

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Monday, December 11, 2017 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (22) new fires  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires:\*\* 5  
 Area Command teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 4  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

\*\*Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

<b>Active Incident Resource Summary</b>						
<b>GACC</b>	<b>Incidents</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	6	256,490	146	988	40	8,676
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	1	3,500	0	8	0	18
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	9	2,600	1	7	1	278
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>262,590</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>8,972</b>

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 17  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 5  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 4

**Thomas**, Ventura County Fire Department. Unified command between Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum) and IMT 1 (J. Kurth). Seven miles east of Ojai, CA. Chaparral, and brush. Extreme fire behavior with wind driven runs, long-range spotting. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road and area closures in effect.

**Lilac 5**, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. Cal Fire IMT 1 (Gouvea). One mile east of Bonsall, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering and creeping.

**Skirball**, Los Angeles City Fire Department. One mile south of Bel Air, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road closures in effect.

**Creek**, Los Angeles County Fire Department. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Bravo) back to the local unit will occur today. Four miles east of Sylmar, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous residences threatened. Trail closures in effect.

**Rye**, Los Angeles County Fire Department. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Estes) back to the local unit occurred yesterday. Four miles northwest of Santa Clarita, CA. Tall grass, chaparral and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Thomas	CA-VNC	230,000	75,000	10	Ctn	12/24	5,773	1,338	98	762	27	790	34M	C&L
Lilac 5	CA-MVU	4,100	0	75	Ctn	12/21	1,659	250	28	140	11	152	6.5M	ST
Skirball	CA-LFD	422	0	85	Ctn	12/17	76	-160	2	6	0	6	7.3M	C&L
Creek	CA-LAC	15,619	0	95	Ctn	12/11	992	-734	16	65	2	123	11.6M	C&L
Rye	CA-LAC	6,049	0	93	Ctn	12/15	153	-558	2	10	0	6	6.9M	C&L

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	15	2	<b>17</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	0	<b>7</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	5	0	<b>5</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>

**Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	171	0	0	176	13	<b>360</b>
	ACRES	0	571,516	0	0	81,348	1	<b>652,865</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	193	264	39	26	1,518	1,353	<b>3,393</b>
	ACRES	11,933	223,797	20,954	15,836	40,459	754,618	<b>1,067,597</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	84	74	6	16	2,989	955	<b>4,124</b>
	ACRES	118	39,891	71	38	303,654	355,597	<b>699,369</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	177	86	2	46	4,152	541	<b>5,004</b>
	ACRES	659	37,901	0	12,089	217,773	137,194	<b>405,616</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	778	100	20	30	1,600	713	<b>3,241</b>
	ACRES	75,934	373,106	1,325	22,318	246,354	728,900	<b>1,447,937</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	1,071	5	40	952	481	<b>2,587</b>
	ACRES	56,352	1,267,001	2	38	451,348	225,116	<b>1,999,857</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	767	252	19	44	778	1,094	<b>2,954</b>
	ACRES	46,756	23,563	1,027	1,396	116,525	365,439	<b>554,706</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	783	358	10	26	1,388	427	<b>2,992</b>
	ACRES	10,092	58,446	354	2,474	575,632	14,102	<b>661,100</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	364	0	15	20	3,837	389	<b>4,625</b>
	ACRES	2,137	0	73	150	18,645	5,712	<b>26,717</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	359	530	84	32	27,513	454	<b>28,972</b>
	ACRES	47,432	6,668	180,061	55,303	1,460,431	27,641	<b>1,777,536</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,543</b>	<b>2,906</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>44,903</b>	<b>6,420</b>	<b>58,252</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>251,413</b>	<b>2,601,889</b>	<b>203,867</b>	<b>109,642</b>	<b>3,512,169</b>	<b>2,614,320</b>	<b>9,293,300</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>64,472</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>6,396,313</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Ownership):**

