

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, December 11, 2015 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Dec. 4 – Dec. 10)

Initial attack activity: Light (103 new fires)

New large incidents: 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

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

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

Northern Rockies (PL 1)

New fires: 2

New large incidents: 1

Uncontained large fires: 1

* **Valley Road**, Fort Belknap Agency, BIA. Eight miles east of Harlem, MT. Brush and tall grass. Moderate fire behavior.

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|---------------|--------|-------|------|----|--------------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Acres | Chge | | | | Total | Chge | Crw | Eng | Heli | | | |
| * Valley Road | MT-FBA | 2,000 | --- | 95 | Ctn | 12/11 | 19 | --- | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1K | BIA |

Active Incident Resource Summary

| GACC | Fires | Cumulative Acres | Crews | Engines | Helicopters | Total Personnel |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------------|
| AKCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NWCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ONCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OSCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NRCC | 1 | 2,000 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 19 |
| GBCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SWCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| RMCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EACC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SACC | 12 | 204 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 13 | 2,204 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 19 |

Fires and Acres Last Week (by Protection):

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-------|
| Alaska Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| | ACRES | 2,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,000 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| | ACRES | 23 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 38 | 54 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 68 |
| | ACRES | 302 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 229 | 0 | 531 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 22 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 68 | 8 | 103 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 2,325 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 244 | 38 | 2,644 |

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Protection):

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Alaska Area | FIRES | 0 | 263 | 0 | 0 | 474 | 23 | 760 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 4,034,077 | 0 | 0 | 1,076,069 | 796 | 5,110,942 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 230 | 308 | 43 | 74 | 2,139 | 1,499 | 4,293 |
| | ACRES | 408,706 | 260,276 | 25,644 | 26,138 | 447,692 | 603,159 | 1,771,615 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 153 | 32 | 6 | 30 | 3,319 | 1,029 | 4,569 |
| | ACRES | 253 | 10,786 | 355 | 2 | 294,786 | 249,022 | 555,204 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 25 | 66 | 13 | 96 | 3,231 | 612 | 4,043 |
| | ACRES | 107 | 2,098 | 13 | 9,830 | 26,721 | 245,527 | 284,296 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 993 | 91 | 10 | 28 | 1,397 | 1,199 | 3,718 |
| | ACRES | 28,711 | 13,839 | 1,065 | 26,325 | 197,165 | 460,008 | 727,113 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 44 | 774 | 8 | 45 | 663 | 561 | 2,095 |
| | ACRES | 699 | 343,781 | 6 | 86 | 19,238 | 142,331 | 506,141 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 466 | 206 | 7 | 36 | 559 | 905 | 2,179 |
| | ACRES | 57,663 | 4,875 | 63 | 3,834 | 17,822 | 119,959 | 204,216 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIRES | 647 | 340 | 17 | 23 | 1,200 | 269 | 2,496 |
| | ACRES | 21,678 | 6,980 | 306 | 7,410 | 138,189 | 2,442 | 177,005 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 633 | 0 | 33 | 43 | 6,824 | 429 | 7,962 |
| | ACRES | 2,289 | 0 | 2,383 | 855 | 49,331 | 6,728 | 61,586 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 411 | 0 | 38 | 18 | 23,348 | 411 | 24,226 |
| | ACRES | 41,980 | 0 | 3,077 | 260 | 335,612 | 22,645 | 403,574 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 3,602 | 2,080 | 175 | 393 | 43,154 | 6,937 | 56,341 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 562,086 | 4,676,712 | 32,912 | 74,740 | 2,602,625 | 1,852,617 | 9,801,692 |

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| Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today) | 68,337 |
| Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today) | 6,702,831 |

Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week (by Ownership):

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|--------|--------|
| Alaska Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 14 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 691 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,791 | 2,482 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 16 |
| | ACRES | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1,184 | 1,193 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 10 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 2,595 | 2,651 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 242 | 0 | 0 | 970 | 75 | 1,287 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 8 |
| | ACRES | 93 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 0 | 3,254 | 3,445 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIRES | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 128 | 157 | 289 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 23 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 157 | 3 | 162 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 1,402 | 0 | 7,271 | 3,107 | 11,780 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 2 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 160 | 53 | 230 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 97 | 937 | 1,458 | 103 | 8,369 | 12,186 | 23,150 |

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Alaska Area | FIRES | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 3,965 | 0 | 0 | 988 | 0 | 4,953 |
| Northwest Area | FIRES | 12 | 123 | 4 | 6 | 30 | 424 | 599 |
| | ACRES | 4,526 | 28,718 | 151 | 224 | 4,127 | 51,389 | 89,135 |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 1 | 0 | 17 | 17 | 1 | 290 | 326 |
| | ACRES | 4 | 724 | 5,258 | 930 | 30 | 24,165 | 31,111 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 0 | 4 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 197 | 220 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 79 | 3,160 | 274 | 0 | 10,850 | 14,363 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 11 | 36 | 36 | 13 | 113 | 259 | 468 |
| | ACRES | 2,453 | 11,381 | 13,596 | 1,620 | 5,284 | 23,369 | 57,703 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 5 | 49 | 3 | 19 | 53 | 138 | 267 |
| | ACRES | 115 | 3,510 | 1,782 | 1,120 | 5,205 | 30,040 | 41,772 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 24 | 29 | 9 | 11 | 0 | 202 | 275 |
| | ACRES | 7,296 | 18,888 | 2,469 | 5,126 | 0 | 92,247 | 126,026 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIRES | 40 | 53 | 69 | 14 | 83 | 143 | 402 |
| | ACRES | 2,984 | 11,604 | 18,367 | 1,207 | 6,338 | 30,252 | 70,752 |
| Eastern Area | FIRES | 30 | 0 | 297 | 59 | 1,508 | 266 | 2,160 |
| | ACRES | 39,398 | 0 | 38,875 | 8,267 | 70,649 | 49,755 | 206,944 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 88 | 0 | 172 | 12 | 9,708 | 749 | 10,729 |
| | ACRES | 16,583 | 0 | 122,896 | 14,511 | 538,116 | 650,243 | 1,342,349 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 211 | 299 | 621 | 156 | 11,498 | 2,668 | 15,453 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 73,359 | 78,869 | 206,554 | 33,279 | 630,737 | 962,310 | 1,985,108 |

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

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

Predictive Services Discussion: Heavy rain and mountain snowfall will continue over much of the western and northern U.S. this week as a series of upper level systems maintain an active storm track. Heavy precipitation is also expected along a cold front stretching from the Great Lakes through the lower Mississippi Valley. Mild conditions will deteriorate over the Rockies and high Plains region as a colder air mass brings snowfall to the area late this weekend. Portions of the southern Rockies and southern Plains will remain mild and dry this week with breezy winds at times.

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



COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

Weather / Fire Behavior Category

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mop-up stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or air tankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and air tankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

References:

Incident Response Pocket Guide page 5
[Common Denominators PowerPoint](#)