

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, February 12, 2010 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity:	Light (84 new fires)
New large fires:	0 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires : **	0
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there are 0 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment.

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents.

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

Fourteen incident management specialists have been mobilized to the State of Victoria, Australia. They are stationed at Orbost, Traralgon, Woori Yallock, Otways, Bendigo, Ballarat and Alexandra to supplement Victoria's Incident Management Team capacity and assist local offices in aviation management, community risk assessment, fuels management, and community bushfire protection planning.

Predictive Services Discussion: A storm system will move across the Southeast today with drier weather on Saturday. Another storm is on tap for Sunday for the Mississippi River Valley and should reach the rest of the Southeast late Sunday and Monday. Southern California and the Southwest will have generally dry weather through Monday.

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



Today's discussion is from the
LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, Safety
Zones) Category.

Subjective vs. Objective Hazards

A popular mountaineering test divides the alpinists' hazards into two distinct types: subjective, which one has direct control over (e.g., condition of the equipment, the decision to turn back) and objective hazards which are inherent to the alpine environment (e.g., avalanches, rock fall).

Objective hazards are a natural part of the environment. They cannot be eliminated and either one must not go into the environment where they exist or adhere to a procedure where safety from the hazard is assured.

Similarly, the wildland firefighter's hazards are either subjective or objective. Examples of subjective hazards would be working below a dozer constructing fireline or the use of improper techniques while felling a tree. The fireline supervisor has direct control over these types of hazards.

The wildland fire environment has four basic objective hazards; lightning, fire-weakened timber (standing and lying), rolling rocks and entrapment by running fires. When these hazards exist the options are to not enter the environment or to adhere to a safe procedure. I feel the key to this safe procedure is LCES.

Although, the following discussion applies to all objective hazards, we will directly address fire entrapments.

● Identify subjective or objective hazards of working in the vicinity of:

- Dozer(s) or Tractor Plows
- Snags
- Helicopters
- Fixed Wing Aircraft
- Other Engines and Vehicles
- ATVs
- Oil and Gas Wells and Pipelines
- Power lines

References:

["LCES and Other Thoughts" by Paul Gleason](#)

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Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES					5	3	8
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		0				0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				1	61	0	62
	ACRES				1	575	3	579
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	0	1	72	8	84
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	575	3	579

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES					56	2	58
	ACRES					1	1	2
Southern California	FIRES					44	15	59
	ACRES					22	109	131
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1	2	5
	ACRES		0			0	0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	6	7			5	10	28
	ACRES	1	448			6,773	1,288	8,510
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1		1		2	5
	ACRES	0	0		0		0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					29		29
	ACRES					252		252
Southern Area	FIRES	35		8	1	1,143	28	1,215
	ACRES	409		323	1	9,825	3,873	14,431
TOTAL	FIRES	42	12	8	2	1,279	64	1,407
	ACRES	410	448	323	1	16,873	5,271	23,326

Seven Year Average Fires	3,104
Seven Year Average Acres	102,634

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		188				12	200
Northern California	FIRES		1		1		9	11
	ACRES		2		1		52	55
Southern California	FIRES			1			14	15
	ACRES			0			78	78
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						25	25
Western Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						69	69
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						5	5
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	1		2	4	10	18
	ACRES	5	181		8	56	1,030	1,280
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			8	2	11	25	46
	ACRES			1,505	2,800	4,950	20,752	30,007
TOTAL	FIRES	1	4	9	5	15	60	94
	ACRES	5	371	1,505	2,809	5,006	22,023	31,719

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		14	1			25	40
	ACRES		807	80			908	1,795
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	7		84	93
	ACRES		1	2	14		1,294	1,311
Southern California	FIRES		2	3			66	71
	ACRES		537	17			624	1,178
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	2					14
	ACRES	133	67					200
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		10			3	3	16
	ACRES		121			18	135	274
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		31				75	106
Southwest	FIRES		3		4		27	34
	ACRES		5,300		838		4,479	10,617
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1	23	2	4	17	83	130
	ACRES	5	349	47	85	212	4,307	5,005
Eastern Area	FIRES					20		20
	ACRES					556		556
Southern Area	FIRES	1		39	19	144	214	417
	ACRES	375		15,556	18,339	56,795	190,188	281,253
TOTAL	FIRES	14	56	46	34	184	504	838
	ACRES	513	7,213	15,702	19,276	57,581	202,010	302,295

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

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