

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, May 6, 2009 – 0530 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (144 new fires)  
 New large fires: 3 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 2

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain incidents. \*\*  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Southwest Area (PL 3 )**

New fires: 4  
 New large fires: 2  
 Uncontained large fires: 3  
 Type 2 IMT's committed: 1

**Canelo**, Coronado NF. IMT 2 (Small). Ten miles south of Sonoita, AZ. Oak and grass. Running fire. Residences threatened.

**Irishman**, Coronado NF. Twenty-five miles southwest of Animas, NM. Grass. No further information received.

**Elgin**, Tucson District, Arizona State Forestry. One mile northwest of Elgin, AZ. Brush and grass. No new information.

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
* Canelo	AZ	CNF	800	---	10	UNK	162	---	6	16	2	3	60K	FS
* Irishman	AZ	CNF	1,300	---	50	UNK	155	---	5	14	2	0	NR	FS
Elgin	AZ	A3S	1,600	0	90	5/5	60	-52	2	0	0	3	290K	ST

**Southern California Area (PL 3 )**

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

**Jesusita**, Los Padres NF. Six miles northeast of Montecito, CA. Chaparral. Moderate fire behavior with running fire. 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
* Jesusita	CA	LPF	400	---	0	UNK	226	---	8	22	0	0	NR	FS

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 24  
New large fires: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1  
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.

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	0	NR	UNK	348	0	1	12	6	0	29.2M	PRI

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A persistent low pressure trough will linger over the East producing widespread precipitation. Another storm system will move across the northern Great Plains spreading gusty winds across the Great Basin, Rocky Mountain and Northern Rockies Areas.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **Falling Snags**

Falling snags (dead, standing trees without leaves or needles in the crowns) 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.

- The risk of injuries from falling snags 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 may limit the widespread use of crews at night in areas of dead and dying timber.
- Environmental conditions that increase risk from falling snags:
  - Strong winds
  - Night operations
  - Steep slopes
  - Diseased or bug-killed areas
- Things to consider when assessing the potential hazards of both snags and green 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
  - Absence of needles, bark or limbs
  - Leaning or hung-up trees
- Mitigation measures to take:
  - Identify and flag all high-risk snags and green trees.
  - Keep personnel out of the high-risk areas until the hazard has been removed.
  - Establish lookouts.

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1		1
Northwest	FIRES					15		15
	ACRES					12		12
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						400	400
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	1				0		1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					11	2	13
	ACRES					13	0	13
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	1				2	4
	ACRES	0	5,282				1,001	6,283
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	16				60	5	81
	ACRES	10				385	12	407
Southern Area	FIRES				3	21		24
	ACRES				22,388	441		22,829
TOTAL	FIRES	18	1	0	3	112	10	144
	ACRES	11	5,282	0	22,388	852	1,413	29,946

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			52	1	54
	ACRES		0			23,694	0	23,694
Northwest	FIRES	14	11			24	18	67
	ACRES	74	23			58	24	179
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	27	2	1		47	34	111
	ACRES	114	221	1		15,135	124	15,595
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12	2	1	34	7	57
	ACRES	20	44	186	0	166	8	424
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	15			6	3	26
	ACRES	0	202			60	5	267
Southwest	FIRES	210	70	3	19	321	146	769
	ACRES	1,878	36,378	1	1,342	104,171	28,408	172,178
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	73	6	3	1	153	12	248
	ACRES	768	28	575	42	61,349	120	62,882
Eastern Area	FIRES	275		19	23	6,970	359	7,646
	ACRES	384		330	109	59,624	6,089	66,536
Southern Area	FIRES	293		136	37	22,667	428	23,561
	ACRES	35,253		25,377	62,430	703,828	22,104	848,992
TOTAL	FIRES	902	124	167	83	30,798	1,084	33,158
	ACRES	38,505	37,264	26,472	63,924	969,851	57,205	1,193,221

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>25,642</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>820,837</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	0						0
	ACRES	130						130
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		3	6			1	10
	ACRES		548	1,989			61	2,598
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		78					78
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1	0				1	2
	ACRES	35	2,500				2,400	4,935
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0				1	1
	ACRES		24				530	554
Eastern Area	FIRES			4		6	4	14
	ACRES			767		253	11	1,031
Southern Area	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				7,080			7,080
TOTAL	FIRES	1	5	10	0	6	7	29
	ACRES	165	3,150	2,756	7,080	253	3,002	16,406

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					1,099		1,099
Northwest	FIRES	11	87	17			48	163
	ACRES	2,471	6,436	4,012			8,081	21,000
Northern California	FIRES	26	33	13	30	5	139	246
	ACRES	224	164	17,631	139	1,156	6,145	25,459
Southern California	FIRES		6	5			129	140
	ACRES		459	143			9,214	9,816
Northern Rockies	FIRES	3	5	10	1	8	69	96
	ACRES	133	650	3,540	310	305	5,501	10,439
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	33	2	7	20	24	87
	ACRES	8	2,124	770	183	102	6,567	9,754
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	1			5	11
	ACRES		96	0			219	315
Southwest	FIRES	4	15	2	5		164	190
	ACRES	125	23,420	251	499		73,754	98,049
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	34	27	72	11	19	105	268
	ACRES	3,316	3,400	11,751	7,380	435	25,525	51,807
Eastern Area	FIRES	39		201	33	865	137	1,275
	ACRES	69,995		27,688	8,548	52,782	43,954	202,967
Southern Area	FIRES	5		235	68	709	938	1,955
	ACRES	2,370		122,528	74,979	239,958	897,037	1,336,872
TOTAL	FIRES	123	211	558	155	1,630	1,758	4,435
	ACRES	78,642	36,749	188,314	92,038	295,837	1,075,997	1,767,577

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