## National Interagency Coordination Center Incident Management Situation Report Tuesday, May 5, 2009 – 0530 MDT National Preparedness Level 1

## **National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (131 new fires)

New large fires: 0 (\*)
Large fires contained: 1
Uncontained large fires: 5
Area Command Teams committed: 0
NIMOs committed: 0
Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Link to Geographic Area daily reports.

### Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires:	18
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMT's committed:	0
Type 2 IMT's committed:	1

**2009 Winter Initial Attack,** Texas Forest Service. Texas IMT 2 (Bennett). IMT is supporting multiple fires in west Texas. Acres reported are a cumulative total.

**Deep**, Big Cypress National Preserve. Three miles northeast of Miles City, FL. Southern rough and grass. No new information.

**Harley,** Florida DOF. One mile northeast of Bithlo, FL. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire activity. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

**Gilchrist**, Florida DOF. Five miles east of Trenton, FL. Southern rough. No new information. Last report unless new information is 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
2009 Winter Initial Attack	TX	TXS	16,492	-39	NR	UNK	348	-14	3	16	6	0	28.5M	PRI
Deep	FL	ВСР	30,005	0	95	5/9	58	-51	0	7	2	0	1.9M	NPS
Harley	FL	FLS	1,200	0	95	UNK	3	-4	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Gilchrist	FL	FLS	300		0	UNK	10		0	0	0	0	NR	ST
Canal	FL	FLS	276	0	100		0	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

<sup>\*\*</sup> Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain incidents. \*\*

### Southwest Area (PL 2)

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

**Elgin**, Tucson District, Arizona State Forestry. One mile northwest of Elgin, AZ. Brush and grass. 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
Elgin	AZ	A3S	1,600	0	90	5/5	60	-52	2	0	0	3	290K	ST

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A storm system moving across the central U.S. today will bring dry and windy conditions to portions of New Mexico and extreme west Texas today. This storm system will also bring much needed moisture to the western Great Lakes. Another low pressure system will be moving into the Northwest and a frontal system will spread precipitation along the East Coast.

Link to Predictive Services Outlook products.



#### http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\_sixminutes.php

#### **Hazard Trees**

Snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) and other hazard trees present a significant hazard to wildland firefighters. Snags typically have much lower fuel moistures than live, green trees; and they burn more readily. In the process, they often throw spot fires far in advance of the main fire and often burn through more quickly than green trees, falling with little or no warning. Live, green trees have been weakened by insects, disease, weather, past fires, and age present equal hazard and can fall without warning.

- The risk of injuries from hazard trees increases during the night operational period when visibility is greatly reduced.
- While the cooler, nighttime period is generally a more effective time to gain control of wildfires, the increased risk from unseen falling snags and weakened live trees may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from hazard trees: Strong winds or erratic winds from storm cells. Night operations. Air operations cargo drops, water or retardant drops, helicopter take off/landing, low-level flights. Steep slopes. Diseased or bug-killed areas.
- ◆ Things to consider when assessing the potential dangers of hazard trees: Trees have been burning for an extended period. High-risk tree species (those that are known for rot and shallow root systems) are in the area. Numerous downed trees. Dead or broken tips and limbs overhead. Accumulation of downed limbs. Tree decay, cavities, splits, cracks. Absence of needles, bark or limbs. Leaning or hung-up trees. Roots damaged by equipment or erosion.
- Mitigation measures to take: Identify and flag all high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed. Use saw teams and falling bosses. Establish lookouts. Plan a quick and safe escape route. Do not turn your back on a falling tree. Maintain situational awareness.

# **Fires and Acres Yesterday**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
	FIRES					22		22
Alaska	ACRES	_				23,669		23,669
	FIRES					7		7
Northwest	ACRES					7		7
Negliana Oalifanaia	FIRES						Ì	0
Northern California	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						23	23
Southern California	ACRES	_	•				6	6
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				1	1	3
Northern Rockies	ACRES	1				0	0	1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1 0	0
Lastern Oreat Dasin	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
Western Great Dasin	ACRES						0	0
Southwest	FIRES		1			2	3	6
Sodinwest	ACRES		0			1,620	0	1,620
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
rtocky wourtain	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	21				27	3	51
Lastelli Alea	ACRES	40				189	5	234
Southern Area	FIRES					18	İ	18
Southern Area	ACRES	_				63		63
TOTAL	FIRES	22	1	0	0	77	31	131
TOTAL	ACRES	41	0	0	0	25,548	11	25,600

## Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			48	1	50
Alaska	ACRES		0			23,693	0	23,693
Northwest	FIRES	14	11			9	18	52
Northwest	ACRES	74	23			46	24	167
Northern California	FIRES	7		1	2	126	37	173
	ACRES	14		0	1	278	266	559
Southern California	FIRES		7	2		398	39	446
	ACRES		368	2		1,488	57	1,915
Northern Rockies	FIRES	25	2	1		46	33	107
	ACRES	112	221	1		15,135	48       1         23,693       0         9       18         46       24         126       37         278       266         398       39         1,488       57         46       33         15,135       115         23       5         153       8         6       3         60       5         321       140         104,171       26,035         155       12         61,359       120         6,861       352         59,227       6,076         22,646       428         703,387       22,104         30,639       1,068	15,584
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12	2	1	23	5	44
	ACRES	20	44	186	0	153	1 0 18 24 37 266 39 57 33 115 5 8 3 5 140 26,035 12 120 352 6,076 428 22,104 1,068	411
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	15			6	3	26
Trodiom Ground adding	ACRES	0	202			60	5	267
Southwest	FIRES	209	69	3	19	321	140	761
	ACRES	1,878	31,096	1	1,342	104,171	26,035	164,523
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	73	6	3	1	155	12	250
,	ACRES	768	28	575	42	61,359	120	62,892
Eastern Area	FIRES	259		19	21	6,861	352	7,512
	ACRES	374		330	109	59,227	6,076	66,116
Southern Area	FIRES	293		136	31	22,646	428	23,534
	ACRES	35,253		25,377	17,654	703,387	22,104	803,775
TOTAL	FIRES	883	123	167	75	30,639	1,068	32,955
	ACRES	38,493	31,982	26,472	19,148	968,997	54,810	1,139,902

Ten Year Average Fires	25,934
Ten Year Average Acres	806,408

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> 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
Nieuthornat	FIRES	0		10			7	17
Northwest	ACRES	80		1,387			381	1,848
Northern California	FIRES						381 5 158 0 75 2 13 5 6 2 211	0
Northern California	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						7 381 5 158 0 75 2 13 15 6 562 211	0
Southern Camornia	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						381 5 158 0 75 2 13 15 6 562 211	5
Northern Rockies	ACRES							158
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
Lasterii Great Dasiii	ACRES						381 5 158 0 75 2 13 6 6 2 211	75
Western Great Basin	FIRES						381 5 158 0 75 2 13 6 211	0
Western Great Basin	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						381 5 158 0 75 2 13 5 6 2 211	2
Southwest	ACRES						13	13
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	0	1				2
Nocky Modificant	ACRES	150	50	742				942
Eastern Area	FIRES	2		1		15	7 381 5 158 0 75 2 13 6 211	24
Lasiem Alea	ACRES	5		75		562	211	853
Southern Area	FIRES						7 381 5 158 0 75 2 13 5 6 2 211	0
Journal Alea	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	12	0	15	20	50
TOTAL	ACRES	235	50	2,204	0	562	838	3,889

## **Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Al-al-a	FIRES					4		4
Alaska	ACRES					1,099	48 8,081 139 6,145 129 9,214 70 5,262 24 6,287 5 219 163 71,354 104 24,995 133 43,943 938 897,037 1,753	1,099
NI and and	FIRES	11	87	17			48	163
Northwest	ACRES	2,308	6,436	4,012			8,081	20,837
Northern California	FIRES	26	33	13	30	5	139	246
Northern Camornia	ACRES	224	164	17,631	139	1,156	6,145	25,459
Southern California	FIRES		6	5			4 8,081 5 139 6 6,145 129 9,214 8 70 5 5,262 20 24 12 6,287 5 219 163 71,354 21 104 27 24,995 39 133 29 43,943 39 938 8897,037 26 1,753	140
Southern Camornia	ACRES		459	143				9,816
Northern Rockies	FIRES	RES 3	2	4	1	8	70	88
Northern Rockies	ACRES	133	102	1,551	310	305	5,262	7,663
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	29	2	7	20	24	83
Lastern Great Dasin	ACRES	8	1,968	770	183	102	20 24 102 6,287 5	9,318
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	1			5	11
Western Great Dasin	ACRES		96	0			219	315
Southwest	FIRES	3	15	2	5		163	188
Coddinact	ACRES	90	18,420	251	499		71,354	90,614
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	33	27	72	11	21	104	268
rtooky wourhain	ACRES	3,216	3,351	11,751	7,380	457	24,995	51,150
Eastern Area	FIRES	39		196	33	859	4 8 8,081 5 139 56 6,145 129 9,214 8 70 05 5,262 20 24 02 6,287 5 219 163 71,354 21 104 57 24,995 59 133 29 43,943 09 938 58 897,037	1,260
Lastem Alea	ACRES	69,995		26,608	8,548	52,529		201,623
Southern Area	FIRES	5	Ì	234	68	709	938	1,954
Southern Area	ACRES	2,370		122,526	60,819	239,958	897,037	1,322,710
TOTAL	FIRES	121	204	546	155	1,626	1,753	4,405
101712	ACRES	78,344	30,996	185,243	77,878	295,606	1,072,537	1,740,604

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