National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Monday, July 4, 2011 – 0530 MT National Preparedness Level 3

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (137 new fires) New large fires: 8 (*) Large fires contained: 6 Uncontained large fires: ** 17 Area Command Teams committed: 2 2 NIMOs committed: Type 1 IMTs committed: 4 7 Type 2 IMTs committed:

Nationally, there are 20 large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

Four MAFFS C-130 aircraft and support personnel, two each from the 145th Airlift Wing, North Carolina Air National Guard, Charlotte, NC, and the 302nd Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve, Colorado Springs, CO, are deployed to Albuquerque, NM. Col. Jay Pittman is the Air Expeditionary Group Commander.

Southwest (PL 5)

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NIMO (Gage) is assigned to the Coronado National Forest to provide strategic planning and large fire support. Area Command Team (Oltrogge) is assigned to manage the Las Conchas and Pacheco fires.

Las Conchas, Bernalillo District, New Mexico DOF. IMT 1 (Reinarz, Hughes and Morcom). Thirteen miles west of Los Alamos, NM. Timber and grass. Active fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations in effect. Precipitation was received in the fire area.

Donaldson, Capitan District, New Mexico DOF. IMT 2 (Pierson). Twenty-eight miles northwest of Roswell, NM. Grass. Active fire behavior.

Wallow, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. Area Command Team (Waterbury). Transfer of command from IMT 1 (Pincha-Tulley) to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Twenty-three miles southwest of Alpine, AZ. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Pacheco, Santa Fe NF. Nine miles north of Santa Fe, NM. Timber and slash. Monitor status. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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

Stanley, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Rapp) to the local unit will occur today. Twenty miles east of Globe, AZ. Juniper, brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

Monument, Coronado National Memorial, NPS. Three miles west of Sierra Vista, AZ. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

Little Lewis, Lincoln NF. Two miles southeast of Sacramento, NM. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity. Precipitation was received in the fire area.

Number 3, Mescalero Agency, BIA. Sixteen miles southwest of Hondo, NM. Brush and grass. Minimal fire activity.

* **Alamas,** Cimarron District, New Mexico DOF. Twenty-one miles south of Clayton, NM. Brush 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
Las Conchas	NM	N6S	121,248	7,514	19	UNK	2,164	169	56	78	18	100	9.1M	ST
Donaldson	NM	N5S	96,745	6,352	60	7/8	704	110	16	45	4	9	3M	ST
Wallow	AZ	ASF	538,049	0	95	UNK	579	-252	8	26	2	72	107.5M	FS
Pacheco	NM	SNF	10,250	0	55	UNK	78	-250	2	5	1	0	8.8M	FS
Stanley	AZ	SCA	8,435	421	80	7/10	213	-177	2	4	3	0	2.8M	BIA
Monument	AZ	COP	30,526	0	98	7/5	63	-63	3	4	1	84	20.2M	NPS
Little Lewis	NM	LNF	1,110	0	95	7/4	129	-21	4	3	0	0	1M	FS
Number 3	NM	MEA	966	0	85	UNK	6	0	0	1	0	0	14K	BIA
* Alamas	NM	N2S	410		80	7/4	17		0	7	0	0	30K	ST
* Salazar	NM	N4S	1,900		100		3		0	1	0	0	5K	ST
* Gallinas Cow Camp	NM	N4S	1,000		100		7		0	2	0	0	4K	ST
* Cox	NM	N4S	1,200		100		3		0	1	0	0	5K	ST

N4S - Las Vegas District, New Mexico DOF

Southern Area (PL 4)

New fires:14New large fires:3Uncontained large fires:6NIMOs committed:1Type 2 IMTs committed:5

NIMO (Houseman) and Texas IMT 2 (Hannemann) are managing existing and new fires located in Texas state initial attack zones.

Juniper Road, North Carolina DFR. North Carolina IMT 2 (Hildreth). Thirteen miles northeast of Rocky Point, NC. Brush. Minimal fire activity. Numerous residences threatened.

