

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, May 27, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (137 new fires)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	6
Uncontained large fires: **	10
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8

Nationally, there are 3 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

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

Geographic Area daily reports: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/predictive/statelinks.htm>

Southern Area (PL 3)

New fires:	72
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	4
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	4

NIMO (Gage) and 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.

Honey Prairie, Okefenokee NWR. Florida IMT 2 (Leneave). Five miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity.

Pains Bay, Alligator River NWR. North Carolina IMT 2 (Hildreth). Nineteen miles south of Manns Harbor, NC. Timber and brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Canyon, Texas Forest Service. Four miles southeast of Canyon, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

* **Race Pond**, Okefenokee NWR. Eleven miles south of Hoboken, GA. Southern rough. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Tison, Sabine NWR. Seventeen miles southwest of Hackberry, LA. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

* **Terrapin Creek**, Alabama National Forests. Three miles east of Piedmont, AL. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	148,847	403	N/A	N/A	232	5	0	34	6	0	8.8M	FWS
Pains Bay	NC	ALR	27,386	-1,474	65	UNK	219	65	0	9	4	0	4.8M	FWS
Canyon	TX	TXS	16,372	6,372	60	UNK	161	63	2	17	1	0	NR	ST
* Race Pond	GA	OKR	3,106	---	10	UNK	30	---	0	0	2	0	50K	FWS
Tison	LA	SBR	5,968	0	95	5/27	11	0	0	1	1	0	80K	FWS
* Terrapin Creek	AL	ALF	200	---	N/A	N/A	19	---	0	2	1	0	70K	FS
Derick	TX	TXS	25,000	10,500	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Middleton	TX	TXS	3,000	0	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Ceed	TX	TXS	2,500	0	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	1	27K	ST
Kermit	TX	TXS	2,800	0	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Reese Center	TX	TXS	473	0	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Tiger Cat	MS	MSS	120	0	100	---	7	0	0	0	0	0	5.5K	ST

MSS – Mississippi Forestry Commission

Southwest (PL 4)

New fires: 19
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 3
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 3

Horseshoe 2, Coronado NF. IMT 1 (Hughes). Seven miles southwest of Portal, AZ. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

Miller, Gila NF. Transfger of command from IMT 2 (Templin) to IMT 2 (Pierson) occurred yesterday. Twenty-five miles north of Silver City, NM. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

Arlene, Coronado NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Philbin) back to the local unit occurred yesterday. Eighteen miles southeast of Patagonia, AZ. Timber and 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
Horseshoe 2	AZ	CNF	49,760	2,480	40	6/22	898	-1	21	33	10	0	16.7M	FS
Miller	NM	GNF	87,229	549	68	8/31	475	19	12	4	10	4	8.9M	FS
Arlene	AZ	CNF	10,610	0	70	5/27	235	-142	5	9	0	0	1.1M	FS

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 9
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 3
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Moose Mountain, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. IMT 2 (Allen). Nine miles northwest of Fairbanks, AK. Timber. Minimal fire activity. Residences threatened. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

Francis Creek, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Two miles east of Healy, AK. Spruce and mixed hardwood. Active fire behavior.

* **East Volkmar**, Delta Area, Alaska DOF. Twenty-five miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK. Black spruce and brush. Active fire behavior.

Coal Creek, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Eighteen miles northeast of Healy, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Moderate fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Moose Mountain	AK	FAS	861	-56	96	5/27	353	-15	14	2	1	0	1.6M	ST
Francis Creek	AK	FAS	1,800	800	80	5/27	68	-1	3	1	0	0	409K	ST
* East Volkmar	AK	DAS	1,200	---	2	6/15	52	---	25	0	0	0	175K	ST
Coal Creek	AK	FAS	4,800	1,800	N/A	N/A	2	2	0	0	0	0	3.5K	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: Critical fire weather conditions associated with strong winds of 20 to 40 mph and low relative humidity of 10 to 15 percent will develop across parts of eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Strong east to west flow across the western US will bring windy conditions to the region and scattered showers and thunderstorms over much of the Northwest and northern Rockies. A front will push rain and a few thunderstorms across the northern Plains into the Upper Great Lakes region. Showers and thunderstorms will develop from New England to Mid-Atlantic states. In Alaska, high pressure over the interior will continue to raise temperatures. Showers will develop across the southwest and south central regions of the state.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



Today's discussion is from the
Hazard Tree Category.

