

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, December 20, 2013 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)**

Initial attack activity: Light (237 new fires)  
 New large fires: 2 (\*)  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: \*\* 2  
 Area Command Teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

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

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

**Southern California Area (PL 1)**

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

\* **Pfeiffer**, Los Padres NF. IMT 2 (Nunez). One mile west of Big Sur, CA. Timber and chaparral. Backing fire. Numerous structures and power lines threatened. Road closures and evacuations in effect. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

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
* Pfeiffer	CA	LPF	937	---	88	12/20	1,018	---	27	52	7	22	2.2M	FS

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 150  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

\* **Red Tail 6**, Eastern Cherokee Agency, BIA. Two miles west of Cherokee, NC. Hardwood litter. Creeping and 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
* Red Tail 6	NC	ECA	200	---	65	12/20	36	---	0	3	0	0	25K	BIA

**Other Fires**

(As of December 20)

<b>GACC</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
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	0	0	0	0	0	0
WB	0	0	0	0	0	0
SW	0	0	0	0	0	0
RM	0	0	0	0	0	0
EA	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Predictive Services Discussion:** For the latest daily weather forecast, please consult the National Weather Service graphical forecasts for the U.S. at: <http://graphical.weather.gov/sectors/conusWeek.php#tabs>

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



## LOOKOUTS

*LCES (Lookouts, Communication, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones)  
Category*



Lookouts are often better situated to notice the cumulative changes of fire behavior.

- Fire Order #5 says “Post lookouts when there is possible danger.” Should you utilize lookouts at all times?
  - Lookouts should be posted at all times.
- What are you looking for when you are selecting a lookout location?
  - Choose a good vantage point, preferably with a good overview of the entire area where firefighters are located, including escape routes and safety zones.
  - Never rely exclusively on aircraft as your lookout.
- What are the desired qualities, capabilities, knowledge, and responsibilities of a lookout person?
  - Experienced firefighter.
  - Solid knowledge of fire behavior and ability to recognize and monitor other environmental hazards.
  - Knowledge of crew locations, escape and safety locations and trigger points.
  - Good communicator--keeps the crew advised of fire behavior changes, tracks weather trends and relays the information, informs crew of work progress and updates from the latest strategy and tactical briefings.
  - Monitors and accounts for all individuals within his/her assigned area at all times, and will notify others if breaks are needed.
- What is the necessary equipment for a lookout?
  - PPE, radio with extra batteries, compass, binoculars, belt weather kit, IAP, map, food, water and watch

References:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Fireline Handbook](#)

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

[“LCES and Other Thoughts” by Paul Gleason](#)

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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					40	1	41
	ACRES					225	0	225
Northern California	FIRES					31	2	33
	ACRES					19	0	19
Southern California	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		7				917	924
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					22	0	22
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			1		2
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					2	5	7
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			10				10
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1			4	143	2	150
	ACRES	150			5	392	11	558
TOTAL	FIRES	1	5	1	4	218	8	237
	ACRES	150	7	10	5	660	933	1,765

### Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	43	38	29	489	9	609
	ACRES	465	408,261	108,250	169,044	633,213	1	1,319,234
Northwest	FIRES	428	352	56	56	1,662	1,400	3,954
	ACRES	90,323	138,224	1,822	268	200,444	37,627	468,708
Northern California	FIRES	146		6	20	4,077	893	5,142
	ACRES	140		52	6	80,732	83,572	164,502
Southern California	FIRES	37	147	30	66	3,559	636	4,475
	ACRES	340	7,150	712	79,239	57,959	267,068	412,468
Northern Rockies	FIRES	684	86	11	18	943	1,030	2,772
	ACRES	10,179	781	1,072	11,601	22,438	133,388	179,459
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	71	724	1	37	680	699	2,212
	ACRES	315	308,462	0	311	74,877	383,986	767,951
Western Great Basin	FIRES	18	514	6	11	87	121	757
	ACRES	3,204	100,966	1	4	12,195	46,371	162,741
Southwest	FIRES	591	208	31	97	648	1,148	2,723
	ACRES	47,388	6,928	3,335	2,007	53,665	211,794	325,117
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	742	487	16	33	893	434	2,605
	ACRES	916	8,535	619	1,072	44,682	180,853	236,677
Eastern Area	FIRES	339		41	35	6,460	213	7,088
	ACRES	7,206		999	103	53,482	3,167	64,957
Southern Area	FIRES	165		83	35	13,194	385	13,862
	ACRES	12,611		21,120	1,525	126,136	16,718	178,110
TOTAL	FIRES	3,222	2,561	319	437	32,692	6,968	46,199
	ACRES	173,087	979,307	137,982	265,180	1,359,823	1,364,545	4,279,924

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>70,793</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>7,281,343</b>

\*\*\* 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				4	5
	ACRES		80				350	430
Northern California	FIRES				1		3	4
	ACRES				5		138	143
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						38	38
Northern Rockies	FIRES		2				1	3
	ACRES		94				14	108
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					0	2	2
	ACRES					1	105	106
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				0		0	0
	ACRES				80		2,195	2,275
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			0	1	2
	ACRES		40			2	816	858
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	1		2		276	10	289
	ACRES	250		522		10,012	9,023	19,807
TOTAL	FIRES	1	4	2	1	276	23	307
	ACRES	250	214	522	85	10,015	12,679	23,765

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AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1	2	13		16
	ACRES			5	22	5,150		5,177
Northwest	FIRES	32	186	16	6		279	519
	ACRES	6,376	18,284	1,294	105		51,097	77,156
Northern California	FIRES	19	1	20	32		247	319
	ACRES	251	20	20,538	871		13,993	35,673
Southern California	FIRES		6	14	4	1	179	204
	ACRES		83	3,157	298	120	8,457	12,115
Northern Rockies	FIRES	25	27	25	4	263	342	686
	ACRES	12,759	1,885	7,297	162	10,314	17,712	50,129
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	4	24	2	6	48	115	199
	ACRES	696	1,584	681	697	2,659	28,277	34,594
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2	2	1	16	7	28
	ACRES		24	35	623	383	410	1,475
Southwest	FIRES	20	18	6	2		131	177
	ACRES	19,435	7,925	1,404	221		36,837	65,822
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	21	48	35	11	66	179	360
	ACRES	2,256	3,520	4,057	616	13,374	32,022	55,845
Eastern Area	FIRES	22		265	54	1,037	215	1,593
	ACRES	23,169		32,851	4,957	49,132	19,199	129,308
Southern Area	FIRES	63		131	22	13,316	864	14,396
	ACRES	16,100		51,599	35,574	619,340	799,257	1,521,870
TOTAL	FIRES	206	312	517	144	14,760	2,558	18,497
	ACRES	81,042	33,325	122,918	44,146	700,472	1,007,261	1,989,164

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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 change, and therefore may not match official year-to-date agency records.

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