

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
THURSDAY DECEMBER 30, 2004 1000 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 245 new fires reported for the week. No new large fires were reported during the week. Very high fire indices were reported in South Dakota.

**OUTLOOK:**

**Weather Discussion:** Windy conditions are expected over portions of the Central Plains today as a cold front moves through the area. Winds diminish Friday as the front moves east. Unsettled weather is expected over much of Central and Southern Plains from New Years Day through Thursday. The Southeast will remain generally dry today through Tuesday with rain expected Wednesday and Thursday. Wet weather will continue in the West through next Thursday.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<b>Southern California</b> Mostly cloudy with precipitation, heavy at times, over central California with scattered light precipitation over Southern California. Snow level 5,000 to 6,000 feet.	30 to 45 mountains. 50 to 60 valleys. 40 to 50 upper deserts. 55 to 65 lower deserts.	60 to 80%.	Southeast to southwest 15 to 30 mph with higher gusts.



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

### INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS NOT CLEAR

Every firefighter will give and receive briefings at some point on the job. Briefings are an effective way to disseminate information that can make the firefighter's job safer and easier. When giving a briefing, it is important to keep the following questions in mind and remain perceptive to how the audience is receiving the information:

- Did they ask questions? Talk about what it is like giving a briefing. Do you get empty stares? What feedback are you looking for to ensure they understand you?
- Did they take notes? What kind of information would you like to see people write down?
- Did they repeat information back? What other ways can you identify that your briefing is registering?
- Did you give all the necessary information? How will you ensure that you covered everything necessary?
  - Task
  - Location
  - Communications
  - Hazards
  - Who, when, etc.
- It is also important for the firefighter who is receiving instructions to be mindful of the following during the briefing:
  - Did you really listen? What do you do to make yourself pay attention to everything being said?
  - Did you understand the assignment, location, and the nature and location of hazards? Do you expect to figure it out for yourself when you get out there or do you step forward and ask questions?
- To reduce the risks, take the time and get it right!
- You must know the location of the assignment and:
  - What is to be done.
  - Who you are to report to and how often to report.
  - When you are expected to complete the assignment.
  - Hazards.
  - Communication plan frequencies.
  - Weather and fire behavior.
  - Status of adjoining forces.

**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					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES				12			12
	ACRES				3			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
	ACRES					0		0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				1			1
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1		7		217	3	228
	ACRES	45		83		931	10	1,069
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	7	0	232	5	245
	ACRES	45	0	83	0	935	10	1,073

**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	1,053	4,248
	ACRES	188	19,128	43	1,138	91,802	38,006	150,305
Southern California	FIRES	39	115	36	44	3,105	829	4,168
	ACRES	676	6,085	1,947	5,095	67,174	11,431	92,408
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	1,789	3,553
	ACRES	5,327	6,139	201	532	7,067	283,415	302,681
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	373	509	39	44	545	533	2,043
	ACRES	5,720	5,053	1,274	33	31,868	7,944	51,892
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		48	29	11,232	523	12,327
	ACRES	5,109		2,435	111	85,005	6,015	98,675
Southern Area	FIRES	146		82	86	27,665	697	28,676
	ACRES	16,563		21,923	5,072	343,273	75,714	462,545
TOTAL	FIRES	3,661	2,906	381	490	49,834	8,606	65,878
	ACRES	71,292	1,305,707	2,096,403	42,352	4,026,811	551,966	8,094,531

Eight Year Average Fires	78,800
Eight Year Average Acres	4,565,436

\*\*\* 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			2		5
	ACRES		91			0		91
Northern California	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					284		284
Southern California	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					18		18
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			0	0	0
	ACRES		4			120	2	126
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				1	1	1	3
	ACRES				500	85	200	785
TOTAL	FIRES	0	3	0	1	1	7	12
	ACRES	0	95	0	500	205	504	1,304

**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	268	73	1	4	864	1,281
	ACRES	18,555	44,554	6,282	30	1,113	102,439	172,973
Northern California	FIREs	15	24	28	28		424	519
	ACRES	262	2,156	20,227	3,701		39,507	65,853
Southern California	FIREs	2	6	23	15		178	224
	ACRES	205	93	2,220	981		9,806	13,305
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	18,318	24,911	13,983	11,709	48,349	124,440
Eastern Area	FIREs	29		433	25	1,150	268	1,905
	ACRES	15,115		55,086	4,628	79,703	40,613	195,145
Southern Area	FIREs	51		294	113	418	1,205	2,081
	ACRES	8,503		112,049	116,782	220,892	1,053,096	1,511,322
TOTAL	FIREs	302	435	1,147	235	1,859	4,841	8,819
	ACRES	66,402	123,720	257,813	157,803	351,811	1,500,185	2,457,734

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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	9	42
	ACRES		6,649	295	0	2,271	634	9,849
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	196	308
	ACRES	0	7,150	295	81,410	2,281	33,437	124,573

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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				3						
Eastern Area										
Southern Area				3					2	
Total	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

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