

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		% Acres	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

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](#)