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	912	0	912
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>912</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	2	<b>8</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	64,850	100	<b>64,950</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	13	44	18	2	3	242	<b>322</b>
	ACRES	3,244	9,466	5,698	39	19	31,461	<b>49,927</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	5	9	18	0	193	<b>227</b>
	ACRES	21	836	1,173	857	0	29,080	<b>31,967</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	12	6	0	168	<b>189</b>
	ACRES	0	62	2,983	954	0	9,069	<b>13,068</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	7	15	43	9	154	246	<b>474</b>
	ACRES	463	3,840	19,040	775	8,493	10,140	<b>42,751</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	7	27	9	12	53	100	<b>208</b>
	ACRES	928	8,345	2,761	4,364	1,539	26,125	<b>44,062</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	35	35	4	9	5	180	<b>268</b>
	ACRES	21,733	47,014	4,952	4,101	6,105	127,064	<b>210,969</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	27	42	57	16	110	117	<b>369</b>
	ACRES	1,255	4,020	25,229	6,053	5,425	55,932	<b>97,914</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	51	0	180	25	1,351	268	<b>1,875</b>
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,634	6,434	100,460	68,264	<b>228,471</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	50	0	122	29	89,525	666	<b>90,392</b>
	ACRES	6,922	0	78,769	133,665	1,841,963	563,612	<b>2,624,931</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>192</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>91,207</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>94,332</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>61,245</b>	<b>73,583</b>	<b>167,239</b>	<b>157,242</b>	<b>2,028,854</b>	<b>920,847</b>	<b>3,409,010</b>

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

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

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Dry and sunny conditions will again continue across the West as the weakening high pressure ridge remains entrenched over areas along and west of the Continental Divide. Temperatures in the middle and upper elevations and along the coast will be well above normal while valleys and basins across the interior will remain under a multi-day temperature inversion. Areas of dense fog and/or low clouds are expected across the lower elevations in the Northwest. East of the Divide, the large and cold upper level trough will continue to produce below average conditions. Precipitation will be limited mainly to the Great Lakes region. In Alaska, a strong system will move north from the Gulf of Alaska in a southerly flow and will produce significant snowfall along the coastal areas early in the day before spreading into the western interior by afternoon.

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



## Propane Tank Hazards

*Miscellaneous Fireline Hazards*

Liquefied Propane Gas (LPG) tanks are commonly found in the wildland-urban interface and present hazards to firefighters in that environment. LPG tanks may be found in a number of other environments such as motor homes, travel trailers, grills, camp stoves, lanterns, etc. Directly attacking LPG tank fires is a structural fire task involving hazardous materials and should only be attempted by trained personnel using full structural personal protective equipment and equipped with a volume of water adequate to safely attack the fire.

### ● Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosions (BLEVE)

- The most recognized hazard with LPG tanks is BLEVE (Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosions) or sudden complete failure of the tank. Some training courses have directed responders to approach the tank from the sides, believing that the force of the explosion will occur on the ends of the tank. However, this is not a guarantee that you will be safe from projectiles or missiles from the explosion, as they may travel in ALL directions up to 2,500 feet away. Leave the area immediately if you smell propane; hear a rising sound from venting safety devices or see discoloration or deformation of the tank. If you leave the area, get at least 2,500 feet away and do not go down wind or down slope of the leaking propane. BLEVEs are a major hazard to emergency responders!

### ● Fuel Reduction Around Tanks

- Wildland firefighters may take action to prevent direct flame impingement on LPG tanks by removing wildland fuels in the area. However, be aware that lines from the tank to structures may be above or below ground, and may be cut by tools or equipment. Propane gas is heavier than air, and may move along the ground at some distance, and may ignited when it reaches open flame or another ignition source. Use extreme caution when doing fuel reduction around tanks, and flag any lines you encounter.

### ● Other Wildland Fire Considerations

- Do not position engines or other apparatus near LPG tanks or downwind / down slope from tanks.
- Do not deploy fire shelters near LPG tanks or downwind / down slope from tanks.

### ● Cooling Tanks

- In light fuels such as grasses, where any heat exposure to the tank will be very limited, rapid application of cooling water on the outside of the tank above the liquid level can reduce the likelihood of container failure by lowering the external temperature of the shell of the exposed tank. Water should not be directed at the valve safety devices, due to the potential of "icing" the valve closed.
- In heavy fuels where long duration heat exposure to the LPG tank is likely, evacuate all personnel and equipment 2,500 feet away and not down slope or down wind. NFPA says that direct flame impingement protection requires water flow of at least 500 gpm from an unmanned monitor nozzle. This is a situation for properly trained, equipped and supported structural firefighters.

References: [Propane Safety Web Site](#), [NIOSH Web Site](#), [National Propane Gas Association's Web Site](#), [NFPA Web Site](#)

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