

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, July 6, 2011 – 0530 MT  
National Preparedness Level 3**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	Heavy (321 new fires)
New large fires:	6 (*)
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires: **	19
Area Command Teams committed:	1
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	6

Nationally, there are 18 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.

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)**

New fires:	25
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	5
Area Command Teams committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

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.

**Donaldson**, Capitan District, New Mexico DOF. Transfer from IMT 2 (Pierson) back to local unit will occur today. Twenty-eight miles northwest of Roswell, NM. Grass. Moderate fire activity.

**Wallow**, Apache-Sitgreaves NF. 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. Minimal fire activity.

**Stanley**, San Carlos Agency, BIA. Twenty miles east of Globe, AZ. Juniper, brush and grass. Moderate 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	127,821	4,258	30	UNK	2,557	361	62	91	20	95	15.6M	ST
Donaldson	NM	N5S	101,513	682	90	7/8	597	-104	13	36	6	9	4.4M	ST
Wallow	AZ	ASF	538,049	0	95	UNK	478	0	7	19	2	72	108.7M	FS
Pacheco	NM	SNF	10,250	0	60	UNK	46	-32	1	3	1	0	8.9M	FS
Stanley	AZ	SCA	8,832	50	80	UNK	70	-9	2	0	1	0	2.8M	BIA
Monument	AZ	COP	30,526	0	100	---	56	-3	2	0	1	84	2.3M	NPS
Little Lewis	NM	LNF	1,110	0	100	---	82	0	3	2	0	0	1.1M	FS

COP – Coronado National Memorial      LNF – Lincoln National Forest

### **Southern Area (PL 4)**

New fires: 88  
New large fires: 4  
Uncontained large fires: 11  
NIMOs committed: 1  
Type 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. Active fire behavior. 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. Transfer of command from Florida IMT 2 (Brady) to the local unit occurred yesterday. Seven miles northwest of Bunnell, FL. Southern rough. No further information received.

**Simmons Road**, North Carolina DFR. Nine miles northeast of Tar Heel, NC. Brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

**Brite Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Thirty miles west of Marfa, TX. Grass. No further information received.

**CR 337**, Texas Forest Service. Five miles northwest of Mineral Wells, TX. Brush. Active fire behavior. Residences threatened. Evacuations in effect.

\* **Strung Out**, Oklahoma DOF. Sixteen miles northwest of Tahlequah, OK. Timber. No further information received.

**Burnett**, Texas Forest Service. Twelve miles northeast of Benjamin, TX. Brush. No further information received.

**Ward Ranch**, Texas Forest Service. Eighteen miles south of Sonora, TX. Brush. No further information received.

\* **Athant Branch**, Arkansas Forestry Commission. Seven miles east of Calion, AR. 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
Juniper Road	NC	NCS	31,020	-1	68	UNK	149	-3	0	25	2	0	2.1M	ST
Honey Prairie	GA	OKR	290,972	921	N/A	N/A	595	16	1	100	8	1	33.2M	FWS
Sweat Farm Again	GA	GAS	19,169	0	75	UNK	96	-11	0	15	0	13	2.4M	ST
Racepond	GA	GAS	20,934	0	75	UNK	76	5	0	19	0	0	4.3M	ST
Espanola	FL	FLS	5,136	0	75	UNK	70	0	0	30	0	0	NR	ST
Simmons Road	NC	NCS	5,400	250	50	9/1	88	10	0	8	3	19	800K	ST
Brite Ranch	TX	TXS	1,050	550	65	UNK	69	36	0	10	0	0	NR	ST
CR 337	TX	TXS	1,200	800	40	UNK	119	38	2	10	4	2	NR	ST
* Strung Out	OK	OKS	340	---	70	7/6	3	---	0	1	0	0	8K	ST
Burnett	TX	TXS	1,300	1000	40	UNK	107	38	2	11	4	0	NR	ST
Ward Ranch	TX	TXS	593	293	50	UNK	39	5	0	6	0	0	NR	ST
* Athant Branch	AR	ARS	150	---	90	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
* Eubanks	OK	OKS	300	---	100	---	12	---	0	6	0	0	6K	ST
* Green	AR	ARS	163	---	100	---	12	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 16  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Duckett**, Pike and San Isabel NF. Eight miles northwest of Westcliffe, CO. Timber and grass. Minimal fire activity.