HAZARD TREE FELLING – SECURE FELLING AREA



DISCUSSION: The following fundamental safety principles for tree felling operations have been established based on repeated lessons learned following serious accidents. To protect sawyers, swampers, and operational personnel from exposure to potential traumatic injury or death during tree felling operations, the following safety procedures should be applied to all felling activities. Fireline supervisors should continue to monitor all felling operations to ensure the following safe job procedures are consistently applied:

- A secure felling area, **MINIMUM OF TWO AND ONE HALF (2.5) TIMES THE HEIGHT OF THE MATERIAL BEING FELLED IN ALL DIRECTIONS**, needs to be established and maintained by the faller during all tree felling operations. In addition, the entire downhill side on slopes must be secured if materials can fall/role for a long, unpredictable distance.
- No one shall be permitted in the secured felling area without the authorization of the faller.
- The faller shall establish a safety zone outside the secured area, and direct EVERYONE to remain there until all felling is completed, and an "all clear" has been communicated.
- Safety zones should be established, whenever practical, in the opposite direction of the planned fall, and at a distance of at least 2.5 times the height of the trees being felled.
- The faller shall assign Lookout(s). The lookout(s) shall have reliable communications with the faller, and other personnel adjacent to the secure areas.
- Competent lookouts shall be established and maintained by the faller at all major access points of roads and trails that afford access to the secured felling area.
- The faller will ensure that no hazards remain such as hang-ups, unstable logs, or other dangers before approving access or leaving the secured area

References: [Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	2		6		9
	ACRES		75	300		1,802		2,177
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		1			23		24
	ACRES		0			25		25
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES	15	1			1	2	19
	ACRES	7	1			11	2,480	2,499
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Eastern Area	FIRES			1		5		6
	ACRES			0		1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					71	1	72
	ACRES					703	127	830
TOTAL	FIRES	16	7	3	1	107	3	137
	ACRES	7	77	300	0	2,542	2,607	5,533

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		2	3		184	1	190
	ACRES		84	300		6,051	0	6,435
Northwest	FIRES	1	5			19	4	29
	ACRES	0	9			43	0	52
Northern California	FIRES			3	3		23	29
	ACRES			0	2,076		4	2,080
Southern California	FIRES	2	76			578	68	724
	ACRES	1	410			2,717	217	3,345
Northern Rockies	FIRES	83		4	1	39	16	143
	ACRES	251		49	6	237	22	565
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		31	1		25	1	58
	ACRES		24	26		31	0	81
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	35	2	7	8	1	54
	ACRES	10	31	12	0	99	0	152
Southwest	FIRES	381	107	7	10	433	191	1,129
	ACRES	5,282	62,810	181	112	390,650	212,562	671,597
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	159	13	18	2	197	54	443
	ACRES	2,956	24	3,391	2,269	135,154	21,603	165,397
Eastern Area	FIRES	335		19	12	2,587	164	3,117
	ACRES	353		2,577	70	23,462	14,026	40,488
Southern Area	FIRES	200		197	46	20,905	469	21,817
	ACRES	11,285		41,974	45,024	1,954,219	20,455	2,072,957
TOTAL	FIRES	1,162	269	254	81	24,975	992	27,733
	ACRES	20,138	63,392	48,510	49,557	2,512,663	268,889	2,963,149

Ten Year Average Fires	29,903
Ten Year Average Acres	1,194,686

*** 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			0
	ACRES				5			5
Northern California	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			6			8	14
Southern California	FIRES			2			1	3
	ACRES			1,142			0	1,142
Northern Rockies	FIRES			1			1	2
	ACRES			180			13	193
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					1	40	41
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		100					100
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			6				6
Southern Area	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					200	1,209	1,409
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	5	0	2	4	12
	ACRES	0	100	1,334	5	201	1,270	2,910

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		11		12
	ACRES			20		5,715		5,735
Northwest	FIRES	1	34	3	1		85	124
	ACRES	1,152	5,342	245	42		4,033	10,814
Northern California	FIRES	9	16	8	17		98	148
	ACRES	52	381	18,196	131		3,295	22,055
Southern California	FIRES		7	10		1	60	78
	ACRES		580	1,963		10	1,388	3,941
Northern Rockies	FIRES	38	12	30	1	13	83	177
	ACRES	1,387	653	6,298	141	211	3,669	12,359
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	12	3	1	34	19	69
	ACRES	54	1,841	1,023	13	693	4,348	7,972
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	9	16
	ACRES		121	550		64	296	1,031
Southwest	FIRES	13	25	3	3		79	123
	ACRES	1,681	191,080	1,428	45		75,407	269,641
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	38	31	89	17	45	119	339
	ACRES	4,664	6,877	14,174	4,703	7,932	29,567	67,917
Eastern Area	FIRES	29		261	21	757	124	1,192
	ACRES	60,253		30,921	3,780	47,282	38,955	181,191
Southern Area	FIRES	39		138	15	1,152	634	1,978
	ACRES	7,632		66,190	10,082	231,217	602,928	918,049
TOTAL	FIRES	167	141	547	76	2,015	1,310	4,256
	ACRES	76,875	206,875	141,008	18,937	293,124	763,886	1,500,705

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

Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	0	2	103	367
Yukon Territory	2	41	5	42
Alberta	17	35,819	522	366,642
Northwest Territory	0	0	5	0
Saskatchewan	4	5	134	3,513
Manitoba	0	0	40	88
Ontario	0	0	148	1,451
Quebec	1	0	60	632
Newfoundland	0	0	16	66
New Brunswick	1	1	44	29
Nova Scotia	0	0	90	128
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	1
National Parks	4	3,344	12	11,750
Total	29	39,211	1,180	384,710

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.

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