

**National Interagency Coordination Center**  
**Incident Management Situation Report**  
**Friday, December 23, 2011 – 0800 MT**  
**National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)**

Initial attack activity:	Light (203 new fires)
New large fires:	1 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
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.

**Southern Area (PL 2)**

New fires:	108
New large fires:	1
Uncontained large fires:	0

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* WF Goose Gully	TX	MCR	1,200	---	100	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	25K	FWS

MCR – McFaddin NWR

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Showers and thunderstorms will develop along a stationary front stretching from Texas to the mid-Atlantic states through the weekend while a Canadian system brings snow to New England. A Pacific storm will move through the Northwest and the Northern Rockies around midweek.

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



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

### HAZARD TREE FELLING – SECURE FELLING AREA



**DISCUSSION:** The following fundamental safety principles for tree felling operations have been established based on repeated lessons learned following serious accidents. To protect sawyers, swampers, and operational personnel from exposure to potential traumatic injury or death during tree felling operations, the following safety procedures should be applied to all felling activities. Fireline supervisors should continue to monitor all felling operations to ensure the following safe job procedures are consistently applied:

- A secure felling area, **MINIMUM OF TWO AND ONE HALF (2.5) TIMES THE HEIGHT OF THE MATERIAL BEING FELLED IN ALL DIRECTIONS**, needs to be established and maintained by the faller during all tree felling operations. In addition, the entire downhill side on slopes must be secured if materials can fall/role for a long, unpredictable distance.
- No one shall be permitted in the secured felling area without the authorization of the faller.
- The faller shall establish a safety zone outside the secured area, and direct **EVERYONE** to remain there until all felling is completed, and an "all clear" has been communicated.
- Safety zones should be established, whenever practical, in the opposite direction of the planned fall, and at a distance of at least 2.5 times the height of the trees being felled.
- The faller shall assign Lookout(s). The lookout(s) shall have reliable communications with the faller, and other personnel adjacent to the secure areas.
- Competent lookouts shall be established and maintained by the faller at all major access points of roads and trails that afford access to the secured felling area.
- The faller will ensure that no hazards remain such as hang-ups, unstable logs, or other dangers before approving access or leaving the secured area

References: [Hazard Tree Safety Web Page](#)

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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				24	7		31
	ACRES				6	10		16
Southern California	FIREs				21	2		23
	ACRES				38	0		38
Northern Rockies	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIREs				2			2
	ACRES				2			2
Western Great Basin	FIREs			1	1	1		3
	ACRES			0	20	0		20
Southwest	FIREs							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	4				1		5
	ACRES	2				0		2
Eastern Area	FIREs			3		27		30
	ACRES			21		1,112		1,133
Southern Area	FIREs			1		107		108
	ACRES			20		294		314
TOTAL	FIREs	4	0	4	1	184	10	203
	ACRES	2	0	41	0	1,472	10	1,563

### 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	580	940	2,086
	ACRES	111,743	146,291	90	1,216	15,087	26,836	301,263
Northern California	FIRES	111	32	6	20	2,395	455	3,019
	ACRES	93	2,631	5	2,180	10,053	8,857	23,819
Southern California	FIRES	26	389	7	50	3,722	569	4,763
	ACRES	225	13,875	4	2,217	55,828	32,557	104,706
Northern Rockies	FIRES	638	89	8	27	552	726	2,040
	ACRES	30,862	57,154	494	1,131	16,002	91,561	197,204
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	33	676	2	25	608	534	1,878
	ACRES	2,269	276,188	26	568	105,898	77,556	462,505
Western Great Basin	FIRES	17	491	13	19	190	84	814
	ACRES	3,343	282,645	778	4	130,131	6,867	423,768
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	877	445	36	41	935	521	2,855
	ACRES	25,708	24,012	2,611	2,491	330,371	74,843	460,036
Eastern Area	FIRES	454		38	23	7,738	319	8,572
	ACRES	1,016		3,191	100	94,220	112,741	211,268
Southern Area	FIRES	936		268	88	39,819	1,081	42,192
	ACRES	138,611		121,943	57,221	3,497,728	36,882	3,852,385
TOTAL	FIRES	4,265	2,764	432	413	58,031	6,603	72,508
	ACRES	363,857	956,614	171,339	93,380	5,288,569	1,768,539	8,642,298

Ten Year Average Fires	74,610
Ten Year Average Acres	7,075,661

\*\*\* 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					6	6	
	ACRES					190	190	
Northern California	FIRES	3		1		9	13	
	ACRES	20		4		119	143	
Southern California	FIRES					0	0	
	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					5	5	
	ACRES					11	11	
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0				4	4	
	ACRES	52				1,954	2,006	
Eastern Area	FIRES			9				9
	ACRES			1,429				1,429
Southern Area	FIRES					41	11	52
	ACRES					13,121	7,630	20,751
TOTAL	FIRES	3	0	10	0	41	35	89
	ACRES	72	0	1,433	0	13,121	9,907	24,533

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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		552	805
	ACRES	8,390	23,114	1,878	1,166		56,241	90,789
Northern California	FIREs	40	20	29	41		325	455
	ACRES	434	977	22,449	1,157		21,017	46,034
Southern California	FIREs	1	11	17	10	15	135	189
	ACRES	49	758	3,997	1,868	2,260	4,456	13,388
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	168	254
	ACRES	18,726	194,971	1,585	4,748	305	92,646	312,981
Rocky Mountain	FIREs	90	45	137	33	85	194	584
	ACRES	11,426	7,689	21,588	7,953	15,926	51,478	116,060
Eastern Area	FIREs	30		394	40	1,561	157	2,182
	ACRES	60,283		52,365	4,153	107,947	43,845	268,593
Southern Area	FIREs	42		153	32	1,659	754	2,640
	ACRES	7,835		78,110	42,557	335,224	613,907	1,077,633
TOTAL	FIREs	303	382	834	210	3,581	2,790	8,100
	ACRES	109,641	242,246	194,973	71,892	480,332	957,923	2,057,007

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

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