

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Sunday, May 29, 2011 – 0530 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (139 new fires)
New large fires:	7(*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	16
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	5

Nationally, there are 4 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 3)

New fires:	45
New large fires:	4
Uncontained large fires:	8
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. Structures threatened.

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

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

* **HWY 2460**, Texas Forest Service. Seven miles east of Kirbyville, TX. Timber. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened.

* **Highland**, Texas Forest Service. Nineteen miles northeast of Big Lake, TX. Grass. Active fire behavior.

* **South Bend Estates**, Texas Forest Service. Five miles northwest of South Toledo Bend, TX. Timber. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

* **Stag Horn**, Florida Division of Forestry. Nineteen miles east of Kissimmee, FL. Southern rough. No further information received.

Scales Ranch Road, Texas Forest Service. Fifteen miles west of Huntsville, TX. 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
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	150,333	783	N/A	N/A	236	9	0	31	1	0	8.2M	FWS
Race Pond	GA	OKR	4,534	680	15	UNK	54	7	0	0	6	0	56K	FWS
Pains Bay	NC	ALR	27,386	0	70	UNK	206	6	0	10	4	0	5.7M	FWS
Canyon	TX	TXS	16,802	0	90	UNK	93	-68	2	7	1	6	NR	ST
* HWY 2460	TX	TXS	400	---	30	UNK	14	---	0	0	2	2	NR	ST
* Highland	TX	TXS	600	---	80	UNK	41	---	0	6	0	0	NR	ST
* South Bend Estates	TX	TXS	343	---	95	UNK	7	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
*Stag Horn	FL	FLS	1,500	---	50	UNK	5	---	0	1	0	0	NR	ST
Scales Ranch Rd	TX	TXS	322	22	95	UNK	9	-11	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

Southwest (PL 4)

New fires: 19
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 4
 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.

* **Bear**, Cimarron District, New Mexico State Forestry. Twenty miles northeast of Raton, NM. Timber and grass. Moderate fire activity with spotting. Residences threatened.

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Horseshoe 2	AZ	CNF	59,560	4,460	40	6/22	933	6	23	32	10	0	19M	FS
Miller	NM	GNF	88,205	327	75	8/31	417	-65	13	1	10	4	10.8M	FS
Arlene	AZ	CNF	10,610	0	90	5/29	118	0	3	7	0	0	1.2M	FS
* Bear	NM	N2S	100	---	20	6/04	98	---	4	4	1	0	100K	ST

Alaska Area (PL 2)

New fires: 9
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 3

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

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

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

* **Kitalitna**, Tanana Zone, Alaska BLM. Sixty-three miles northwest of Tanana, AK. Tundra. Moderate fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

* **Tiinkdhuul**, Upper Yukon Zone, Alaska FWS. Fifty miles east of Fort Yukon, AK. Mixed hardwoods and brush. Minimal fire activity.

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East Volkmar	AK	DAS	4,500	2,700	0	6/15	116	24	5	0	4	0	838K	ST
Coal Creek	AK	FAS	15,000	7,800	N/A	N/A	12	10	1	0	0	0	28K	ST
Francis Creek	AK	FAS	2,020	20	80	UNK	12	2	1	0	0	0	465K	ST
* Kitalitna	AK	TAD	2,100	---	N/A	N/A	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	BLM
* Tiinkdhuul	AK	UYD	575	---	60	5/30	18	---	1	0	0	0	NR	FWS

Southern California Area (PL 1)

New fires: 60
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Cove, Sequoia NF. Five miles east of Lake Isabella, CA. Grass. Moderate fire activity. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

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Cove	CA	SQF	1,122	-194	65	5/31	260	-212	8	20	1	0	540K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: Critical fire weather conditions associated with strong winds of 25 to 45 mph and low relative humidity below 15 percent will persist across much of eastern and southern New Mexico and west Texas. Strong low pressure system crossing the interior west will create windy conditions over much of the Southwest. A mix of scattered rain and snow showers with a few thunderstorms will move across the northern Rockies and the Great Basin. A warm front stretching from Colorado to western New York will trigger showers and thunderstorms across the mid-Mississippi Valley to the Great Lakes region and into New England. In Alaska, very warm temperatures and low relative humidity will produce critical fire weather conditions over the central and western Interior. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms will develop over the southwest and southern coastal regions and in the central interior.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.

BUILDING FIRELINE DOWNHILL WITH FIRE BELOW

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and down slope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
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- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2		7		9
	ACRES			1,237		3,059		4,296
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		49			14	3	66
	ACRES		515			5	1,129	1,649
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	7	1			5	6	19
	ACRES	1	5			156	4,461	4,623
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					0	3	3
	ACRES					15	0	15
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					2	0	2
Southern Area	FIRES					45		45
	ACRES					1,068		1,068
TOTAL	FIRES	7	50	2	0	74	13	146
	ACRES	1	520	1,237	0	4,305	5,590	11,653

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		5	7	1	197	1	211
	ACRES		1,660	2,567	10	13,363	0	17,600
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	79			608	73	762
	ACRES	1	427			2,751	2,656	5,835
Northern Rockies	FIRES	87		4	1	40	17	149
	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	388	109	7	10	442	199	1,155
	ACRES	5,283	62,816	181	112	390,853	222,370	681,615
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	159	14	18	2	196	59	448
	ACRES	2,956	24	3,391	2,269	135,169	21,603	165,412
Eastern Area	FIRES	335		20	12	2,598	167	3,132
	ACRES	353		2,577	70	23,490	14,026	40,516
Southern Area	FIRES	200		198	46	21,126	474	22,044
	ACRES	11,285		40,625	45,024	1,957,337	20,510	2,074,781
TOTAL	FIRES	1,173	281	260	82	25,260	1,020	28,076
	ACRES	20,149	64,993	49,428	49,567	2,523,535	281,196	2,988,868

Ten Year Average Fires	30,573
Ten Year Average Acres	1,239,900

*** 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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					6		6
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
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6

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		2	60	79
	ACRES		580	1,963		16	1,388	3,947
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	14	25	3	3		79	124
	ACRES	1,686	191,560	1,428	45		75,407	270,126
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	168	141	760	76	2,016	1,313	4,474
	ACRES	76,880	207,357	142,627	18,979	293,130	764,173	1,503,146

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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	4	24,212	527	390,783
Northwest Territory	0	0	5	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	135	3,515
Manitoba	0	0	42	91
Ontario	8	5	160	1,456
Quebec	3	12	63	644
Newfoundland	1	0	17	66
New Brunswick	1	0	47	30
Nova Scotia	0	0	90	128
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	1
National Parks	0	200	12	16,650
Total	17	24,430	1,207	413,774

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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