

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, December 14, 2012 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (December 11 - December 14)

Initial attack activity: Light (60 new fires)
 New large fires: 4 (*)
 Large fires contained: 1
 Uncontained large fires: ** 4
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

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

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

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 47
 New large fires: 4
 Uncontained large fires: 3

* **Beaver Gap**, Oklahoma DOF. Seven miles southwest of Stilwell, OK. Hardwood litter. No further information received.

* **Indian Ridge**, Cherokee Nation. Seven miles southeast of Stilwell, OK. Hardwood litter. No further information received.

* **Ranger Butte**, Cherokee Nation. Six miles southeast of Stilwell, OK. Hardwood litter. 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
* Beaver Gap	OK	OKS	105	---	70	12/15	14	---	0	2	0	0	6K	ST
* Indian Ridge	OK	CNA	213	---	90	UNK	10	---	0	2	0	0	10K	BIA
* Ranger Butte	OK	CNA	205	---	90	UNK	10	---	0	2	0	0	10K	BIA
* Joppa Mountain	TN	TNS	189	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

TNS – Tennessee DOF

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 2
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 1

Fern Lake, Rocky Mountain NP. Three miles west of Estes Park, CO. Timber. Smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday. Last report unless significant activity occurs.

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Fern Lake	CO	RMP	3,498	0	88	12/31	15	---	0	1	0	1	6.5M	NPS

Other Fires

(As of December 14)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	0	0	0	0	0	0
EB	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	1	873	0	0	0	1
Total	1	873	0	0	0	1

Predictive Services Discussion: A series of Pacific storms will bring periods of rain and snow to most of the West through the week. Some precipitation will be heavy. The first of these storms will cross the Rockies, bringing rain and snow to the Plains by Saturday and to the Mississippi Valley and the East coast by Monday. Scattered thunderstorms are possible in the South early in the week.

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



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 (December 11 - December 14)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					1		1
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	1				0		1
Eastern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					31		31
Southern Area	FIRES					46	1	47
	ACRES					100	0	100
TOTAL	FIRES	2	0	0	0	57	1	60
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	132	0	133

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	39	30	22	316	5	416
	ACRES	164	51,616	39,629	76,752	118,726	0	286,887
Northwest	FIRES	185	228	27	29	844	984	2,297
	ACRES	49,130	1,138,713	1,902	20	70,456	268,707	1,528,928
Northern California	FIRES	123	24	1	13	2,835	430	3,426
	ACRES	275	423,780	1	28,526	34,357	229,820	716,759
Southern California	FIRES	35	247	12	65	3,318	708	4,385
	ACRES	47	40,763	8	2,197	42,283	12,638	97,936
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,333	228	47	23	933	857	3,421
	ACRES	449,477	305,899	11,419	5,210	207,565	489,646	1,469,216
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	61	857	1	33	860	617	2,429
	ACRES	30,314	793,668	2	2,130	221,537	913,514	1,961,165
Western Great Basin	FIRES	2	620	4	16	158	142	942
	ACRES	1,199	504,871	61	28	62,428	42,499	611,086
Southwest	FIRES	769	203	13	44	549	1,096	2,674
	ACRES	39,813	5,327	187	4,334	33,945	461,775	545,381
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,723	557	41	53	2,100	768	5,242
	ACRES	172,035	69,956	4,387	5,492	770,232	217,969	1,240,071
Eastern Area	FIRES	834		74	21	9,516	659	11,104
	ACRES	2,010		5,980	403	123,766	12,761	144,920
Southern Area	FIRES	644		86	45	18,578	717	20,070
	ACRES	123,157		36,320	16,716	306,601	85,605	568,399
TOTAL	FIRES	5,713	3,003	336	364	40,007	6,983	56,406
	ACRES	867,621	3,334,593	99,896	141,808	1,991,896	2,734,934	9,170,748

Ten Year Average Fires	71,282
Ten Year Average Acres	7,117,991

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

Prescribed Fires and Acres (December 11 to December 14)

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						15	15
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						293	293
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		1					1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			2		110	1	113
	ACRES			275		997	650	1,922
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	2	0	110	1	114
	ACRES	0	1	275	0	997	958	2,231

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	7	15	24
	ACRES				18	12,990	218	13,226
Northwest	FIRES	22	141	25	3		536	727
	ACRES	4,307	13,121	2,100	39		50,732	70,299
Northern California	FIRES	5	14	35	31	3	331	419
	ACRES	121	245	2,387	359	15	14,353	17,480
Southern California	FIRES		10	14	7	6	175	212
	ACRES		3,328	3,211	1,283	1,831	6,195	15,848
Northern Rockies	FIRES	26	26	75	5	194	375	701
	ACRES	3,060	4,789	18,436	240	9,399	25,178	61,102
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		25	3	5	59	89	181
	ACRES		2,205	245	261	3,536	32,431	38,678
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	4	4	24	4	41
	ACRES		830	419	1,657	3,124	253	6,283
Southwest	FIRES	30	21	13	23		192	279
	ACRES	1,938	9,004	5,545	6,324		69,343	92,154
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	43	16	114	23	24	83	303
	ACRES	6,617	1,627	26,385	2,541	1,283	11,937	50,390
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		553	56	1,102	176	1,924
	ACRES	22,116		89,438	9,797	51,889	59,978	233,218
Southern Area	FIRES	23		144	42	10,551	791	11,551
	ACRES	4,600		58,587	39,792	514,142	690,550	1,307,671
TOTAL	FIRES	186	258	980	201	11,970	2,767	16,362
	ACRES	42,759	35,149	206,753	62,311	598,209	961,168	1,906,349

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

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