

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, May 21, 2020 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity:**

Initial attack activity:	Light (92 new fires)
New large incidents:	1
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires:***	9
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

Nationally, there is 1 large fire being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

[Link](#) to Understanding the IMSR.

This report will be posted Monday – Friday at 0800 Mountain time unless significant activity occurs.

NIMO (Houseman) has been assigned to COVID-19 support at Forest Service headquarters in Washington D.C.

<b>Active Incident Resource Summary</b>						
<b>GACC</b>	<b>Incidents</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	5	41,541	1	11	3	91
SWCC	2	1,926	7	14	3	264
RMCC	1	2,175	0	2	0	7
EACC	1	2,107	0	6	1	45
SACC	15	42,095	3	28	5	310
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>89,844</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>717</b>

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 11  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

**36<sup>th</sup> Ave SE**, Florida Forest Service. IMT 2 (FL Forest Service Green Team). Eight miles east of Naples, FL. Southern rough, timber and brush. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Structures threatened.

**Moonfish**, Big Cypress National Preserve, NPS. Thirty-two miles southwest of Doral, FL. Hardwood litter and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

**Musset Bayou**, Florida Forest Service. Eight miles east of Destin, FL. Southern rough. Minimal fire behavior.

**Winterhill Road**, Florida Forest Service. One mile northeast of Vicksburg, FL. Southern rough and light logging slash. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
36 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE	FL-FLS	8,250	0	90	Ctn	5/31	104	-18	0	6	1	45	1.1M	ST
Moonfish	FL-BCP	25,834	0	80	Ctn	5/31	85	3	1	4	3	3	1.9M	NPS
Musset Bayou	FL-FLS	343	0	95	Ctn	UNK	0	-36	0	0	0	34	358K	ST
Winterhill Road	FL-FLS	122	0	97	Ctn	UNK	14	-15	0	0	0	0	75K	ST
High Hill	FL-FNF	538	0	100	Ctn	---	13	4	0	3	0	0	800K	FS

FNF – National Forests in Florida, USFS

**Great Basin Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 6  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Anderson Junction**, Southwest Area, Utah DNR. One mile northwest of Toquerville, UT. Brush and short grass. Moderate fire behavior with creeping. Structures threatened.

**Taft**, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, USFS. Twenty-two miles northeast of Ely, NV. Brush and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Anderson Junction	UT-SWS	786	0	30	Ctn	UNK	53	0	1	8	0	3	150K	ST
Taft	NV-HTF	1,118	0	90	Ctn	5/26	8	-70	0	0	0	0	733K	FS
Saddle	UT-NES	683	0	100	Ctn	---	1	-9	0	0	0	0	500K	ST
Basin	AZ-ASD	38,804	0	100	Ctn	---	4	0	0	1	0	0	2.8M	BLM

NES – Northeast Area, Utah DNR ASD – Arizona Strip Field Office, BLM

**Southwest Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 14  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**East Desert**, Central District, Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. Ten miles east of Anthem, AZ. Brush and tall grass. No new information.

\* **Craig Hill**, Capitan District, New Mexico State Forestry Division. Five miles southwest of Floyd, NM. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
East Desert	AZ-A4S	1,492	---	70	Ctn	UNK	220	---	6	12	3	0	700K	ST
* Craig Hill	NM-N5S	400	---	0	Ctn	UNK	0	---	0	0	0	0	15K	ST

**Eastern Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 26  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Big Timber**, New Jersey Forest Fire Service. Four miles southeast of Williamstown, NJ. Closed timber litter. Active fire behavior.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Big Timber	NJ-NJS	2,107	1,357	95	Ctn	UNK	45	20	0	6	1	0	8K	ST

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 12  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Large Fires Being Managed With a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
PCMS Complex	CO-FCQ	2,175	0	10	Comp	5/21	7	-16	0	2	0	0	1K	DOD

FCQ – Fort Carson Army Base

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	15	0	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	3	0	6
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	150	0	152
Southwest Area	FIRES	8	0	0	0	3	3	14
	ACRES	5	0	0	0	417	1	423
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	1	1	0	0	4	6	12
	ACRES	15	0	0	0	19	1	35
Eastern Area	FIRES	2	0	0	0	24	0	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	18	0	18
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	63	0	63
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>695</b>

**Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	71	9	<b>83</b>
	ACRES	0	1	0	0	214	15	<b>230</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	48	21	2	0	303	50	<b>424</b>
	ACRES	401	1,125	1,002	0	512	32	<b>3,073</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	6	0	0	654	64	<b>726</b>
	ACRES	1	66	0	0	906	406	<b>1,380</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	2	27	1	0	739	77	<b>846</b>
	ACRES	2	33	0	0	954	164	<b>1,153</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	378	2	1	0	176	50	<b>607</b>
	ACRES	2,562	3	172	0	8,665	350	<b>11,752</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	12	104	10	6	199	28	<b>359</b>
	ACRES	40	41,293	0	42	2,184	906	<b>44,466</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	181	70	2	6	171	266	<b>696</b>
	ACRES	667	293	24	2	6,399	1,438	<b>8,824</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	109	29	4	0	208	53	<b>403</b>
	ACRES	700	171	362	0	30,707	1,270	<b>33,210</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	288	0	30	1	4,345	251	<b>4,915</b>
	ACRES	278	0	1,486	1	14,508	1,461	<b>17,734</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	194	86	15	24	7,051	253	<b>7,623</b>
	ACRES	17,788	404	3,125	3,007	181,436	21,756	<b>227,517</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>1,214</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13,917</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>16,682</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>22,440</b>	<b>43,390</b>	<b>6,171</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>246,488</b>	<b>27,801</b>	<b>349,344</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)</b>	<b>20,792</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)</b>	<b>1,025,949</b>

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.  
 \*\*\*Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <https://gacc.nifc.gov/>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	47	0	0	0	166	213
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	176	0	176
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,805	0	1,805
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>2,018</b>

\*\*\*Prescribed fire acres are for reference only and may not reflect the most up-to-date information.

\*\*\*Official prescribed fire accomplishment reporting occurs through agency specific systems of record.

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Cooler than average conditions will continue across the Northwest as an approaching low pressure area from the Gulf of Alaska merges with the departing, weakening one over the Northern Rockies. Showers will continue over the mountains, but lower elevations will begin to see some drying. A dry westerly flow over California and a majority of the Great Basin will keep conditions dry with a slightly breezy on-shore flow along the coast. Scattered thunderstorms will be possible across the Great Plains as a weak front moves east. Temperatures will begin to moderate across the Southeast as the low pressure area over region weakens. Shower activity across most of Florida will end as it moves northward through the Carolinas. The Interior of Alaska will remain warm and dry under a weak high pressure ridge. The ridge will keep the shower activity focused over southwestern Alaska.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



## Common Denominators Of Fire Behavior On Tragedy Fires

*Weather / Fire Behavior Category*

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed result in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mop-up stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

### Discussion Points

- Talk about some instances in which you have been in any of the above situations or experienced any of the overly common denominators.
- Discuss the frequency of the above situations on a fire, speak about complacency towards the end of a shift/fire season. Come up with examples of ways to combat and/or deal with situations in which you are involved in a common denominator situation.

### Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide, PMS 461](#)  
[Interagency Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Operations](#)  
[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210](#)  
[Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)

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