

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, December 15, 2017 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (81) new fires  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires:\*\* 5  
 Area Command teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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

On December 14<sup>th</sup> a firefighter from Cal Fire was fatally injured while working on the Thomas fire near Ojai, CA. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

<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	275,990	148	1,042	33	8,605
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	3	57,359	5	91	1	479
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	21	3,443.1	4	34	0	335
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>336,792.1</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9,419</b>

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 4  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 4  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2

**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 running, spotting and backing. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

**Lilac 5**, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. One mile east of Bonsall, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

**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.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Thomas	CA-VNC	249,500	11,000	35	Ctn	01/07	8,316	233	142	1,018	32	974	82.1M	C&L
Lilac 5	CA-MVU	4,100	0	98	Ctn	12/16	84	-180	3	5	0	157	12.8M	ST
Skirball	CA-LFD	422	0	96	Ctn	12/17	61	0	2	6	0	6	8.1M	C&L
Creek	CA-LAC	15,619	0	98	Ctn	12/23	104	-62	1	8	1	123	16.4M	C&L

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 1  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 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. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and flanking. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

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	53,875	6,563	50	Ctn	12/16	410	111	5	71	1	3	1.1M	ST

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 67  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
220	TX-TXS	721	221	100	Ctn	----	0	-10	0	0	0	0	1K	ST

TXS – Texas A&M Forest Service

**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	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	7	<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	3	0	0	1	0	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	1,750	0	0	0	0	<b>1,750</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	<b>3</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	<b>4</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	62	2	<b>67</b>
	ACRES	61	0	0	0	663	1	<b>725</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>61</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2,487</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	265	39	26	1,518	1,354	<b>3,395</b>
	ACRES	11,933	224,868	20,954	15,836	40,459	754,724	<b>1,068,774</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	84	74	6	16	2,994	955	<b>4,129</b>
	ACRES	118	39,891	71	38	303,656	355,597	<b>699,371</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	177	86	2	46	4,180	548	<b>5,039</b>
	ACRES	659	37,901	0	12,089	217,784	254,302	<b>522,735</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	883	100	28	34	1,781	723	<b>3,549</b>
	ACRES	75,991	373,106	2,812	22,319	257,609	729,419	<b>1,461,256</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	1,074	5	40	953	481	<b>2,591</b>
	ACRES	56,352	1,268,751	2	38	451,348	225,116	<b>2,001,607</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	767	253	19	44	778	1,096	<b>2,957</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	1,395	431	<b>3,003</b>
	ACRES	10,092	58,446	354	2,474	627,795	14,103	<b>713,264</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	364	0	17	20	4,037	402	<b>4,840</b>
	ACRES	2,137	0	161	150	21,955	5,871	<b>30,274</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	394	528	88	53	27,947	463	<b>29,473</b>
	ACRES	48,964	6,668	180,587	55,651	1,465,186	27,697	<b>1,784,753</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,683</b>	<b>2,909</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>45,759</b>	<b>6,466</b>	<b>59,336</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>253,002</b>	<b>2,604,710</b>	<b>205,968</b>	<b>109,991</b>	<b>3,583,665</b>	<b>2,732,269</b>	<b>9,489,605</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>65,878</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>6,401,494</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	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	21	21
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	712	712
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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	79	79
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	135	135
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	7	4	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	548	3,029	3,577
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>3,976</b>	<b>4,524</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	47	18	2	3	249	<b>332</b>
	ACRES	3,244	9,911	5,698	39	19	34,260	<b>53,171</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	5	9	18	0	195	<b>229</b>
	ACRES	21	836	1,173	857	0	29,796	<b>32,683</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	12	6	0	169	<b>190</b>
	ACRES	0	62	2,983	954	0	10,230	<b>14,229</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	16	45	9	154	247	<b>481</b>
	ACRES	951	5,750	19,622	812	8,493	12,030	<b>47,658</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	6	180	<b>269</b>
	ACRES	21,733	47,014	4,952	4,101	6,117	127,064	<b>210,981</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	27	42	57	16	110	125	<b>377</b>
	ACRES	1,255	4,020	25,230	6,053	5,425	56,087	<b>98,070</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	51	0	180	25	1,354	277	<b>1,887</b>
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,634	6,434	100,614	68,609	<b>228,970</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	85	0	137	40	89,110	683	<b>90,055</b>
	ACRES	10,352	0	81,801	159,315	1,851,862	580,172	<b>2,683,502</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>230</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>90,796</b>	<b>2,227</b>	<b>94,036</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>65,163</b>	<b>75,938</b>	<b>170,854</b>	<b>182,929</b>	<b>2,038,919</b>	<b>944,473</b>	<b>3,478,276</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:** The ridge over the western states will finally, finally break down. However, critical fire weather conditions are expected to develop over northern California late in the day as north winds intensify. Elsewhere, critical conditions will continue through the overnight and into Saturday. The persistent valley and canyon temperature inversions will finally erode as a weak system moves on shore into Washington and Oregon. Moderate snowfall amounts are expected in the mountains. Warm and dry conditions will continue across California and the Southwest as the weakened ridge maintains its grip over the southwestern quarter of the nation. Lake effect snow will be possible as a strong disturbance drops southeast into the region from central Canada. Elsewhere, expect near normal conditions.

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



## Terrain And Fuels Make Escape Difficult

*Operational Engagement Category*

When fighting wildland fires, it is often easy to get committed to areas that put you in Watchout Situation #17. As firefighters progress along the fireline, it is imperative to constantly keep the following considerations in mind:

- Retreat times should be based on the slowest member of the crew.
- Does the crew's condition allow for fast travel?
  - Discuss physical and mental conditions that could interfere with a crew's ability to travel quickly.
- Will you get adequate warning to make it to your safety zone? Who will you rely on to warn you? How will you ensure that everyone gets the word?
- Can escape routes be improved to make travel to safety zones faster? Are escape routes marked?
  - Review what you have done on past fires to locate, mark, and improve escape routes.
- Will posting more lookouts give adequate warning? Talk about situations where there was more than one firefighter assigned to be lookout.
- To reduce the risks:
  - Consider other tactics that will allow you to be in a safer location. Review fires where you have had to change tactics because escape to safety zones was not adequate.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Interagency Standards for Fire & Fire Aviation Operations](#)

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide](#)

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