Honey Prairie, Okefenokee NWR. IMT 2 (Wilde). Five miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Southern rough. Moderate fire activity. Numerous residences threatened.

Sweat Farm Again, Georgia DOF. Northeast Compact IMT 2 (Schenk). IMT is also managing the Racepond fire. Twelve miles west of Waycross, GA. Southern rough. Minimal fire activity. Residences threatened.

Racepond, Georgia DOF. Twelve miles south of Hoboken, GA. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire activity. Structures threatened.

Espanola, Florida DOF. Florida IMT 2 (Brady). Seven miles northwest of Bunnell, FL. Southern rough. No new information. Last report unless new information is received.

Simmons Road, North Carolina DFR. Nine miles northeast of Tar Heel, NC. Brush. Moderate fire activity. Residences threatened.

- * **Grand Fue,** Sabine NWR. Twenty miles southwest of Lake Charles, LA. Grass. Active fire behavior. Last report unless significant activity occurs.
- * **Fishermans Paradise**, Texas Forest Service. Seven miles southwest of Rio Vista, TX. Brush. No further information received.
- * **Hornet**, South Carolina Forestry Commission. Four miles north of Myrtle Beach, NC. Southern rough. Minimal 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
Juniper Road	NC	NCS	30,656	0	68	UNK	160	-4	0	27	3	0	1.9M	ST
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	288,693	871	N/A	N/A	585	41	1	77	7	1	32.1M	FWS
Sweat Farm Again	GA	GAS	19,169	0	75	UNK	115	1	0	15	0	13	2.2M	ST
Racepond	GA	GAS	20,934	0	75	UNK	79	14	0	20	0	0	4.1M	ST
Espanola	FL	FLS	5,136		75	UNK	70		0	30	0	0	NR	ST
Simmons Road	NC	NCS	2,300	654	40	9/1	72	6	0	8	2	16	428K	ST
* Grand Fue	LA	SBR	1,000		N/A	N/A	3		0	1	0	0	10K	FWS
* Fishermans Paradise	TX	TXS	750		0	UNK	31		0	3	0	0	NR	ST
* Hornet	SC	SCS	300		N/A	N/A	37		0	7	0	0	9K	ST
Impassable Bay Complex	FL	FNF	12,130	0	100		138	-17	0	14	2	2	4.2M	FS
Catfish Pond	TX	TXS	174	74	100		0	-6	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

FNF – National Forests in Florida

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 8
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Duckett, Pike and San Isabel NF. Eight miles northwest of Westcliffe, CO. 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
Duckett	СО	PSF	4,630	20	80	8/1	130	0	4	5	3	0	5.9M	FS

Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)

New fires: 8
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Nixon, Winnemucca District, BLM. Three miles east of Nixon, NV. Brush and grass. Moderate fire activity. 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
Nixon	NV	WID	11,154	8,154	65	7/4	228	58	6	11	2	0	800K	BLM

Northern California Area (PL 1)

New fires: 6
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 0

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
* Spanish	CA	HUU	498		100		41		2	0	0	0	55K	ST

HUU - Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, Cal Fire

Predictive Services Discussion: Scattered thunderstorms will develop over the southwest from Arizona and New Mexico to Utah, southern Nevada and southern California. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will increase over the Southeast from the mid-Atlantic states to the lower Mississippi Valley. A cold front moving through the northern Plains will produce showers over the Dakota's and Minnesota. Hot conditions will continue across the southern half of the country.

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



Today's discussion is from "This Day in History"

"Lessons Learned" serve as brief summaries of powerful learning opportunities. You can use these summaries as a foundation and launch point for further dialogue and discussion. Apply these lessons learned to yourself, your crew, and your unit.