**Mason**, Pike and San Isabel NF. Twenty-two miles west of Pueblo, CO. Timber and brush. Moderate 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	CO	PSF	4,650	10	80	8/1	115	-1	4	3	3	0	6.2M	FS
Mason	CO	PSF	154	24	80	7/6	87	-72	4	2	1	0	282K	FS

**Western Great Basin Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 13  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Weston**, Southern Nevada District, BLM. Twenty-five miles northwest of Mercury, NV. Brush and grass. 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
* Weston	NV	SND	700	---	5	7/8	55	---	1	7	1	0	25K	BLM

**Northern California Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 38  
 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
* Chrisman	CA	SCU	400	---	100	---	179	---	2	27	3	0	200K	ST

SCU – Santa Clara Unit, CDF

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Scattered thunderstorms will develop across Arizona, southern Nevada, Utah and Colorado. Showers and thunderstorms will develop along a front from Kansas and Nebraska through the Ohio Valley to New England. Afternoon thunderstorms will once again occur over the Southeast and mid-Atlantic states.

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 IV - South Canyon Fire, Colorado, 1994 (Last of a Four-Part Series)

**Incident Summary:** On July 2, 1994, seven miles west of Glenwood Springs, Colo., lightning ignites a fire in piñon-pine and juniper on a ridge at the base of Storm King Mountain. 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. Initial attack resources are assigned. Four days later, on July 6, a dry cold front moves into the fire area. As winds and fire activity increases, the fire makes several rapid runs. Fourteen firefighters perish as they try to outrun the flames.

### July 6 – Summary of Activities

A total of 36 fires are now burning on this BLM District. During the night, due to the hazards of rolling rocks, the smokejumpers abandon their line construction on the South Canyon Fire up on Storm King Mountain. The fire continues to flare-up throughout the night. A cold front pushing 30-35 mph winds is predicted to occur by 3 p.m. today. A red flag warning has been issued for these frontal winds.

4:30 a.m.: The 11 firefighters from yesterday return and begin their almost 4-hour hike up the east drainage to the fire—where they clear Helispot 2.

8:45 a.m.: The day's tactical plan calls for improving the fireline on the ridge between helispots 1 and 2. The jumpers and a newly ordered hotshot crew will construct hand line along the fire's edge on its western flank.

9:30 a.m.: The IC and Jumper-in-Charge take a helicopter recon flight. The Jumper-in-Charge and a jumper on ground discuss lack of safety areas on the fire. It is decided to continue with the original suppression plan. At 10:30 a.m., 8 more smoke jumpers land at the fire. They are assigned to reinforce line building on the west flank. By 11 a.m., the hotshot crew arrives at the helibase to be shuttled up to the fire.

12 p.m.: Winds increase—with gusts up to 30 mph.  
12:30 p.m.: The hotshot crew Superintendent and 9 of his crew arrive at Helispot 2. The IC, Jumper-in-Charge, and hotshot Superintendent agree to send these 9 hotshots down the west flank to reinforce the jumpers.

1 p.m.: A flare-up on the west flank forces some of the jumpers to retreat up the fireline toward the top of the ridge. They discuss safety concerns about building this fireline. After a helicopter water drop, they move back down the hill and continue building fireline.

3 p.m.: The remaining 10 hotshots arrive at Helispot 2 to widen hand line and put out spot fires along the ridge. 20 minutes later, the predicted cold front moves into the area. Strong winds immediately increase the fire activity. Within 45 minutes, water drops are no longer effective. The fire makes rapid runs with 100-foot flame lengths. In response, firefighters start walking back up the fireline.

4 p.m.: The fire blows up. It crosses the drainage and runs up the ridge. A spot fire is observed on the east side of the drainage below a retreating crew. 40 mph winds push the blow-up to the ridge in 2 minutes.

Fourteen firefighters who try to outrun the flames perish: *Kathi Beck, Tami Bickett, Scott Blecha, Levi Brinkley, Robert Browning, Doug Dunbar, Terri Hagen, Bonnie Holtby, Rob Johnson, Jon Kelso, Don Mackey, Roger Roth, James Thrash, and Richard Tyler.*

### Lessons Learned Discussion Points

A primary objective of every operational fire plan is to keep firefighters out of entrapment situations.

- Discuss how the basics of LCES can help prevent getting into an entrapment situation. (Reference page 6 in your IRPG for this discussion.)
- One recommendation from the South Canyon fire review was that every firefighter should carry a radio. Discuss how radios can be used to increase situational awareness.
- Explain why experience alone isn't enough to protect you in an entrapment situation such as the one that took firefighters' lives on the South Canyon Fire.
- What are some tell-tale signs that your work environment is becoming increasingly hazardous?

