

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2002- 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate in the Southwest Area and light elsewhere. Four new large fires were reported, three in the Southwest Area and one in the Southern Area. Two large fires were contained in the Rocky Mountain Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

SCHOONOVER, Pike-San Isabel National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Hart) is assigned. This fire is burning three miles southwest of Deckers, CO in ponderosa pine, Douglas fir and grass. A 2500 acre run occurred after 1200 MDT yesterday with spotting observed 3/4 mile ahead of the front. The fire has crossed Highway 67 south of Deckers and burned across a major power line. Steep terrain, difficult access and record low fuel moisture are hampering containment efforts. Four hundred twenty structures are threatened and one residence was lost.

BUCKTAIL COMPLEX, Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Sisk) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Bucktail, 47, Dry Park and Horsefly fires, is five miles northeast of Nucla, CO. The fires are burning in ponderosa and pinon pine, juniper, sagebrush and oakbrush on the Uncompahgre Plateau. Inaccessibility and extremely rugged terrain are hampering containment efforts. Crews have completed control lines and fuels mitigation for a cabin that is threatened by the 47 fire. Personnel made good progress on the Bucktail Fire.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SCHOONOVER	CO	PSF	4,000	0	UNK	425	15	6	0	1	NR
BUCKTAIL COMPLEX	CO	GMF	3,320	15	5/27	248	8	10	1	0	150k
COW CAMP	CO	SUA	340	100	---	231	8	5	3	0	360K
DEEP CANYON	CO	RGD	100	100	—	65	3	4	0	0	NR

SUA = Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency

RGD = Bureau of Land Management, Royal Gorge Field Office

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

BULLOCK, Coronado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is burning 15 miles northeast of Tucson, AZ in grass, oak woodland and chaparral. Extreme fire behavior with rapid rates of spread were observed. Crews are flanking with direct attack handline and burn out operations as the fire burns northwest toward Mount Lemmon. Seven hundred fifteen structures are threatened, including a ski recreation area. The Pima County

Sheriff's Office has initiated a pre-notification of contingency evacuation orders and the Catalina Highway is closed.

BORREGO, Santa Fe National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Bateman) will assume command this morning. The fire is burning in pinyon and ponderosa pine three miles east of Cundyio, NM. Crowning and long range spotting were observed.

LEFT FORK, New Mexico State Forestry Office, Cimmaron District. This fire, burning in mixed conifer forest, is 32 miles west of Raton, NM. Extreme fire behavior driven by high winds and low relative humidity was observed. The fire spotted across containment lines several times. Drought conditions, high winds, low relative humidity and low fuel moisture are hampering containment efforts.

TRAM, Coconino National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Waldrip) is assigned. This fire, burning in pine and mixed conifer forest, is six miles west of Clints Well, AZ. Crews have completed handline in the canyon bottom and are mopping up.

WEIMER, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is burning 15 miles northwest of Heber, AZ in ponderosa pine stands. Crews constructed handline and successfully completed burn out operations.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BULLOCK	AZ	CNF	6,819	25	UNK	430	16	1	4	0	85K
BORREGO	NM	SNF	350	0	UNK	85	4	0	1	0	NR
LEFT FORK	NM	N2S	570	45	5/24	80	2	9	1	0	128K
TRAM	AZ	COF	190	90	5/23	219	6	7	1	0	789K
WEIMER	AZ	ASF	320	85	UNK	49	2	0	0	0	95K

SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BLACKJACK BAY COMPLEX, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. A Unified Command has been established between an interagency Fire Use Management Team (Adams), the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Florida Division of Forestry. This lightning caused complex, consisting of the Blackjack 02, Bay Creek and Number One Island fires, is ten miles northeast of Fargo, GA. Personnel continue to monitor the complex and maintain roads in the area. No significant fire activity occurred.

SIMMONDS POND, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is four miles north of Fort McCoy, FL. The fire is burning on Ocala Lumber Company land with swamp both to the north and south. Burn out operations were successful and additional firelines are in place for further burn out operations if the need arises.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BLACKJACK BAY COMPLEX	GA	OKR	95,741	0	UNK	181	0	8	4	0	2.7M
SIMMONS POND	FL	FLS	350	75	UNK	9	0	0	0	0	NR

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

ANDERSON/DANSKIN, Boise National Forest. This fire is five miles northeast of Garden Valley, ID. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ANDERSON/DANSKIN	ID	BOF	540	10	5/24	66	3	0	0	0	18K

OUTLOOK:

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN SOUTHERN AND EASTERN NEW MEXICO AND PORTIONS OF NORTHEAST ARIZONA FOR GUSTY SOUTHWEST WINDS, VERY LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY AND EXTREME FIRE DANGER*****

