

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Wednesday, December 5, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (57 new fires)  
 New large fires: 4 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 4  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 4  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0  
 \*\* Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 2  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 2  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1

**Fern Lake**, Rocky Mountain NP. IMT 1 (Harvey). Three miles west of Estes Park, CO. Timber. Smoldering with interior burning. Highway corridor, recreation site and park residential area threatened. Evacuations in effect. Reduction in acreage due to more accurate mapping.

\* **File**, Cheyenne River Agency, BIA. Three miles southeast of Eagle Butte, SD. Timber and grass. 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
Fern Lake	CO	RMP	3,477	-93	40	UNK	503	181	12	47	3	1	3.2M	NPS
* File	SD	CRA	383	---	90	12/5	5	---	0	2	0	0	8K	BIA

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 52  
 New large fires: 3  
 Uncontained large fires: 2

**Skegg Again**, George Washington & Jefferson NF. Five miles northwest of Haysi, VA. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

**Old Field Gap**, National Forests in North Carolina. Ten miles west of Robinsville, NC. Hardwood litter. No further information received.

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Skegg Again	VA	VAF	800	425	65	12/5	123	0	3	8	1	0	200K	FS
Old Field Gap	NC	NCF	300	0	95	UNK	13	-17	0	0	1	0	8K	FS
* Stable Fork	KY	KYS	555	---	100	---	15	---	1	0	0	0	3K	ST
Watertower North	OK	OKS	425	0	100	---	5	0	0	2	0	0	1K	ST
* Frost Hollow	KY	KYS	176	---	100	---	7	---	1	0	0	0	2K	ST
* Oak Haven	KY	KYS	132	---	100	---	3	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

KYS-Kentucky DOF

OKS-Oklahoma DOF

### **Other Fires**

(As of November 30)

GACC	Fires	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AK	0	0	0	0	0	0
NW	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO	0	0	0	0	0	0
SO	0	0	0	0	0	0
NR	0	0	0	0	0	0
EB	1	1,601	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	2	2,474	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3	4,075	0	0	0	0

**Predictive Services Discussion:** Strong southerly winds along with low humidity will affect the Plains ahead of a trough moving inland over the West Coast. This trough will bring rain to the Pacific Northwest and Northern California. Showers will form along a cold front over the East Coast from Florida northward to New England. Showers will also continue along the Gulf Coast.

<http://www.predictiveservices.nifc.gov/outlooks/outlooks.html>



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

### DOZER/TRACTOR PLOW OPERATIONS

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

- Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.
- Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.
- Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.
- Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.
- When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.
- Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.
- Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.
- Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.
- Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.
- Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook Appendix A or IRPG pg 91, for hand signals.)
- Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.
- Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.
- Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.
- Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.
- Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.
- Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.
- Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.
- Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.
- When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

References:

[Safety and Occupational Health Manual Handbook, BLM--1112-1](#)  
[Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations](#)  
[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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### Fires and Acres Yesterday

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							0
	ACRES							0
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	1				1		2
	ACRES	383				0		383
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES					51	1	52
	ACRES					2,335	40	2,375
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	55	1	57
	ACRES	383	0	0	0	2,337	40	2,760

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	4	39	30	22	300	5	400
	ACRES	164	51,616	39,629	76,752	107,600	0	275,761
Northwest	FIRES	129	228	27	29	884	986	2,283
	ACRES	44,235	1,138,713	1,902	20	46,758	268,620	1,500,248
Northern California	FIRES	123	24	1	13	2,834	593	3,588
	ACRES	275	423,780	1	28,526	34,357	284,598	771,537
Southern California	FIRES	35	247	12	65	3,318	706	4,383
	ACRES	47	40,763	8	2,197	42,283	12,638	97,936
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1,333	228	47	23	933	857	3,421
	ACRES	449,477	305,899	11,419	5,210	207,568	489,647	1,469,220
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	61	853	1	33	860	616	2,424
	ACRES	30,314	793,664	2	2,130	221,541	913,513	1,961,164
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	632	4	16	196	142	991
	ACRES	1,199	503,233	61	28	66,479	43,139	614,139
Southwest	FIRES	762	203	13	44	549	1,096	2,667
	ACRES	39,783	5,327	187	4,334	33,945	461,775	545,351
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,718	557	41	53	2,089	765	5,223
	ACRES	172,034	69,956	4,387	2,126	764,311	216,797	1,229,611
Eastern Area	FIRES	834		71	21	9,437	659	11,022
	ACRES	2,010		5,763	403	123,141	12,761	144,078
Southern Area	FIRES	644		85	44	18,188	714	19,675
	ACRES	123,157		36,319	16,716	301,509	85,449	563,150
TOTAL	FIRES	5,644	3,011	332	363	39,588	7,139	56,077
	ACRES	862,695	3,332,951	99,678	138,442	1,949,492	2,788,937	9,172,195

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>70,674</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>7,117,976</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						317	317
Northern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						35	35
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						10	10
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		50					50
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						12	12
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						110	110
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	6	7
	ACRES	0	50	0	0	0	484	534

### Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				2	11	15	28
	ACRES				18	13,449	218	13,685
Northwest	FIRES	22	133	24	3		532	714
	ACRES	4,307	12,917	2,085	39		50,160	69,508
Northern California	FIRES	5	13	35	31	3	241	328
	ACRES	121	203	2,387	359	15	14,851	17,936
Southern California	FIRES		7	14	7	6	148	182
	ACRES		2,421	3,211	1,283	1,831	6,040	14,786
Northern Rockies	FIRES	26	24	75	5	179	375	684
	ACRES	3,060	4,780	18,436	240	8,437	25,161	60,114
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		21	3	5	56	90	175
	ACRES		1,684	245	261	3,534	32,224	37,948
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	4	4	24	4	40
	ACRES		825	419	1,657	3,119	248	6,268
Southwest	FIRES	30	20	13	21		184	268
	ACRES	1,938	8,994	5,545	6,240		67,158	89,875
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	43	14	113	22	24	67	283
	ACRES	6,579	1,546	26,378	2,519	1,283	9,622	47,927
Eastern Area	FIRES	37		514	56	1,092	167	1,866
	ACRES	22,116		84,147	9,797	51,279	58,531	225,870
Southern Area	FIRES	23		140	42	10,273	785	11,263
	ACRES	4,600		57,740	39,792	509,403	686,626	1,298,161
TOTAL	FIRES	186	236	935	198	11,668	2,608	15,831
	ACRES	42,721	33,370	200,593	62,205	592,350	950,839	1,882,078

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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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