

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (82) new fires
 New large incidents: 3
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires:** 8
 Area Command teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	6	258,190	152	1,070	35	8,909
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	3	6,984	0	28	0	87
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	9	2,628	1	6	1	286
Total	18	267,802	153	1,104	36	9,282

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 20
 New large incidents: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 5
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 3

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. Active fire behavior with uphill runs and backing. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail 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.

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

Creek, Los Angeles County Fire Department. Four miles east of Sylmar, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous residences threatened.

Rye, Los Angeles County Fire Department. 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	231,700	1,700	20	Ctn	12/24	6,946	1,173	119	912	27	869	48.6M	C&L
Lilac 5	CA-MVU	4,100	0	90	Ctn	12/21	1,399	-260	26	97	6	157	9.2M	ST
Skirball	CA-LFD	422	0	85	Ctn	12/17	68	-29	2	6	0	6	7.7M	C&L
Creek	CA-LAC	15,619	0	98	Ctn	12/23	330	-662	3	40	2	123	15.4M	C&L
Rye	CA-LAC	6,049	0	96	Ctn	12/15	143	-509	2	10	0	6	7.1M	C&L

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 2
 New large incidents: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 2 IMTs committed 1

* **Legion Lake**, South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression. IMT 2 (Esperance). Eight miles east of Custer, SD. Medium logging slash, short grass and timber. Extreme fire behavior with long-range spotting, group torching and running. Numerous structures threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

* **Windsplitter**, Baca County. Seventeen miles northwest of Pritchett, CO. Short grass. Active fire behavior. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Legion Lake	SD-SDS	2,500	---	0	Ctn	12/16	194	---	2	39	0	1	1M	ST
* Windsplitter	CO-BAX	3,134	---	0	Ctn	UNK	29	---	0	8	0	0	1K	C&L

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 55
 New large incidents: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **West Spring Mountain**, East Central Area, Oklahoma DOF. Thirty miles southeast of McAlester, OK. Hardwood litter and timber. Moderate fire behavior with wind driven and uphill runs.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* West Spring Mountain	OK-ECU	245	---	79	Ctn	UNK	5	---	0	2	0	0	6K	ST

Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):

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	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	20	0	20
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,013	0	1,013
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Southern Area	FIRES	14	0	0	0	38	3	55
	ACRES	975	0	0	0	521	3	1,499
TOTAL FIRES:		14	0	0	0	62	6	82
TOTAL ACRES:		975	0	0	0	1,549	10	2,534

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	171	0	0	176	13	360
	ACRES	0	571,516	0	0	81,348	1	652,865
Northwest Area	FIRES	193	264	39	26	1,518	1,353	3,393
	ACRES	11,933	223,797	20,954	15,836	40,459	754,724	1,067,703
Northern California Area	FIRES	84	74	6	16	2,990	955	4,125
	ACRES	118	39,891	71	38	303,655	355,597	699,370
Southern California Area	FIRES	177	86	2	46	4,171	541	5,023
	ACRES	659	37,901	0	12,089	217,779	137,194	405,622
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	778	100	20	30	1,601	713	3,242
	ACRES	75,934	373,106	1,325	22,318	246,362	728,900	1,447,945
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	1,071	5	40	952	481	2,587
	ACRES	56,352	1,267,001	2	38	451,348	225,116	1,999,857
Southwest Area	FIRES	767	252	19	44	778	1,095	2,955
	ACRES	46,756	23,563	1,027	1,396	116,525	365,439	554,706
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	783	358	10	26	1,395	428	3,000
	ACRES	10,092	58,446	354	2,474	581,485	14,102	666,953
Eastern Area	FIRES	364	0	17	20	3,867	391	4,659
	ACRES	2,137	0	161	150	18,686	5,719	26,853
Southern Area	FIRES	373	530	84	53	27,642	457	29,139
	ACRES	48,407	6,668	180,061	55,651	1,461,687	27,644	1,780,118
TOTAL FIRES:		3,557	2,906	202	301	45,090	6,427	58,483
TOTAL ACRES:		252,388	2,601,889	203,955	109,990	3,519,334	2,614,436	9,301,992

Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)	65,515
Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)	6,389,223

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	21	21
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	17	3	21
	ACRES	0	0	2,200	0	213	2,261	4,674
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	1	0	17	3	21
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	2,200	0	213	2,282	4,695