*****A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED IN FLORIDA FOR MINIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY RANGING FROM 30 TO 35 PERCENT, NORTHEAST WINDS AT 15 TO 25 MPH AND DISPERSION INDICES GREATER THAN 75*****

An upper level disturbance moving east into the Rocky Mountain Area and a cold front dropping south along the eastern side of the Continental Divide will bring isolated, mainly dry thunderstorms to the northern mountains of Colorado and southern mountains of Wyoming. As the afternoon progresses, the chance of wetting rains increases along the east side of the Divide. High temperatures in Wyoming and South Dakota will be in the 40's in the mountains and 55 to 65 at lower elevations. In Colorado, high temperatures will be 55 to 65 in the mountains and 65 to 75 across the lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent in Colorado and 25 to 35 percent in the north. Winds will be west at 15 to 30 mph, however, winds east of the Divide will shift to northeasterly as the front passes through the area.

The Southwest Area can expect mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of thunderstorms in the Texas panhandle. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's in the mountains and in the 80's and 90's at lower elevations. Minimum relative humidity will range from 15 to 20 percent in west Texas and 5 to 15 percent elsewhere. Winds will be southwest at 10 to 25 mph and gusty.

High pressure over the Southern Area will bring fair skies. High temperatures will be in the 90's in southern Texas and in the 70's and 80's elsewhere. Minimum relative humidity will be in the 20 percent range in the Appalachian Mountains and the Piedmont of Georgia and the Carolinas, 50 percent in southeastern coastal Florida, and 30 to 40 percent in the remainder of the area. Winds will be southerly at 8 to 12 mph in the Gulf Coast states.



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FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	0			1	13		14
	<u>ACRES</u>	1			2	8,114		8,117
<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					1		1
	<u>ACRES</u>					0		0
<u>CA-NORTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>			1		12	1	14
	<u>ACRES</u>			2		0	0	2
<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
<u>GB-EAST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
<u>GB-WEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							0
	<u>ACRES</u>							0
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					2	4	6
	<u>ACRES</u>					471	4,420	4,891
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					2	3	5
	<u>ACRES</u>					12	5,660	5,672
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	27				51	11	89
	<u>ACRES</u>	40				224	120	384
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>					33	2	35
	<u>ACRES</u>					1,115	16	1,131
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	27	0	1	1	114	21	164
	<u>ACRES</u>	41	0	2	2	9,936	10,216	20,197

Some data reflects initial report of activity for the last 7 days for those units that are on a weekly reporting schedule.

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES	1		1	2	154	9	167
	ACRES	1		1,000	7	36,834	13	37,855
NORTHWEST	FIRES	11	13	1		55	31	111
	ACRES	17	9	300		57	257	640
CA-NORTH	FIRES	20		1		253	44	318
	ACRES	14		0		483	26	523
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	23	20	3	2	767	148	963
	ACRES	6	368	13	1	8,599	5,672	14,659
NORTHERN	FIRE	425	3	13		61	43	545
	ACRES	3,448	57	1,353		16,257	884	21,999
GB-EAST	FIRES	27	52		4	43	20	146
	ACRES	96	274		9	453	152	984
GB-WEST	FIRES	4	5		5	19	11	44
	ACRES	312	2		4	7	275	600
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	537	71	13	25	436	404	1,486
	ACRES	12,193	6,955	5,145	120	41,754	109,573	175,740
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	21	41	12	13	425	87	599
	ACRES	479	203	509	513	27,401	13,433	42,538
EASTERN	FIRES	682		11	16	5,271	246	6,226
	ACRES	28,431		1,139	465	36,606	2,934	69,575
SOUTHERN	FIRES	85		84	38	17,137	594	17,938
	ACRES	16,829		103,244	4,773	199,895	17,921	342,662
TOTALS	FIRES	1,836	205	139	105	24,621	1,637	28,543
	ACRES	61,826	7,868	112,703	5,892	368,346	151,140	707,775

Reduction in some agency YTD acres reflects better mapping or reporting adjustments.

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			<u>1</u>				<u>1</u>
	ACRES			<u>475</u>				<u>475</u>
NORTHWEST	FIRES							<u>0</u>
	ACRES							<u>0</u>
CA-NORTH	FIRES							<u>0</u>
	ACRES							<u>0</u>
CA-SOUTH	FIRES						<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	ACRES						<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
NORTHERN	FIRES							<u>0</u>
	ACRES							<u>0</u>
GB-EAST	FIRES							<u>0</u>
	ACRES							<u>0</u>
GB-WEST	FIRES							<u>0</u>
	ACRES							<u>0</u>
SOUTHWEST	FIRES							<u>0</u>
	ACRES							<u>0</u>
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							<u>0</u>
	ACRES							<u>0</u>
EASTERN	FIRES	<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>		<u>6</u>		<u>10</u>
	ACRES	<u>13</u>		<u>13</u>		<u>611</u>		<u>637</u>
SOUTHERN	FIRES			<u>4</u>			<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
	ACRES			<u>26</u>			<u>1,315</u>	<u>1,341</u>
TOTAL	FIRES	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>
	ACRES	<u>13</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>514</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>611</u>	<u>1,321</u>	<u>2,459</u>

