National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, December 24, 2021 – 0730 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1

National Fire Activity (December 17, 2021 – December 23, 2021):
Initial attack activity: Light (144 fires)
New large incidents: 4
Large fires contained: 11
Uncontained large fires: *** 1
Area Command teams committed: 0
NIMOs committed: 0
Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 0 fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.
***Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Links to Geographic Area daily reports.]
[Links to Understanding the IMSR.]

This report will post every Friday at 0730 Mountain time unless significant activity occurs.

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Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)
New fires: 3
New large incidents: 3
Uncontained large fires: 1

* Four County, Russell County. One mile southeast of Paradise, KS. Short and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

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WHX – Wichita County

Southern Area (PL 2)
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OKS – Oklahoma DOF  OMA – Okmulgee Field Office, BIA  TXS – Texas A&M Forest Service  KYS – Kentucky DOF
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**Ten Year Average Fires (2011 – 2020 as of today)** | 60,091
**Ten Year Average Acres (2011 – 2020 as of today)** | 7,410,408

***Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.

***Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at [https://gacc.nifc.gov/](https://gacc.nifc.gov/)
Predictive Services Discussion: Dry and breezy to windy conditions are likely to continue over portions of the southern Rockies into the central and southern Plains today into mid next week. The strongest winds are likely today, Sunday, and possibly Tuesday where southwesterly wind gusts could exceed 60 mph amid relative humidity as low as 15% across southeast Colorado and eastern New Mexico into southwest Kansas, western Oklahoma, and western Texas. Periods of strong winds are also likely over portions of eastern Wyoming and the Southwest into early next week but will be mitigated by higher relative humidity and periods of precipitation.

A series of low-pressure systems will affect the West for the next week with periods of heavy rain and mountain snow along the entire West Coast. Inland, across the Intermountain West, heavy mountain snow is forecast with periods of lighter valley rain and snow. Cold fronts are forecast to move across the northern Plains, Midwest, and Northeast into Saturday and the middle of next week with snow for the northern Plains, Great Lakes, and portions of the Northeast with rain for the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys into the central and southern Appalachians. However, much of the central and southern Plains into the Southeast is forecast to remain dry for the next week.

http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm
Driving is one of the most hazardous things we do because we perform the task hundreds of times in the course of our daily lives. We tend to take it for granted. Based on recent accident trends, vehicle accidents are the source of more deaths and serious injuries to wildland firefighters than any other single cause.

- To be a safe driver you have to want to be one. Take a good, hard look at your driving habits. Are you training yourself to do the right things the right way, like fastening your seat belt, checking your mirrors, and maintaining safe following distances?
- Inattentiveness is a major contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents within the wildland firefighting community. Since the average adult attention span is 15 to 20 minutes, we must develop techniques that allow us to refocus our attention on our driving.
- Many things can lure our attention away from our driving, such as fatigue, eating and drinking, reading directions and maps, writing, cell phone and radio use, conversation within the vehicle, and music.

  ✓ Drive only when you are well-rested and alert, and avoid driving during the hours from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Take a 10- to 15-minute break after every 2 hours.
  ✓ Practice situational awareness; be aware of what is happening in front, behind, and on both sides of your vehicle.
  ✓ Never drive when taking medications that make you drowsy.
  ✓ Delegate navigation and communication to a passenger, or pull over.
  ✓ By constantly moving your vision, checking mirrors and distant road conditions, you can avoid highway hypnosis and daydreaming.
  ✓ Avoid eating or drinking while driving.
  ✓ When talking with passengers, keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. Avoid serious or argumentative conversations.
  ✓ Switch off driving with others if multiple people are in the vehicle.
  ✓ Do not be in a hurry; be patient.

- Safe driving starts with a safe vehicle. Something as simple as underinflated tires can have serious consequences. Before operating any vehicle, do a walk-around to look for potential problems, make sure the lights and blinkers work, and adjust your seat and mirrors. If it is the first time you have driven the vehicle, make yourself aware of where everything is.

Resources: Engine Rollover: Lessons Learned Video, Road Learning, Fall 2012 Two More Chains: “Wings, Wheels, and Rotors”, LLC Annual Incident Review Summaries