

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, December 30, 2011 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity: Light (143 new fires)
 New large fires: 1 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires: ** 1
 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.

Eastern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 1
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Boxing Day**, Minnesota DNR. Four miles north of Trail, MN. Grass and peat. Smoldering.

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
* Boxing Day	MN	MNS	750	0	50	UNK	44	39	0	14	0	0	NR	ST

Predictive Services Discussion: A low pressure system will move across the Great Lakes and New England, producing snow across the region heading into weekend. A Pacific storm will bring rain and snow to the Northwest and northern Rockies through Saturday before moving across the northern Plains and the Great Lakes early next week. Low humidity and locally gusty offshore winds will develop through the weekend over parts of coastal southern California but should remain below critical levels. Elsewhere, cool and generally dry conditions will prevail.

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



Today's discussion is from the
Miscellaneous Category.

Radio Narrow Banding

The ability to have positive, reliable communication is one of the most important safety considerations we have in Wildland fire. As we are forced to adapt to technological changes, maintaining good radio communications becomes more complex and requires a heightened level of skill and awareness from all firefighters. The following are some facts and suggestions that may make radio communications easier

- Federal Agencies have been congressionally mandated to narrowband their frequencies by January 1, 2005. State and municipal agencies will not have to follow suit until the year 2013. For firefighters trying to determine if a frequency will be narrow banded or not, this means that it is probably a good bet that Federal frequencies (those frequencies between 162.0000 and 174.0000 Mhz) are.
- Operating your radio in the wideband mode while working in a narrowband environment may cause radio communication problems for everyone working on that channel. The symptoms may range from distorted transmissions to no transmission at all.
- Before we were mandated to work in narrowband, frequencies were listed with just three digits past the decimal point. It is imperative that we now convey frequencies with four digits past the decimal point, for example 168.xxxx
- Some firefighters mistakenly believe that if they simply punch in four numbers past the decimal point, the channel will then be narrow banded. This is not true! Each channel must be programmed specifically to operate in wideband or narrowband. Narrowband programming instructions for most handheld radios can be found at www.fireradios.net
Another website that has programming instructions as well as pocket cards that can be printed is: www.fs.fed.us/fire/niicd/documents
- Check your frequency guides, plans and maps to see which mode the frequencies are supposed to be operating on. If these don't have the information you need, find it and make pen and ink notes for yourself.
- If available, have a radio technician check your radio to ensure you are operating in the proper mode on the assigned frequencies.
- Discuss the narrow/wide band concept with all firefighters, managers and pilots.

References:

[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)

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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							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES					43	4	47
	ACRES					8	31	39
Southern California	FIRES	2		1		71	12	86
	ACRES	2		0		54	10	66
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	5						5
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					750		750
Southern Area	FIRES					4	1	5
	ACRES					5	1	6
TOTAL	FIRES	5	0	1	0	120	17	143
	ACRES	7	0	0	0	817	42	866

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	286	10	47	598	964	2,150
	ACRES	111,743	148,169	99	1,216	15,123	26,910	303,260
Northern California	FIRES	111	32	6	20	2,438	466	3,073
	ACRES	93	2,631	5	2,180	10,061	8,896	23,866
Southern California	FIRES	28	389	8	51	3,835	580	4,891
	ACRES	227	13,875	4	2,237	55,920	32,566	104,829
Northern Rockies	FIRES	642	96	8	27	552	726	2,051
	ACRES	31,765	57,638	494	1,131	16,002	91,561	198,591
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	33	677	2	25	608	534	1,879
	ACRES	2,269	276,188	26	568	105,891	77,556	462,498
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	15	59	1,062	1,368	3,782
	ACRES	49,979	111,731	5,374	23,209	826,944	1,260,789	2,278,026
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	880	445	36	41	1,498	521	3,421
	ACRES	25,713	24,012	2,611	2,491	387,332	74,843	517,002
Eastern Area	FIRES	454		38	23	7,761	319	8,595
	ACRES	1,016		3,191	100	94,323	112,741	211,371
Southern Area	FIRES	936		268	88	39,939	1,082	42,313
	ACRES	138,611		121,943	57,221	3,535,965	36,883	3,890,623
TOTAL	FIRES	4,274	2,794	434	417	58,912	6,653	73,484
	ACRES	364,767	958,976	171,348	98,147	5,383,999	1,729,615	8,706,852

Ten Year Average Fires	76,864
Ten Year Average Acres	7,109,599

*** 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						31	31
	ACRES						1,028	1,028
Northern California	FIRES						52	52
	ACRES						3,086	3,086
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						47	47
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				2		4	6
	ACRES				3		46	49
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	0					1	1
	ACRES	25					32	57
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					10	1	11
	ACRES					13,490	397	13,887
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	2	10	91	103
	ACRES	25	0	0	3	13,490	4,636	18,154

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	25	1		599	851
	ACRES	8,390	23,514	1,874	1,166		57,915	92,859
Northern California	FIRES	40	20	29	41		351	481
	ACRES	434	977	22,449	1,157		20,697	45,714
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	53	26	68	11	187	380	725
	ACRES	3,150	3,670	11,308	4,777	8,373	49,080	80,358
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	0	40	4	13	56	109	222
	ACRES	54	10,498	1,123	904	2,291	22,961	37,831
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6	1	8	2	13	30
	ACRES		569	550	2,574	64	1,888	5,645
Southwest	FIRES	30	32	5	20	4	185	276
	ACRES	18,760	194,971	1,595	4,751	305	93,629	314,011
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	90	45	137	33	90	195	590
	ACRES	11,451	7,691	21,588	7,953	15,933	51,510	116,126
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	1,662	755	2,644
	ACRES	7,835		78,110	42,557	340,274	614,304	1,083,080
TOTAL	FIRES	310	382	834	212	3,588	2,884	8,210
	ACRES	110,406	242,648	194,979	71,895	485,923	960,736	2,066,587

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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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