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES			<u>1</u>				<u>1</u>
	ACRES			<u>475</u>				<u>475</u>
NORTHWEST	FIRES	<u>9</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>400</u>
	ACRES	<u>3,469</u>	<u>8,586</u>	<u>1,925</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>38,097</u>	<u>52,561</u>
CA-NORTH	FIRES	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>84</u>	<u>120</u>
	ACRES	<u>163</u>	<u>487</u>	<u>19,892</u>	<u>231</u>		<u>8,320</u>	<u>29,093</u>
CA-SOUTH	FIRES	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>95</u>	<u>105</u>
	ACRES	<u>70</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>17,126</u>	<u>17,493</u>
NORTHERN	FIRES		<u>10</u>	<u>38</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>155</u>
	ACRES		<u>1,322</u>	<u>4,565</u>		<u>402</u>	<u>13,571</u>	<u>19,860</u>
GB-EAST	FIRES	<u>1</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>56</u>
	ACRES	<u>7</u>	<u>1,059</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>2,422</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>14,950</u>	<u>19,082</u>
GB-WEST	FIRES						<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	ACRES						<u>171</u>	<u>171</u>
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	<u>4</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>			<u>118</u>	<u>145</u>
	ACRES	<u>90</u>	<u>12,910</u>	<u>4,722</u>			<u>12,565</u>	<u>30,287</u>
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	<u>8</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>150</u>
	ACRES	<u>516</u>	<u>3,029</u>	<u>10,935</u>	<u>2,290</u>	<u>2,169</u>	<u>13,443</u>	<u>32,382</u>
EASTERN	FIRES	<u>19</u>		<u>172</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>803</u>
	ACRES	<u>8,711</u>		<u>40,528</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>52,411</u>	<u>20,072</u>	<u>122,052</u>
SOUTHERN	FIRES	<u>59</u>		<u>228</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>851</u>	<u>1,258</u>
	ACRES	<u>10,951</u>		<u>109,229</u>	<u>56,532</u>	<u>27,529</u>	<u>688,549</u>	<u>892,790</u>
TOTAL	FIRES	<u>108</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>552</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>1,704</u>	<u>3,197</u>
	ACRES	<u>23,977</u>	<u>27,417</u>	<u>192,987</u>	<u>61,999</u>	<u>83,002</u>	<u>826,864</u>	<u>1,216,246</u>

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WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

<u>AREA</u>		<u>BIA</u>	<u>BLM</u>	<u>FWS</u>	<u>NPS</u>	<u>ST/OT</u>	<u>USFS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>NORTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>CA-NORTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>NORTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>GB-EAST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>GB-WEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>							<u>0</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>							<u>0</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>FIRES</u>				<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>				<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

<u>PROVINCES</u>	<u>FIRES YESTERDAY</u>	<u>HECTARES YESTERDAY</u>	<u>FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE</u>	<u>HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>273</u>	<u>1,365</u>
<u>YUKON TERRITORY</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>ALBERTA</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>71,657</u>
<u>NORTHWEST TERRITORY</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>27,166</u>
<u>MANITOBA</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>8,420</u>
<u>ONTARIO</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>93</u>
<u>QUEBEC</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>66</u>
<u>NEWFOUNDLAND</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>44</u>
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>72</u>
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>72</u>
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>NATIONAL PARKS</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>75</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>1,291</u>	<u>109,045</u>

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

<u>AREA</u>	<u>CREW FED</u>	<u>CREW ST/OT</u>	<u>ENGS FED</u>	<u>ENGS ST/OT</u>	<u>HELI FED</u>	<u>HELI ST/OT</u>	<u>AIRT FED</u>	<u>AIRT ST/OT</u>	<u>OVRHD FED</u>	<u>OVRHD ST/OT</u>
<u>ALASKA</u>		<u>9</u>						<u>1</u>		
<u>NORTHWEST</u>									<u>2</u>	
<u>CA-NORTH</u>									<u>3</u>	
<u>CA-SOUTH</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>		<u>2</u>					
<u>NORTHERN</u>									<u>6</u>	
<u>GB-EAST</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>							
<u>GB-WEST</u>										
<u>SOUTHWEST</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>			<u>125</u>	<u>54</u>
<u>ROCKY MTN</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>76</u>	<u>70</u>
<u>EASTERN</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>12</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>SOUTHERN</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>58</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>274</u>	<u>185</u>

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