

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2003 1000 MST**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light across the nation for the week. Nationally, 141 new fires were reported for the week ending January 10<sup>th</sup>. Four new large fires were reported and contained during the week, two in the Southern Area and two in southern California.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PACIFIC	CA	LAC	1300	100	---	89	4	5	1	0	2.3M
AIRPORT	CA	LAC	245	100	---	116	3	7	0	0	NR

LAC = Los Angeles County FD

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SHROPSHIRE	OK	OKS	500	100		6	0	3	0	0	NR
MUD HOLE ROAD	OK	OKS	120	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

**OUTLOOK:**

**\*\*\*A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS IN EFFECT FOR SATURDAY FOR NORTHERN FLORIDA FROM PENSACOLA EAST TO JACKSONVILLE FOR LOW MINIMUM RELATIVE HUMIDITY\*\*\***

Colder and drier air will be moving into the Southern Area today bringing gusty north to northwesterly winds, especially in areas east of the Mississippi River. A disturbance moving through the Appalachian Mountain region will produce areas of light snow showers.

Southern California will see a pacific trough maintain cool temperatures and high humidity. Temperatures will be in the 40 s in the Sierras, 50 s in other mountain areas and high deserts, and 60 s in the valleys, coastal areas and lower deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 30 to 45 percent in the deserts and 50 to 70 percent elsewhere. Winds will be southwest to northwest at 5 to 15 mph.



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

## **SAFETY ZONES**

A safety zone is a location where the threatened firefighter can find adequate refuge from an approaching fire.

• What is the difference between a safety zone and a deployment site?

- The safety zone is the area where a firefighter can survive without using a fire shelter. The deployment site is used when fire conditions are such that escape routes and safety zones have been compromised.

• How do you identify a good safety zone?

- Consider the distance from the escaped fire as well as topography, winds, fire behavior, and fuels in the area.
- The best locations are usually "in the black;" those with a minimum of, or devoid of, ground/aerial vegetation; or large bodies of water.
- Size is sufficient for all present resources with a minimum distance from fire of at least four times the maximum flame length.
- Location is scouted and marked well for visibility at all times.
- Location has been reassessed in relation to line work progress, fatigue, changes in fire behavior, and arrival of additional resources.

**FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					5	1	6
	ACRES					2	0	2
Southern California	FIRES	1					8	9
	ACRES	1					2	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1			7	1	9
	ACRES		1			9	0	10
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						14	14
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	2		2		110	2	116
	ACRES	106		255		1,224	4	1,589
TOTAL	FIRES	2	2	2	0	122	13	141
	ACRES	106	2	255	0	1,235	20	1,618

**FIREs AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					5	1	6
	ACRES					2	0	2
Southern California	FIRES		1				8	9
	ACRES		1				2	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		1				0	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				14	14
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			2		53	3	58
	ACRES			255		335	5	595
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	2	0	58	14	77
	ACRES	0	2	255	0	337	21	615
<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>								<b>387</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>								<b>6,806</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the first reporting period in January\*\*\*

and

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

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIREs	3						3
	ACRES	4						4
Northern California	FIREs		1	1			4	6
	ACRES		2	106		216		324
Southern California	FIREs					5		5
	ACRES					65		65
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIREs					8		8
	ACRES					72		72
Rocky Mountain	FIREs					1		1
	ACRES					1		1
Eastern Area	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIREs			6	1	6	45	58
	ACRES			1,165	1,400	17,493	20,488	40,546
TOTAL	FIREs	3	1	7	1	6	63	81
	ACRES	4	2	1,271	1,400	17,493	20,842	41,012

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	1	1			1	6
	ACRES	4	15	200			31	250
Northern California	FIRES		2	1			4	7
	ACRES		11	106			218	335
Southern California	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						83	83
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						72	72
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						260	260
Southern Area	FIRES			3		4	38	45
	ACRES			710		7,781	18,508	26,999
TOTAL	FIRES	3	3	5	0	4	62	77
	ACRES	4	26	1,016	0	7,781	19,173	28,000

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1									
Northern California										
Southern California		7		12		1				25
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				3						
Total	1	7	0	15	0	1	0	0	0	25

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