

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, December 16, 2011 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity:	Light (318 new fires)
New large fires:	0 (*)
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires: **	0
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there are no large fires being managed to achieve multiple objectives.

** Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

Predictive Services Discussion: A cold front will move across the Southeast U.S. today, producing scattered rain from the Texas coast to the Mid-Atlantic states. Snow showers are possible in the central Appalachians. High pressure will bring cold but fair weather to most of the rest of the country. Through the weekend, a low pressure system will cross the Southwest, producing scattered rain and snow from Arizona to west Texas and Oklahoma. Cold, but fair conditions will continue elsewhere.

Predictive Services Outlook products: <http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.htm>



**Today's discussion is from the
Fireline Safety Category.**

INITIAL ATTACK FIRE SIZEUP/SAFETY

Having a good sizeup is important in order to give both the Incident Commander (IC) and fire management a good idea of what problems exist and what resources may be needed for effective firefighting.

- Use the following reporting factors for size-up and reference local fire size-up cards. Discuss others that may be used.

- Fire name and location
- Terrain (slope, aspect, elevation) and position of fire on the slope
- Size of fire
- Fuel type, anticipated control problems, and spread potential
- Values threatened
- Weather conditions (wind speed and direction)
- Fire behavior
- Resources on the fire and those needed
- Estimated containment and control times
- Cause (known, suspected, under investigation)

- After your initial size-up of the fire and/or transition from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in conditions on the fire.

- Have you sized up the fire and relayed the information to dispatch?
- Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
- Can you control the fire with the resources available (on the incident or soon to be on the incident) and under the expected conditions?
- Have you developed a plan to attack the fire (direct or indirect, anchor points, escape routes, head or flank attack, priority areas); and have you communicated this information to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
- Are lookouts in place or can you see all of the fire area?
- Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
- Are escape routes and safety zones established? If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
- Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed and/or mitigated?
- Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?
- Will you control the fire before the next operational period; and if you won't, or the size of the organization exceeds the IC's capability to manage, have you informed the agency Fire Management Officer?

References:

[Fireline Handbook](#)
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#), inside front cover.

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Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northern California	FIRES					20	2	22
	ACRES					2	1	3
Southern California	FIRES					7	7	14
	ACRES					0	771	771
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					2	0	2
	ACRES					1	33	34
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1			2	1	4
	ACRES		250			1	0	251
Southwest	FIRES	7	1				4	12
	ACRES	4	0				6	10
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	0					0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					7		7
Southern Area	FIRES					253	4	257
	ACRES					3,047	5	3,052
TOTAL	FIRES	8	2	0	0	289	19	318
	ACRES	4	250	0	0	3,058	816	4,128

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	26	30	17	431	9	515
	ACRES	8	42,087	36,823	7,790	206,307	3	293,018
Northwest	FIRES	245	264	10	47	579	940	2,085
	ACRES	111,743	146,291	90	1,216	15,086	26,836	301,262
Northern California	FIRES	111	32	6	20	2,366	448	2,983
	ACRES	93	2,631	5	2,180	10,047	8,848	23,804
Southern California	FIRES	26	389	7	50	3,722	566	4,760
	ACRES	225	13,875	4	2,217	55,828	32,557	104,706
Northern Rockies	FIRES	626	89	8	27	552	726	2,028
	ACRES	30,837	57,154	494	1,131	16,002	91,561	197,179
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	33	676	2	25	606	534	1,876
	ACRES	2,269	276,098	26	566	105,982	77,556	462,497
Western Great Basin	FIRES	17	490	13	18	190	83	811
	ACRES	3,343	284,200	778	4	135,603	6,866	430,794
Southwest	FIRES	926	352	14	56	1,061	1,365	3,774
	ACRES	49,979	111,731	5,374	18,462	826,944	1,299,836	2,312,326
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	834	445	35	41	934	521	2,810
	ACRES	25,403	24,012	2,609	2,491	330,371	74,840	459,726
Eastern Area	FIRES	454		35	23	5,102	319	5,933
	ACRES	1,016		3,166	100	63,902	113,741	181,925
Southern Area	FIRES	936		267	88	37,800	1,081	40,172
	ACRES	138,611		121,923	57,221	3,445,713	36,882	3,800,350
TOTAL	FIRES	4,210	2,763	427	412	53,343	6,592	67,747
	ACRES	363,527	958,079	171,292	93,378	5,211,785	1,769,526	8,567,587

Ten Year Average Fires	75,025
Ten Year Average Acres	7,271,156

*** 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		1				3	4
	ACRES		130				182	312
Northern California	FIRES	3		0			8	11
	ACRES	44		20			465	529
Southern California	FIRES						7	7
	ACRES						58	58
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				4		2	6
	ACRES				36		164	200
Western Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						37	37
Southwest	FIRES		0	0	1		12	13
	ACRES		3	15	10		382	410
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	1		0		6	11
	ACRES	157	62		40		2,440	2,699
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1		140	11	152
	ACRES			475		7,508	6,322	14,305
TOTAL	FIRES	7	2	1	5	140	49	204
	ACRES	201	195	510	86	7,508	10,050	18,550

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	3	11	5	20
	ACRES			20	35	8,476	451	8,982
Northwest	FIRES	24	202	26	1		548	801
	ACRES	8,390	23,084	1,878	1,166		56,048	90,566
Northern California	FIRES	37	20	28	41		314	440
	ACRES	414	977	22,445	1,157		20,893	45,886
Southern California	FIRES	1	11	17	10	15	135	189
	ACRES	49	758	3,997	1,868	2,260	4,453	13,385
Northern Rockies	FIRES	48	26	68	11	187	380	720
	ACRES	2,444	3,670	11,308	4,777	8,373	49,080	79,652
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	40	4	13	57	107	221
	ACRES	54	10,498	1,123	904	1,757	22,914	37,250
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	1	8	2	13	30
	ACRES		569	550	2,574	64	1,888	5,645
Southwest	FIRES	28	32	4	18	4	163	249
	ACRES	18,726	194,971	1,585	4,748	305	92,629	312,964
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	92	45	135	33	85	190	580
	ACRES	8,479	7,689	21,380	7,953	15,926	49,524	110,951
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		374	40	1,252	157	1,853
	ACRES	60,283		50,464	4,153	68,276	43,845	227,021
Southern Area	FIRES	42		153	32	1,631	744	2,602
	ACRES	7,835		78,110	42,557	326,918	608,644	1,064,064
TOTAL	FIRES	302	382	811	210	3,244	2,756	7,705
	ACRES	106,674	242,216	192,860	71,892	432,355	950,369	1,996,366

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Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <http://gacc.nifc.gov/>.

This report contains information derived from the National Fire and Aviation Management Web Applications (FAMWEB) system and other sources to provide relative information about emerging and ongoing incident activity. This information is considered operational in nature, is subject to correction, and therefore may not match official year to date agency records.

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