

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Monday, December 18, 2017 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (19) new fires  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires:\*\* 2  
 Area Command teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

\*\*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	4	296,690	154	982	36	8,577
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	1	54,023	2	6	0	46
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	23	3,200.6	6	34	0	164
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>353,913.6</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>8,787</b>

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 1  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 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. Active fire behavior with creeping, backing and flanking. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, 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			
Thomas	CA-VNC	270,500	1,500	45	Ctn	01/07	8,452	-77	153	968	35	1,024	131M	C&L

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 0  
New large incidents: 0  
Uncontained large fires: 1

**Legion Lake**, South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression. Eight miles east of Custer, SD. Medium logging slash, short grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. 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	54,023	0	95	Ctn	12/18	46	-210	2	6	0	3	2.2M	ST

**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	11	1	<b>12</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	<b>4</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</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	6	0	<b>6</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	50	0	<b>50</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</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	266	39	26	1,518	1,354	<b>3,396</b>
	ACRES	11,933	224,928	20,954	15,836	40,459	754,724	<b>1,068,834</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	84	74	6	16	3,011	956	<b>4,147</b>
	ACRES	118	39,891	71	38	303,663	355,597	<b>699,378</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	177	86	2	46	4,223	549	<b>5,083</b>
	ACRES	659	37,901	0	12,089	217,820	254,302	<b>522,771</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	255	19	44	778	1,096	<b>2,959</b>
	ACRES	46,756	23,564	1,027	1,396	116,525	365,439	<b>554,707</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	783	358	10	26	1,395	431	<b>3,003</b>
	ACRES	10,092	58,446	354	2,474	634,506	14,103	<b>719,975</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	364	0	17	21	4,037	404	<b>4,843</b>
	ACRES	2,137	0	161	151	21,955	5,913	<b>30,317</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	398	528	111	53	28,827	470	<b>30,387</b>
	ACRES	48,997	6,668	181,482	55,651	1,481,456	27,734	<b>1,801,988</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,687</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>46,699</b>	<b>6,477</b>	<b>60,318</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>253,035</b>	<b>2,604,771</b>	<b>206,863</b>	<b>109,992</b>	<b>3,606,689</b>	<b>2,732,348</b>	<b>9,513,698</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>66,549</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>6,406,216</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	17	0	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	167	0	167
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>167</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	250	<b>333</b>
	ACRES	3,244	9,911	5,698	39	19	34,280	<b>53,191</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	12,033	<b>47,661</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	170	<b>259</b>
	ACRES	21,733	47,014	4,952	4,101	6,117	124,069	<b>207,986</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	56,237	<b>98,220</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	51	0	181	25	1,354	280	<b>1,891</b>
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,794	6,434	100,614	68,957	<b>229,478</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	85	0	137	40	102,336	697	<b>103,295</b>
	ACRES	10,352	0	81,801	159,315	2,745,845	586,293	<b>3,583,606</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>230</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>104,022</b>	<b>2,235</b>	<b>107,271</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>65,163</b>	<b>75,938</b>	<b>171,014</b>	<b>182,929</b>	<b>2,932,902</b>	<b>948,120</b>	<b>4,376,066</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 of high pressure over the West will begin to weaken as the first of several disturbances move east along the Canadian border. Mountain snowfall is expected at the passes. Warm and dry conditions will continue across California as the wind flow alternates between being off shore and parallel to the coastline. The disturbance previously over the southwest will move east into the southern plains and weaken. Scattered showers with breezy winds will be possible in the Texas Panhandle. The East will remain warm and mostly dry under as southwesterly flow. However, scattered showers and storms will remain possible over the Southeast as a weakening front briefly stalls north of a ridge of high pressure centered over Cuba and Florida. In Alaska, expect a return to mostly dry conditions with above average temperatures as high pressure rebuilds over the state. The return could be short-lived, however, as a strong, windy, and cold system begins to exit Siberia and moves east into the Bering Sea toward the state.

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



## Transfer Of Command

*Operational Engagement Category*

Risks to fireline personnel increase significantly during transfer of command periods regardless of the size or complexity of the incident. There is a high potential for fatalities, serious injuries, or incidents (some have occurred in the past). Be proactive in mitigating the risks by proper implementation of LCES – Lookout, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones.

Factors for increased risks to fireline personnel during transition periods include:

- No, or poor, briefing of incoming personnel.
- Lack of fire weather and behavior information, both forecast and observed.
- Communications; face-to-face briefings may not be possible and radio frequencies may be overextended and/or changing due to the increased demands on the system.
- Initial attack resources may not have checked-in and the Incident Commander may not be aware of the number, type and location of all resources.
- Location of safety zones and escape routes may not be known and communicated to all resources.
- Not all Resources know who is in command.

Mitigation actions to take:

- Lookouts: Post and maintain your own lookouts.
- Communications: Maintain existing communications with your own and adjacent resources, as well as your original supervisor, while you are developing communications with incoming adjacent resources and your new supervisor.
- Escape routes and safety zones: Identify escape routes and assure incoming resources are aware of their locations; be aware that your original escape routes and safety zones may no longer be accessible due to changing fire behavior or your increased distance from them.
- Transition at the morning briefing.
- Utilize the [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) transition checklist.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide](#)

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