1,899	44,713	181	112	268,585	117,763	433,253
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	155	11	18	1	192	41	418
	ACRES	2,955	24	3,391	2,269	135,337	21,600	165,576
Eastern Area	FIRES	293		18	12	2,383	160	2,866
	ACRES	322		2,575	70	22,415	14,035	39,417
Southern Area	FIRES	195		187	43	20,011	432	20,868
	ACRES	11,133		38,731	44,999	1,905,680	19,574	2,020,117
TOTAL	FIRES	1,060	204	239	76	23,191	872	25,642
	ACRES	16,567	44,794	44,939	49,526	2,333,541	173,001	2,662,368

Ten Year Average Fires	27,385
Ten Year Average Acres	1,073,620

*** 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					87		87
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
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							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		234					234
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					800		800
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	234	0	0	887	0	1,121

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		9		10
	ACRES			20		3,554		3,574
Northwest	FIRES	1	32	3	1		85	122
	ACRES	392	4,521	245	6		4,033	9,197
Northern California	FIRES	6	16	7	17		89	135
	ACRES	40	381	15,967	129		2,677	19,194
Southern California	FIRES		5	7			54	66
	ACRES		570	551			1,279	2,400
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	10	12	1	6	65	131
	ACRES	1,361	624	2,457	141	127	3,281	7,991
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		11	3	1	27	18	60
	ACRES		1,754	995	13	676	3,123	6,561
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	7	14
	ACRES		127	550		64	286	1,027
Southwest	FIRES	10	21	3	4		69	107
	ACRES	1,660	18,594	1,428	45		26,733	48,460
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	12	28	72	17	45	117	291
	ACRES	1,034	6,732	11,902	4,703	7,932	29,123	61,426
Eastern Area	FIRES	25		160	21	725	108	1,039
	ACRES	59,883		19,525	3,780	45,423	34,513	163,124
Southern Area	FIRES	39		138	15	1,056	616	1,864
	ACRES	7,632		66,190	10,082	214,088	588,380	886,372
TOTAL	FIRES	130	127	407	77	1,870	1,228	3,839
	ACRES	72,002	33,303	119,830	18,899	271,864	693,428	1,209,326

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

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.