Part II - South Canyon Fire, Colorado, 1994 (A Four-Part Series)

Incident Summary: On July 2, 1994, seven miles west of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, lightning ignites a Bureau of Land Management fire in piñon-pine and juniper on a ridge at the base of Storm King Mountain. The fire, paralleled by two deep canyons, is initially believed to have "little chance" to spread. The past two days, lightning has started 40 new fires on this BLM District. The entire general area, in a one-year drought, is experiencing low humidities and record-high temperatures. Over the next two days, the South Canyon Fire increases in size. Visible from Interstate 70 and nearby residential areas, the public becomes concerned. Some initial attack resources are assigned. Between July 3-6, the fire grows to approximately 2,000 acres. On July 6, a dry cold front moves into the fire area. As winds and fire activity increases, the fire makes several 100-foot flame-length rapid runs within the existing burn—in dense, highly flammable Gambel oak. Fourteen firefighters perish as they try to outrun the flames. The remaining 35 firefighters survive either by escaping down a deep drainage or by seeking a safety area and deploying their fire shelters.

July 4 - Summary of Activities

Today this BLM District has five new fire starts. Two exceed 100 acres. In addition, 31 existing fires remain uncontrolled.

Across the district, fire danger continues to be high to extreme. More lightning is forecast for this evening. Red flag warnings have been issued.

For this area's current intense, multiple fire load, radio communication is inadequate. It is recognized that this could pose a problem for the safe and effective use of aircraft.

Due to concerns voiced from Glenwood Springs residents, the South Canyon Fire—burning up on Storm King Mountain—receives a higher priority for receiving firefighting resources.

At 6:30 p.m. an Incident Commander, BLM engine crew, and Forest Service firefighters meet at the bottom of the mountain down beneath the fire.

Due to the approaching darkness and steep terrain, the decision is made to hike up to attack the fire the next morning.

Later that evening, an aerial observer reports: The fire is in steep and inaccessible terrain. It is actively burning in all directions. The area is too steep for crews. It has few, if any, escape routes. Helicopters with buckets would be very effective.

From noon to 10 p.m. the fire grows from 3 to 11 acres.

Lessons Learned Discussion Points

If your fire crew was assigned to hike up to the fire on Storm King Mountain, how would you:

- Address the inadequate radio communications for ground and aviation resources.
- Appropriately mitigate an unacceptable level of risk. (Reference page 1 in your IRPG for this discussion.)
- Determine when and how to refuse risk. (Reference pages 17-18 in your IRPG for this discussion.)

What would you be thinking about as a Crew Boss, Squad Boss, or Firefighter?

Resources:

South Canyon Fire Investigation. 1994. http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S Canyon AIReport 1994.pdf Incident Response Pocket Guide

"This Day in History" is a collaborative project between 6 Minutes for Safety" and the Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIRES							0
Alaska	ACRES	-						0
	FIRES	1				6	3	10
Northwest	ACRES	- - 1				3	1	5
	FIRES		1			4	1	6
Northern California	ACRES		0			13	0	13
On the second California	FIRES	1				30	3	34
Southern California	ACRES	0				53	0	53
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1	1	5	7
Northern Rockies	ACRES				0	0	3	3
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		6		1	2	4	13
Eastern Great Basin	ACRES		57		0	49	0	106
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6				2	8
western Great Basin	ACRES		10,246				15	10,261
Southwest	FIRES	7	ĺ		2	6	18	33
Southwest	ACRES	6			0	4,926	111	5,043
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	ĺ			3	3	8
Nocky Wouldan	ACRES	0				0	31	31
Eastern Area	FIRES		ĺ			4		4
Eastern Area	ACRES					1		1
Carrella and Anna	FIRES					14	0	14
Southern Area	ACRES					35	113	148
TOTAL	FIRES	11	13	0	4	70	39	137
TOTAL	ACRES	7	10,303	0	0	5,080	274	15,664

