

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Saturday, May 28, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (112 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 10  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 1  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 5

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: 66  
 New large fires: 1  
 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). IMT is also managing the Race Pond fire. Five miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity.

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

**Pains Bay**, Alligator River NWR. North Carolina IMT 2 (Hildreth). Nineteen miles south of Manns Harbor, NC. Timber and brush. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

**Canyon**, Texas Forest Service. Four miles southeast of Canyon, TX. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

\* **Scales Ranch Road**, Texas Forest Service. Fifteen miles west of Huntsville, TX. Timber. Active 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
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	149,550	703	N/A	N/A	227	-5	0	29	5	0	7.8M	FWS
Race Pond	GA	OKR	3,854	748	10	UNK	47	17	0	0	2	0	56K	FWS

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	27,386	0	65	UNK	200	-19	0	9	4	0	5.2M	FWS
Canyon	TX	TXS	16,802	430	80	UNK	161	0	2	17	1	6	NR	ST
* Scales Ranch Rd	TX	TXS	300	---	0	UNK	20	---	0	0	1	0	NR	ST
Tison	LA	SBR	5,968	0	100	---	0	-11	0	0	0	0	98K	FWS

SBR – Sabine NWR

### **Southwest (PL 4)**

New fires: 6  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 3  
Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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

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

**Arlene**, Coronado NF. 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	55,100	5,340	40	6/22	927	29	22	33	10	0	17.6M	FS
Miller	NM	GNF	87,878	649	70	8/31	482	7	13	1	10	4	9.6M	FS
Arlene	AZ	CNF	10,610	0	80	5/29	118	-117	3	7	0	0	1.2M	FS

### **Alaska Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 12  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 2

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

**Francis Creek**, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Two miles east of Healy, AK. Mixed hardwoods and brush. Minimal fire activity.

**Coal Creek**, Fairbanks Area, Alaska DOF. Eighteen miles northeast of Healy, AK. Black spruce and tundra. Active fire behavior. 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
East Volkmar	AK	DAS	1,800	600	2	6/15	92	40	4	0	2	0	630K	ST
Francis Creek	AK	FAS	2,000	200	80	UNK	14	-54	1	0	0	0	464K	ST
Coal Creek	AK	FAS	7,200	2,400	N/A	N/A	2	2	0	0	0	0	8K	ST
Moose Mountain	AK	FAS	861	0	100	---	351	-2	14	2	1	0	1.9M	ST

### **Southern California Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 20  
New large fires: 1  
Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Cove**, Sequoia NF. Five miles east of Lake Isabella, CA. Grass. Moderate fire activity with group tree torching. Numerous residences threatened.

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
* Cove	CA	SQF	1,316	---	25	5/31	472	---	13	40	1	0	NR	FS

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Critical fire weather conditions will persist across New Mexico, northern and eastern Arizona, parts of southern Colorado and west Texas. Developing trough on the West Coast will produce strong winds across the Southwest and scattered showers and thunderstorms over the Northwest, northern Great Basin and the Northern Rockies. A warm front will send showers and thunderstorms across the Upper Midwest to the central Plains while scattered showers dot the East Coast. In Alaska, ridge aloft will keep warm conditions over much of the interior.

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



Today's discussion is from the  
Entrapment Category.

## FIRE SHELTER DEPLOYMENT

Firefighters must never rely on fire shelters, but instead should depend on well-defined and pre-located escape routes and safety zones. However, if the need for shelter deployment should ever arise, it is imperative that the firefighter knows how to deploy and use the shelter.

