

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, January 19, 2018 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (174) new fires  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Large fires contained: 1  
 Uncontained large fires:\*\* 0  
 Area Command teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 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	2	301,093	20	37	0	903
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	2	847	0	0	0	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>301,940</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>917</b>

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 9  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed 1

**2018 XSB January Storms**, Montecito Fire Department. Cal Fire IMT 1 (See). One mile east of Montecito, CA. Numerous 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			
2018 XSB January Storms	CA-MTO	N/A	---	N/A	N/A	---	865	-381	20	36	0	166	21M	C&L
Thomas	CA-VNC	281,893	0	100	Ctn	---	38	0	0	1	0	1,063	230M	C&L

VNC – Ventura County Fire Department

**Fires and Acres Last Week (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	2	0	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	7	2	<b>9</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	8	3	0	0	1	4	<b>16</b>
	ACRES	8	1	0	0	1	20	<b>30</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	0	<b>4</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	10	0	0	0	135	1	<b>146</b>
	ACRES	55	0	0	0	336	0	<b>391</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>425</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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	14	0	15
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	98	10	109
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	12	2	14
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	3	0	0	1	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	39	0	39
Southwest Area	FIRES	12	9	0	1	4	9	35
	ACRES	123	8	0	14	367	20	532
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	4	0	0	0	6	2	12
	ACRES	3	4	0	0	35	1	43
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	12	1	13
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	6	21	27
Southern Area	FIRES	21	0	0	2	1,134	10	1,167
	ACRES	1,151	0	0	10	8,330	298	9,789
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,269</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,356</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>1,277</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8,789</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>10,444</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>663</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>14,555</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week (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	1	2
	ACRES	0	79	0	0	0	48	127
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	24	24
	ACRES	0	104	0	1	0	1,307	1,412
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2,020	2,020
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	20	0	0	0	9	29
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	155	157
Southwest Area	FIRES	4	0	0	0	0	4	8
	ACRES	145	0	0	0	0	101	246
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	4	6
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	15	1,718	1,733
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
	ACRES	0	0	35	0	0	0	35
Southern Area	FIRES	6	0	4	0	984	17	1,011
	ACRES	1,240	0	6,033	0	29,264	16,216	52,753
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,063</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>1,385</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>6,068</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29,281</b>	<b>21,574</b>	<b>58,512</b>

**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	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	7	0	0	0	24	31
	ACRES	0	918	0	0	0	1,328	2,246
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	1	1	1	0	43	46
	ACRES	0	142	5	3	0	1,974	2,124
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	12	12
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2,382	2,382
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	1	2	5
	ACRES	0	130	0	0	6	27	163
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	13	14	29
	ACRES	0	3	0	0	125	1,578	1,706
Southwest Area	FIRES	6	2	0	0	0	12	20
	ACRES	1,146	30	0	0	0	276	1,452
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	2	3	0	1	3	17	26
	ACRES	39	1	0	1	18	6,412	6,471
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	4	0	0	2	6
	ACRES	0	0	35	0	0	13	48
Southern Area	FIRES	9	0	4	0	4,424	37	4,474
	ACRES	1,426	0	6,033	0	141,990	29,123	178,572
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,441</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>4,649</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>2,611</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>6,073</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>142,139</b>	<b>43,113</b>	<b>195,164</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:** A cold trough of low pressure will move into the West from the Pacific Ocean on Friday bringing light to moderate snow to the mountains from central California north to the Canadian border. As the trough moves inland on Saturday, it will intensify over the southwestern states. Breezy conditions and downslope flow will develop across New Mexico and Colorado which could create critical fire weather conditions. By Sunday, the strengthening storm will move into the Great Plains. Significantly impactful snow will be possible from the Upper Peninsula in Michigan southwest into eastern Nebraska. Meanwhile, another wintery system will move into the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies and the northern Great Basin bringing much needed snowfall. Further south, critical fire weather conditions will continue from Roswell, New Mexico south to Big Bend, Texas with breezy northwesterly winds and low humidities. Weather across the West will begin to settle down on Monday and Tuesday as the exiting system weakens. In the East, the winter storm will move into the Great Lakes region on Monday and toward the East Coast on Tuesday creating travel issues. A quieter westerly flow will develop over the country on Wednesday and Thursday; however, more snow will be possible across the northwestern quarter of the nation. A slightly breezy downsloping flow along the Rocky Mountain Front may lead to pockets of critical fire weather conditions on Thursday.

In Alaska, a cold front will move into the Interior from the Arctic Ocean and stall. Temperatures will trend toward below normal and where they will remain. Little, if any snowfall is expected with the front though some areas along the southern coast could begin to see some snowfall on the Chugach Mountains by Monday night. The low pressure area associated with this system will gradually drift south from the Arctic Ocean north of Prudhoe Bay and park itself over the Brooks Range.

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



## Constructing Line Without A Safe Anchor Point

*Operational Engagement*

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.
- Do you have a lookout posted? Can they see the main fire?
- How have you mitigated Watchout Situation #8?

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide \(IRPG\)](#)

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

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide](#)

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