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		17	12	2	329	2	362
Alaska	ACRES		40,620	34,376	1,244	186,382	1	262,623
Northwest	FIRES	22	30		5	65	56	178
Northwest	ACRES	15	98		4	91	36	244
Northern California	FIRES	3	4	3	4	1	51	66
Trontinom Gamornia	ACRES	1	0	0	2,076	0	1,808	3,885
Southern California	FIRES	10	159	3	3	1,392	121	1,688
	ACRES	78	1,887	1	222	13,356	1,652	17,196
Northern Rockies	FIRES	115		4	3	55	31	208
Troition resolics	ACRES	308		49	6	244	27	634
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	7	104	1	6	122	34	274
Zaotom Groat Baom	ACRES	1,793	2,122	26	6	1,023	78	5,048
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	87	2	9	31	3	135
	ACRES	10	13,171	12	0	521	0	13,714
Southwest	FIRES	569	174	10	18	654	418	1,843
	ACRES	17,844	94,408	181	8,480	486,350	1,152,644	1,759,907
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	204	116	21	8	308	149	806
	ACRES	3,010	56	3,422	2,269	225,825	24,686	259,268
Eastern Area	FIRES	335		24	14	3,037	190	3,600
Edolom / liod	ACRES	353		2,611	71	24,834	14,074	41,943
Southern Area	FIRES	564		218	54	26,684	646	28,166
	ACRES	104,431		67,064	45,052	2,268,586	27,152	2,512,285
TOTAL	FIRES	1,832	691	298	126	32,678	1,701	37,326
	ACRES	127,843	152,362	107,742	59,430	3,207,212	1,222,158	4,876,747

Ten Year Average Fires	40,933
Ten Year Average Acres	2,570,918

^{***} 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
Alaska	ACRES							0
Nigoti - at	FIRES							0
Northwest	ACRES							0
Nigoth and Oaliforni's	FIRES			1				1
Northern California	ACRES			10				10
Courth are California	FIRES							0
Southern California	ACRES	_						0
North and Darling	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
Doolay Mountain	FIRES	0						0
Rocky Mountain	ACRES	1						1
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
Eastern Area	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
Southern Area	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	ACRES	1	0	10	0	0	0	11

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaaka	FIRES			1		11		12
Alaska	ACRES			20		5,715		5,735
	FIRES	8	39	6	2		97	152
Northwest	ACRES	5,268	6,643	450	43		5,119	17,523
	FIRES	15	16	13	21		127	192
Northern California	ACRES	61	655	19,165	141		4,767	24,789
	FIRES		8	10	2	10	72	102
Southern California	ACRES	_	755	1,963	75	1,178	1,703	5,674
	FIRES	40	13	35	1	13	92	194
Northern Rockies	ACRES	1,477	853	7,225	141	211	4,243	14,150
F . O . D .	FIRES	0	16	3	1	33	25	78
Eastern Great Basin	ACRES	54	2,218	1,023	55	698	5,610	9,658
NV 1 0 1 1	FIRES		4	1		2	9	16
Western Great Basin	ACRES		121	550		64	296	1,031
Cauthurat	FIRES	19	25	3	3		77	127
Southwest	ACRES	1,728	191,660	1,428	45		73,027	267,888
Daalii Marriataia	FIRES	41	32	89	17	45	120	344
Rocky Mountain	ACRES	4,678	5,407	14,174	4,703	7,932	30,087	66,981
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Eastern Area	ACRES	60,253		42,664	3,780	49,086	39,264	195,047
On the Area	FIRES	39		134	17	1,270	593	2,053
Southern Area	ACRES	7,632		65,547	10,168	246,126	529,333	858,806
TOTAL	FIRES	191	153	633	85	2,216	1,339	4,617
TOTAL	ACRES	81,151	208,312	154,209	19,151	311,010	693,449	1,467,282

^{***} Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

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	179	11,475
Yukon Territory	0	0	41	38,146
Alberta	6	339	661	811,734
Northwest Territory	0	0	92	266,177
Saskatchewan	2	6,904	232	163,695
Manitoba	7	1,003	100	49,758
Ontario	4	1,262	301	82,575
Quebec	2	0	144	5,228
Newfoundland	0	0	22	69
New Brunswick	2	1	57	37
Nova Scotia	0	0	98	129
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	1
National Parks	0	0	23	62,115
Total	23	9,508	1,951	1,491,137

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 **