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	2	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	64,850	100	64,950
Northwest Area	FIRES	13	44	18	2	3	242	322
	ACRES	3,244	9,466	5,698	39	19	31,461	49,927
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	5	9	18	0	193	227
	ACRES	21	836	1,173	857	0	29,080	31,967
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	12	6	0	168	189
	ACRES	0	62	2,983	954	0	9,069	13,068
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	7	15	43	9	154	246	474
	ACRES	463	3,850	19,040	775	8,493	10,140	42,761
Great Basin Area	FIRES	7	27	9	12	53	100	208
	ACRES	928	8,345	2,761	4,364	1,539	26,125	44,062
Southwest Area	FIRES	35	35	4	9	5	180	268
	ACRES	21,733	47,014	4,952	4,101	6,105	127,064	210,969
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	27	42	57	16	110	124	376
	ACRES	1,255	4,020	25,230	6,053	5,425	55,953	97,936
Eastern Area	FIRES	51	0	180	25	1,353	268	1,877
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,634	6,434	100,600	68,264	228,611
Southern Area	FIRES	50	0	123	40	89,542	669	90,424
	ACRES	6,922	0	80,969	159,315	1,842,176	565,873	2,655,255
TOTAL FIRES:		192	171	455	137	91,226	2,192	94,373
TOTAL ACRES:		61,245	73,593	169,440	182,892	2,029,207	923,129	3,439,506

*** 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: The high pressure ridge over the West will continue to slowly weaken and retreat west. Never-the-less, warm conditions will continue across the middle and higher elevations while temperature inversions will continue to be present in the lower elevations across the inland west. An Alberta Clipper will drop southeast into Montana and the Dakotas producing pockets of light snow. Across the East, the cold conditions will continue as the upper level trough begins to weaken slightly and move east toward the coast. In Alaska, the moist and active southerly flow will continue to produce significant snowfall in the mountains along the southern coast of the state while the interior remains mostly dry beneath the same high pressure ridge that is impacting the West Coast of the Lower 48.

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



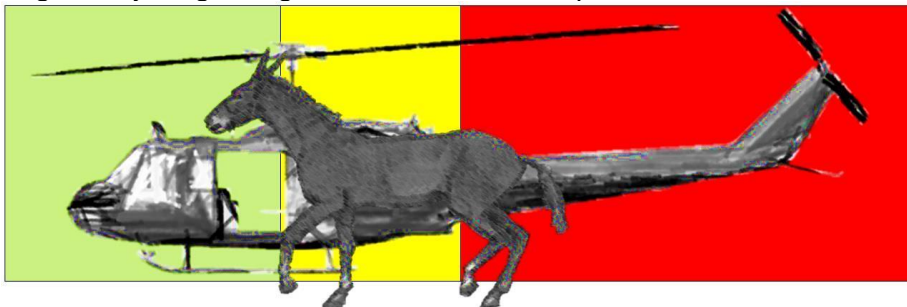
Working Around Pack Stock

Miscellaneous Fireline Hazards

Fire crews often receive supplies that are transported by pack stock (horses and mules). While these animals provide fire crews a valuable service, they can cause injury to themselves and personnel, and severely damage food, gear, and fire equipment if not handled properly.

Much like adding aviation resources to a fire incident, having pack stock around is adding an additional hazard to the fire environment which increases the difficulty in maintaining situational awareness. Fire personnel must be aware that human activity, aircraft, wildlife, and weather conditions can and will affect the behavior of the pack animals, often unpredictably.

- Avoid making any sudden or abrupt moves or making any loud or unusual noises around the stock. Be calm, relaxed, steady, and smooth around the animals at all times.
- When passing pack stock on the trail, know your escape routes at all times. Move off the trail before the stock passes. Calmly move to the **same** side, preferably the downhill side, with all of your gear. Be far enough off the trail that no one could get kicked, but close enough for the stock to see everyone. Talk to the packer and the stock as they approach and pass...this helps the stock know that you and your crew are not something to be afraid of.
- Packers, like all fire personnel, must maintain communications at all times. Ensure that the communication plan is known to everyone. Individual forest and park units will have the specific safety-related guidelines identified for Packers in regards to required fire training, PPE, communications, etc.
- **Work around pack stock in the same manner you would work around many types of helicopters:**
 - ✓ Stay outside of the safety circle unless invited or escorted in
 - ✓ Only approach from the front
 - ✓ Never approach from the tail or walk around the tail
 - ✓ Don't run, wave arms, throw tarps or anything else
 - ✓ Put your gear where directed and in an orderly manner
 - ✓ Weigh everything. Weight and balance are important on mules and helicopters!



Resources: [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#), [Interagency Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Operations](#),
[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide](#)

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