

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Wednesday, December 20, 2017 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 2**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity: Light (8) new fires
 New large incidents: 1
 Large fires contained: 1
 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	3	292,141	132	659	35	6,922
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	3	0	34
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	13	2,281.6	3	10	0	102
Total	17	348,445.6	137	672	35	7,058

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. Moderate fire behavior with backing and creeping. 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	272,000	1,000	55	Ctn	01/07	6,851	-1,243	131	649	35	1,045	150M	C&L

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires: 5
New large incidents: 1
Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Coxes Creek #7**, National Forests in North Carolina. Nine miles northwest of Marion, NC. Closed timber litter and southern rough. Active fire behavior with running, flanking and smoldering. Trail closures in effect.

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		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Coxes Creek #7	NC-NCF	200	---	79	Ctn	12/21	26	---	1	2	0	0	20K	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires: 0
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			
Legion Lake	SD-SDS	54,023	0	100	Ctn	---	34	0	2	3	0	3	2.2M	ST

SDS – South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression

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	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	25,111	25,111
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	1	1
	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	2	0	0	0	2	1	5
	ACRES	52	0	0	0	5	36	93
TOTAL FIRES:		2	0	0	0	3	3	8
TOTAL ACRES:		52	0	0	0	5	25,147	25,204

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	254	39	26	1,518	1,354	3,384
	ACRES	11,933	224,928	20,954	15,836	40,459	754,724	1,068,834
Northern California Area	FIRES	84	74	6	16	3,012	956	4,148
	ACRES	118	39,891	71	38	303,663	355,597	699,378
Southern California Area	FIRES	177	86	2	46	4,223	550	5,084
	ACRES	659	37,901	0	12,089	217,820	279,413	547,882
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	883	100	28	34	1,781	723	3,549
	ACRES	75,991	373,106	2,812	22,319	257,609	729,419	1,461,256
Great Basin Area	FIRES	38	1,074	5	40	953	481	2,591
	ACRES	56,352	1,268,751	2	38	451,348	225,116	2,001,607
Southwest Area	FIRES	767	255	19	44	778	1,097	2,960
	ACRES	46,756	23,564	1,027	1,396	116,525	365,439	554,707
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	785	358	11	27	1,396	431	3,008
	ACRES	10,093	58,446	355	2,476	634,508	14,103	719,981
Eastern Area	FIRES	364	0	17	21	4,532	409	5,343
	ACRES	2,137	0	161	151	29,150	5,962	37,561
Southern Area	FIRES	405	528	111	53	28,973	474	30,544
	ACRES	49,615	6,668	181,482	55,651	1,482,103	27,885	1,803,404
TOTAL FIRES:		3,696	2,900	238	307	47,342	6,488	60,971
TOTAL ACRES:		253,654	2,604,771	206,864	109,994	3,614,533	2,757,659	9,547,475

Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)	66,663
Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)	6,543,162

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	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	60	0	0	0	0	60
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	2	2
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	20	20
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FIRES:		0	1	0	0	0	1	2
TOTAL ACRES:		0	60	0	0	0	22	82

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	48	18	2	3	250	334
	ACRES	3,244	10,402	5,698	39	19	34,280	53,682
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	5	9	18	0	195	229
	ACRES	21	836	1,173	857	0	29,803	32,690
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	12	6	0	169	190
	ACRES	0	62	2,983	954	0	10,230	14,229
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	10	18	45	9	154	249	485
	ACRES	951	5,750	19,622	812	8,493	12,045	47,673
Great Basin Area	FIRES	7	27	9	12	55	100	210
	ACRES	928	9,103	2,761	4,364	2,239	27,631	47,026
Southwest Area	FIRES	35	35	4	9	6	170	259
	ACRES	21,733	47,014	4,952	4,101	6,117	124,069	207,986
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	27	42	57	16	110	125	377
	ACRES	1,255	4,020	25,230	6,053	5,425	56,261	98,244
Eastern Area	FIRES	51	0	182	25	1,771	285	2,314
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,954	6,434	120,389	69,385	249,841
Southern Area	FIRES	85	0	137	40	102,955	697	103,914
	ACRES	10,352	0	81,801	159,315	2,753,980	586,293	3,591,741
TOTAL FIRES:		230	178	473	137	105,060	2,242	108,320
TOTAL ACRES:		65,163	77,187	171,174	182,929	2,961,512	950,097	4,408,062

*** 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: A strong Pacific storm system will move inland from the coast spreading snow across the Pacific Northwest and the western half of the Northern Rockies. Valley rain and mountain snow will be possible across northern California. However, precipitation is not expected from the Bay area south, nor is it expected any further south than the central Great Basin. A breezy, dry southwesterly flow is expected across the Southwest and Texas and could lead to pockets of critical fire weather conditions. The Great Plains and the eastern states can expect an overall breezy westerly flow pattern with near normal temperatures. Scattered snow showers will be possible across Alaska as an active westerly flow continues. More significant snow will be possible across the state later in the week.

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



Unburned Fuel Between You And The Fire

Operational Engagement Category

It is important for firefighters to recognize unburned fuel between themselves and the fire as Watchout Situation #11. Often it is not possible or practical for direct attack on a fire. Before attempting indirect attack and any time the firefighter is in a position where there is unburned fuel between them and the fire, the following questions must be addressed immediately:

- Can you see the fire or are you in contact with someone who can? Discuss situations you might find yourself in where you are out in the green and cannot see the fire. What can you do?
- Is fire spread in a direction away from you? Do you consider the potential for fire spread? Are you safe if the wind switches?
- Will your position be defensible when the fire reaches you? Talk about what must be taken into account when building indirect line or approaching a fire through the green.
- Is your line anchored? Discuss how you anchor indirect line.
- Are your escape routes and safety zones adequate? What is adequate?
- Are weather indicators constantly changing?
- To reduce the risks:
 - Post lookouts
 - Consider a different location. Review situations where you constructed indirect line or approached a fire through the green and how you provided for your safety.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide](#)

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