

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT**  
**THURSDAY DECEMBER 23, 2004 1000 MDT**  
**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 389 new fires reported for the week. Six new large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very high fire indices were reported in Georgia.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TALCO	TX	TXS	418	100	---	0	0	0	0	4	NR
BLACK BRIAR	AR	OUF	282	100	---	5	0	1	0	0	NR
TATE PARIS BRANCH	OK	OKS	120	100	---	1	0	1	0	0	NR
NELSON	OK	OKS	160	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
ROCK CREEK	OK	OKS	300	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR
TRIANGLE	FL	FNF	305	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	1.5K

TXS = Texas Forest Service      OUF = Ouachita National Forest  
FNF = National Forests in Florida

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** A cold front with gusty winds and some rainfall will move across Florida today with more rain expected over the weekend and early next week. Portions of Texas and Oklahoma will see snow today then mostly dry weather Friday through the first half of next week. Santa Ana winds are expected over southern California today and Friday along with gusty winds over far western portions of Arizona. Winds will diminish over the weekend with cooler and more unsettled weather Monday through Wednesday.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>Southern California</b> Mostly sunny.	45 to 60 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 70s to near 80 valleys. 60 upper deserts. Low 70s lower deserts.	15 to 30%, except 35 to 50% Sierra Foothills and central coast.	North 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts over Southern California mountains and below passes. Otherwise north 10 to 20 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES**

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mopup stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

# 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							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1		2		367	14	384
	ACRES	20		272		3,634	888	4,814
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	2	0	367	19	389
	ACRES	20	0	272	0	3,634	890	4,816

# FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	57	82	21	497	44	707
	ACRES	7,131	1,198,435	2,063,237	29,835	3,347,324	16	6,645,978
Northwest	FIRES	368	324	38	74	1,768	1,371	3,943
	ACRES	22,722	5,024	1,360	393	18,356	74,783	122,638
Northern California	FIRES	150	129	12	25	2,879	1,052	4,247
	ACRES	188	19,128	43	1,138	91,802	38,006	150,305
Southern California	FIRES	39	115	36	44	3,093	829	4,156
	ACRES	676	6,085	1,947	5,095	67,171	11,431	92,405
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,218	63	24	13	791	864	2,973
	ACRES	6,970	1,564	1,316	4	17,985	10,591	38,430
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	62	883	2	47	541	751	2,286
	ACRES	522	41,844	1	60	9,073	37,688	89,188
Western Great Basin	FIRES	26	637	13	19	107	152	954
	ACRES	364	22,435	2,666	79	7,884	6,363	39,791
Southwest	FIRES	778	189	5	88	704	1,788	3,552
	ACRES	5,327	6,139	201	532	7,067	283,415	302,681
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	339	492	39	51	542	515	1,978
	ACRES	5,573	5,006	1,274	37	26,669	7,926	46,485
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		48	29	11,232	521	12,325
	ACRES	5,109		2,435	111	85,005	6,027	98,687
Southern Area	FIRES	145		82	86	27,382	694	28,389
	ACRES	16,518		21,923	5,072	341,710	75,704	460,927
TOTAL	FIRES	3,626	2,889	381	497	49,536	8,581	65,510
	ACRES	71,100	1,305,660	2,096,403	42,356	4,020,046	551,950	8,087,515

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>70,140</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,048,583</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES LAST WEEK:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1	2				3	6
	ACRES	388	31				85	504
Northern California	FIRES				1		0	1
	ACRES				48		165	213
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						31	31
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3				1	4
	ACRES		66				2	68
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						35	35
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					1	0	1
	ACRES					1,117	40	1,157
Eastern Area	FIRES			1			2	3
	ACRES			40			1,120	1,160
Southern Area	FIRES			2	1		13	16
	ACRES			715	2,000		8,234	10,949
TOTAL	FIRES	1	5	3	2	1	25	37
	ACRES	388	97	755	2,048	1,117	9,712	14,117

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			22,901		55,901
Northwest	FIRES	71	265	73	1	4	861	1,275
	ACRES	18,555	44,463	6,282	30	1,113	102,189	172,632
Northern California	FIRES	15	24	28	28		421	516
	ACRES	262	2,156	20,227	3,701		39,223	65,569
Southern California	FIRES	2	6	23	15		177	223
	ACRES	205	93	2,220	981		9,788	13,287
Northern Rockies	FIRES	50	10	111	6	163	880	1,220
	ACRES	3,598	2,872	20,641	1,067	6,220	56,473	90,871
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	34	5	8	98	137	283
	ACRES	149	15,384	2,449	4,811	9,273	35,330	67,396
Western Great Basin	FIRES		10	6	3		6	25
	ACRES		2,447	1,179	414		1,013	5,053
Southwest	FIRES	31	21	7	16		708	783
	ACRES	12,845	4,896	12,769	11,406		113,559	155,475
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	52	61	167	20	21	171	492
	ACRES	7,170	18,314	24,911	13,983	11,589	48,347	124,314
Eastern Area	FIRES	29		433	25	1,119	268	1,874
	ACRES	15,115		55,086	4,628	76,373	40,613	191,815
Southern Area	FIRES	51		294	112	417	1,205	2,079
	ACRES	8,503		112,049	116,282	220,807	1,053,096	1,510,737
TOTAL	FIRES	302	432	1,147	234	1,827	4,834	8,776
	ACRES	66,402	123,625	257,813	157,303	348,276	1,499,631	2,453,050

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

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				66,917			66,917
Northwest	FIRES		1		5		13	19
	ACRES		7		200		1,871	2,078
Northern California	FIRES				12		5	17
	ACRES				3,435		0	3,435
Southern California	FIRES				11		28	39
	ACRES				4,712		222	4,934
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	49	50
	ACRES				0	10	13,479	13,489
Western Great Basin	FIRES		15		2			17
	ACRES		494		0			494
Southwest	FIRES				10		28	38
	ACRES				1,703		14,820	16,523
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		28	3	2	0	6	39
	ACRES		6,649	295	0	2,271	613	9,828
Eastern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	44	3	65	0	193	305
	ACRES	0	7,150	295	81,410	2,281	33,416	124,552

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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										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area			1							
Total	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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