- Don't think of your fire shelter as a tactical tool.
- Recognize when deployment is your only option. When considering escape, remember that you can hold your breath for only about 15 seconds while running through flames or superheated air.
- If time runs out while attempting to escape, get on the ground before the flame front arrives and finish deploying on the ground. Death is almost certain if the fire catches a person off the ground. (The optimal survival zone with or without a shelter is within a foot of the ground.) Once entrapped, the highest priority is to protect the lungs and airways.
- When deploying, remove packs and place them away from the deployment area.
- Even though deploying your shelter is a last resort, time is critical when entrapped. Play it safe; give yourself ample time to deploy. Failure to adequately anticipate the severity and timing of the burnover and failure to utilize the best location and proper deployment techniques contributed to the fatalities and injuries on the Thirty Mile incident. Don't let the cost of opening a shelter become a factor in your decision.
- Before passing through superheated gases, try to close the front of your shroud. You can take your shelter out of the plastic bag and use it for a heat shield to pass quickly through a hot area. If you use the shelter in this way, don't drop it or allow it to snag on brush. Remember that your lungs are still vulnerable.
- If flames contact the shelter, the glass/foil fabric heats up more rapidly. If flame contact is prolonged, spots of aluminum foil can melt or tear away, reducing protection. Even if this happens, it is still safer inside the shelter. Your flame-resistant clothing becomes your backup protection. It's even more critical to keep your nose pressed to the ground and stay in your shelter.
- Remember, direct contact with flames or hot gases is the biggest threat to your shelter. It is vital to deploy in a spot that offers the least chance of such contact. The heavier the fuels, the bigger your fuel break needs to be.
- Remember, once you commit yourself to the shelter, stay there. No matter how bad it gets inside, it is usually much worse outside. If you panic and leave the shelter, one breath of hot, toxic gases could damage your lungs. Suffocation may follow. Most firefighters were killed as a result of heat-damaged airways and lungs, not by external burns. Protect your airways and lungs at all costs by keeping your face close to the ground and staying in your shelter.

### References:

[Your Fire Shelter](#), Missoula Technology and Development Center

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		3	2	1	6		12
	ACRES		1,576	1,030	10	4,253		6,869
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		2			16	2	20
	ACRES		16			29	1	46
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					162	5	167
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					4	2	6
	ACRES					40	5,347	5,387
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					25		25
Southern Area	FIRES			1		60	5	66
	ACRES			125		537	55	717
TOTAL	FIRES	0	5	3	1	92	11	112
	ACRES	0	1,592	1,155	10	5,046	5,408	13,211

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		5	5	1	190	1	202
	ACRES		1,660	1,330	10	10,304	0	13,304
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	78			594	70	744
	ACRES	1	426			2,746	218	3,391
Northern Rockies	FIRES	87		4	1	39	17	148
	ACRES	261		49	6	237	22	575
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		31	1		26	2	60
	ACRES		24	26		193	5	248
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	38	2	7	8	1	57
	ACRES	10	33	12	0	99	0	154
Southwest	FIRES	381	108	7	10	437	193	1,136
	ACRES	5,282	62,811	181	112	390,697	217,909	676,992
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	159	14	18	2	196	54	443
	ACRES	2,956	24	3,391	2,269	135,154	21,603	165,397
Eastern Area	FIRES	335		20	12	2,592	164	3,123
	ACRES	353		2,577	70	23,487	14,026	40,513
Southern Area	FIRES	200		198	46	21,079	474	21,997
	ACRES	11,285		40,625	45,024	1,956,267	20,510	2,073,711
TOTAL	FIRES	1,166	279	258	82	25,180	1,003	27,968
	ACRES	20,148	64,987	48,191	49,567	2,519,227	274,297	2,976,417

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>30,309</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>1,211,932</b>

\*\*\* 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
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						11	11
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		0		0		2	2
	ACRES		2		42		276	320
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	0					1
	ACRES	5	480					485
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			293				293
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	2	0	0	3	6
	ACRES	5	482	293	42	0	287	1,109

### 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		99	149
	ACRES	52	381	18,196	131		3,306	22,066
Southern California	FIRES		7	10		1	60	78
	ACRES		580	1,963		10	1,388	3,941
Northern Rockies	FIRES	38	12	32	1	13	83	179
	ACRES	1,387	653	6,549	141	211	3,669	12,610
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	12	3	1	34	21	71
	ACRES	54	1,843	1,023	55	693	4,624	8,292
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	191,560	1,428	45		75,407	270,121
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		472	21	757	124	1,403
	ACRES	60,253		32,289	3,780	47,282	38,955	182,559
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	760	76	2,015	1,313	4,472
	ACRES	76,875	207,357	142,627	18,979	293,124	764,173	1,503,135

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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	0	103	367
Yukon Territory	0	0	5	42
Alberta	1	0	523	366,571
Northwest Territory	0	0	5	0
Saskatchewan	1	2	135	3,515
Manitoba	2	3	42	91
Ontario	4	0	152	1,451
Quebec	0	0	60	632
Newfoundland	0	0	16	66
New Brunswick	2	0	46	29
Nova Scotia	0	0	90	128
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	1
National Parks	0	4,700	12	16,450
Total	10	4,706	1,190	389,344

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.

**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***