Resources:

[South Canyon Fire Investigation. 1994. http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S\\_Canyon\\_AIReport\\_1994.pdf](http://wildfirelessons.net/documents/S_Canyon_AIReport_1994.pdf)  
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					5		5
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES	11			1	4	6	22
	ACRES	2			0	6	7	15
Northern California	FIRES	7				30	1	38
	ACRES	1				13	0	14
Southern California	FIRES		13		1	66	2	82
	ACRES		0		0	93	0	93
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11				4	2	17
	ACRES	2				0	0	2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			5	1	7
	ACRES		2			20	0	22
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9			3	1	13
	ACRES		1			700	0	701
Southwest	FIRES	4			1	1	19	25
	ACRES	0			9	0	7	16
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	4		1	7	2	16
	ACRES	1	0		0	2	24	27
Eastern Area	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES				6	76	6	88
	ACRES				10,523	610	38	11,171
TOTAL	FIRES	35	27	0	10	209	40	321
	ACRES	6	3	0	10,532	1,446	76	12,063

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		17	12	2	334	2	367
	ACRES		40,620	34,376	1,244	186,382	1	262,623
Northwest	FIRES	35	31	3	6	69	67	211
	ACRES	18	113	35	4	97	64	331
Northern California	FIRES	10	4	3	4	1	52	74
	ACRES	2	0	0	2,076	0	1,808	3,886
Southern California	FIRES	14	172	3	4	1,488	124	1,805
	ACRES	82	1,887	1	222	13,643	1,653	17,488
Northern Rockies	FIRES	148		4	3	65	35	255
	ACRES	315		49	6	377	28	775
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	7	119	1	6	141	38	312
	ACRES	1,793	2,248	26	6	1,299	78	5,450
Western Great Basin	FIRES	3	95	2	9	35	3	147
	ACRES	10	7,719	12	0	6,015	0	13,756
Southwest	FIRES	583	187	10	20	662	459	1,921
	ACRES	24,266	95,785	181	8,489	486,364	1,152,755	1,767,840
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	216	130	21	9	322	155	853
	ACRES	3,013	123	3,422	2,269	225,846	24,810	259,483
Eastern Area	FIRES	335		24	14	3,056	190	3,619
	ACRES	353		2,611	71	24,838	14,074	41,947
Southern Area	FIRES	564		218	62	26,787	658	28,289
	ACRES	104,431		67,064	55,653	2,269,410	27,279	2,523,837
TOTAL	FIRES	1,915	755	301	139	32,960	1,783	37,853
	ACRES	134,283	148,495	107,777	70,040	3,214,271	1,222,550	4,897,416

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>41,788</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>2,410,040</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						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
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
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	1					1	2
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	0	2	3



### 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	8	39	6	2		111	166
	ACRES	5,268	6,643	450	43		6,730	19,134
Northern California	FIRES	15	16	13	21		127	192
	ACRES	61	655	19,165	141		4,767	24,789
Southern California	FIRES		8	10	2	10	72	102
	ACRES		755	1,963	75	1,178	1,703	5,674
Northern Rockies	FIRES	40	13	35	1	13	92	194
	ACRES	1,477	853	7,225	141	211	4,243	14,150
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	14	3	1	33	25	76
	ACRES	54	1,938	1,023	55	698	5,610	9,378
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	1		2	9	16
	ACRES		121	550		64	296	1,031
Southwest	FIRES	19	25	3	3		77	127
	ACRES	1,728	191,660	1,428	45		73,027	267,888
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	41	32	89	17	45	120	344
	ACRES	4,678	5,407	14,174	4,703	7,932	30,087	66,981
Eastern Area	FIRES	29		338	21	832	127	1,347
	ACRES	60,253		42,664	3,780	49,086	39,264	195,047
Southern Area	FIRES	40		134	17	1,270	594	2,055
	ACRES	7,633		65,547	10,168	246,126	529,334	858,808
TOTAL	FIRES	192	151	633	85	2,216	1,354	4,631
	ACRES	81,152	208,032	154,209	19,151	311,010	695,061	1,468,615

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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	5	1	199	11,481
Yukon Territory	0	0	41	38,146
Alberta	16	25,040	735	925,543
Northwest Territory	0	0	92	265,876
Saskatchewan	1	99,368	236	279,237
Manitoba	10	8	119	50,786
Ontario	20	3,305	332	96,963
Quebec	1	1	146	5,229
Newfoundland	1	0	23	69
New Brunswick	0	0	58	37
Nova Scotia	0	0	98	129
Prince Edward Island	0	0	1	1
National Parks	0	0	23	62,115
Total	54	127,722	2,103	1,735,611

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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