

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, December 6, 2012 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (122 new fires)  
 New large fires: 6 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 4  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 6  
 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: 4  
 New large fires: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 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.

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	3,486	9	40	UNK	608	105	16	45	5	1	4M	NPS
File	SD	CRA	383	0	100	---	4	-1	0	2	0	0	8K	BIA

CRA-Cheyenne River Agency, BIA

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 112  
 New large fires: 6  
 Uncontained large fires: 5

**Skegg Again**, George Washington & Jefferson NF. Five miles northwest of Haysi, VA. Hardwood litter. Creeping and smoldering. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

\* **Cranks Creek**, Kentucky DOF. Three miles east of Cranks, KY. Hardwood litter. Moderate fire activity with occasional torching.

\* **Highway 270**, Oklahoma DOF. Three miles east of Red Oak, OK. Hardwood litter. No further information received.

\* **Old Lesters Fork**, Virginia DOF. Three miles south of Hurley, VA. Hardwood litter. Structures threatened. No further information received.

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

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Skegg Again	VA	VAF	821	21	85	UNK	78	-45	1	6	1	0	245K	FS
* Cranks Creek	KY	KYS	439	---	75	UNK	8	---	0	1	0	0	5K	ST
* Highway 270	OK	OKS	150	---	80	UNK	6	---	0	3	0	0	2K	ST
* Old Lesters Fork	VA	VAS	108	---	80	12/6	13	---	0	3	0	0	4K	ST
Old Field Gap	NC	NCF	300	---	95	UNK	13	---	0	0	1	0	8K	FS
* Skegg Creek	KY	KYS	285	---	100	---	16	---	1	1	0	0	4K	PRI
* Honeycut Branch	KY	KYS	192	---	100	---	5	---	0	1	0	0	5K	PRI
* Bullskin	KY	KYS	100	---	100	---	4	---	0	1	0	0	5K	PRI

### 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:** A trough will bring significant wetting rains to areas of Washington and Oregon west of the Cascades while high elevation snow will be likely in the northern Rockies and the west slope of Colorado. A dry cold front will move into central Texas during the afternoon while scattered showers continue over Florida.

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



**Today's discussion is from the  
Miscellaneous Category.**

### **HAZARD MITIGATION THROUGH RISK MANAGEMENT**

“Risk Management doesn’t get in the way of doing the mission – *it is the way we do the mission.*” The Risk Management Process assists in ensuring that critical factors and risks of the fireline work environment are considered during decision making. Good risk management utilizes a five-step process:

● Step 1—Situational Awareness:

- Obtain information.
- Scout the fire.
- Identify hazards—those likely to result in a negative impact.
- Consider all aspects of current and future situations.
- Consider known historical problem areas (Apply information from the Fire Danger Pocket Card.).
- Recognize the need for action.
- Demonstrate ongoing awareness of fire assignment status.
- Note deviations.
- Attempt to determine why discrepancies exist with information before proceeding.

● Step 2—Hazard Assessment:

- Assess hazards to determine risks (e.g., fire behavior, snags, unburned fuels, work/rest).
- Use the Look Up, Down, and Around; and the Tactical Watch Outs (both located in the Incident Response Pocket Guide) to identify high-risk tactical hazards.
- Assess the impact of each hazard in terms of potential loss, cost, and mission/operational degradation based on probability and severity (probability—how likely an event will occur; severity—consequences if the event occurs). Keep in mind that increased exposure time increases probability.

● Step 3—Hazard Control:

- Determine the best approach to mitigate or control the risk from the hazards assessed.
- Establish controls (e.g., anchor point, LCES, utilize downhill checklist, limit exposure time).
- As control measures are developed, reevaluate each risk until it is reduced to a level where benefits outweigh potential costs.

● Step 4—Decision Point (decision to accept or not accept the risk(s) associated with an action):

- Consider whether controls are in place for identified hazards, whether selected tactics are based on expected fire behavior and if instructions have been given and understood.
- Make certain the decision is made at the appropriate level; if not, then elevate to a higher level.
- Reject the action if the risk is unacceptable.

● Step 5—Evaluation:

- Ensure controls are implemented and accomplished to standards.
- Supervise/evaluate effectiveness of controls and decisions. Stay on top of the situation and adjust risk controls as necessary.
- Anticipate consequences of decisions; if controls do not work, determine problem and derive a better solution.
- Adjust actions as the situation changes; maintain situational awareness at all times.
- Maintain feedback line.

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) page 1

[NWCG Human Factors on the Fireline Training](#) (L-180)

[Safety and Occupational Health Manual Handbook, BLM-1112-1](#)

Division Supervisor Course Guide--S-339, NWCG

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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							0
	ACRES							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					2	2	4
	ACRES					2	0	2
Eastern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					226		226
Southern Area	FIRES					112		112
	ACRES					1,949		1,949
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	120	2	122
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2,177	0	2,177

### 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	763	203	13	44	549	1,096	2,668
	ACRES	39,788	5,327	187	4,334	33,945	461,775	545,356
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,655	557	41	53	2,091	767	5,164
	ACRES	171,017	69,956	4,387	2,126	763,965	216,797	1,228,248
Eastern Area	FIRES	834		71	21	9,444	659	11,029
	ACRES	2,010		5,763	403	123,412	12,761	144,349
Southern Area	FIRES	644		85	44	18,353	714	19,840
	ACRES	123,157		36,319	16,716	304,715	85,449	566,356
TOTAL	FIRES	5,582	3,011	332	363	39,762	7,141	56,191
	ACRES	861,683	3,332,951	99,678	138,442	1,952,623	2,788,937	9,174,314

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>71,952</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>7,141,664</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						4	4
Northern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						260	260
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						11	11
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
	ACRES						14	14
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					66		66
	ACRES					1,274		1,274
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	66	2	68
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,274	289	1,563

### 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		50,164	69,512
Northern California	FIRES	5	13	35	31	3	229	316
	ACRES	121	203	2,387	359	15	15,704	18,789
Southern California	FIRES		7	14	7	6	149	183
	ACRES		2,421	3,211	1,283	1,831	6,051	14,797
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	41	14	113	22	24	69	283
	ACRES	6,535	1,546	26,378	2,519	1,283	9,646	47,907
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	10,340	785	11,330
	ACRES	4,600		57,740	39,792	511,177	686,626	1,299,935
TOTAL	FIRES	184	236	935	198	11,735	2,599	15,887
	ACRES	42,677	33,370	200,593	62,205	594,124	951,731	1,884,700

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

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**\*\* National Interagency Coordination Center \*\***