

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Thursday, December 31, 2015 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (Dec. 25 – Dec. 30)**

Initial attack activity: Light (12 new fires)  
 New large incidents: 2  
 Large fires contained: 3  
 Uncontained large fires:\*\* 0  
 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.

**Southern California Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 1  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Solimar	CA-VNC	1,288	---	100	Ctn	---	21	---	1	1	0	0	2.6M	CNTY

VNC – Ventura County Fire Department

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 5  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* Christmas After	TX-TXS	300	---	100	Ctn	---	1	---	0	0	0	0	1K	ST
Grinch	OK-WEA	155	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-32	0	0	0	0	8K	BIA

TXS – Texas A & M Forest Service      WEA – Wewoka Agency, 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	1	1,288	1	1	0	21
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	1	300	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>

**Fires and Acres Dec 25 – Dec 30 (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	3	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	21	22
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,288	0	1,288
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	4	0	5
	ACRES	76	0	0	0	52	0	128
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,343</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,443</b>

**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	<b>760</b>
	ACRES	0	4,034,077	0	0	1,076,069	796	<b>5,110,942</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	352	306	43	74	2,323	1,504	<b>4,602</b>
	ACRES	402,461	316,288	25,644	26,138	449,100	603,839	<b>1,823,470</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	153	32	6	30	3,326	1,028	<b>4,575</b>
	ACRES	253	10,786	355	2	294,787	270,317	<b>576,500</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	25	66	13	96	3,245	613	<b>4,058</b>
	ACRES	107	2,098	13	9,830	26,726	245,536	<b>284,310</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	996	95	14	28	1,482	1,202	<b>3,817</b>
	ACRES	31,418	14,982	1,684	26,325	196,081	475,454	<b>745,944</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	36	775	8	45	667	565	<b>2,096</b>
	ACRES	28	343,383	6	86	19,230	142,750	<b>505,483</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	489	218	8	38	627	923	<b>2,303</b>
	ACRES	58,235	5,328	63	3,821	14,312	120,707	<b>202,466</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	650	340	17	23	1,251	278	<b>2,559</b>
	ACRES	21,986	6,980	306	7,411	141,373	2,766	<b>180,822</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	633	0	33	43	6,868	436	<b>8,013</b>
	ACRES	2,289	0	2,383	855	49,396	6,761	<b>61,684</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	436	0	43	19	28,173	468	<b>29,139</b>
	ACRES	42,531	0	3,166	268	420,276	25,946	<b>492,187</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>3,770</b>	<b>2,095</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>48,436</b>	<b>7,040</b>	<b>61,922</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>559,308</b>	<b>4,733,922</b>	<b>33,620</b>	<b>74,736</b>	<b>2,687,350</b>	<b>1,894,872</b>	<b>9,983,808</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>72,722</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2005 – 2014 as of today)</b>	<b>6,595,028</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Dec 25 – Dec 30 (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	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	26	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	11	11
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	105	0	0	5	0	110
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	124	124
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	32	0	0	159	1,070	1,261
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	26	0	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	359	0	359
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>1,868</b>

**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	133	4	6	30	404	589
	ACRES	4,526	32,415	151	224	4,127	53,592	95,035
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	0	17	18	1	313	351
	ACRES	28	724	5,258	934	30	24,542	31,516
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	4	16	5	0	232	257
	ACRES	0	79	3,204	274	0	11,056	14,613
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	30	40	36	13	250	465	834
	ACRES	6,213	11,505	13,648	1,620	8,798	25,690	67,474
Great Basin Area	FIRES	2	62	3	20	52	145	284
	ACRES	116	5,068	1,782	1,125	4,297	30,212	42,600
Southwest Area	FIRES	37	30	10	11	0	211	299
	ACRES	7,797	18,899	2,469	5,206	0	94,543	128,914
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	44	60	79	14	95	162	454
	ACRES	3,246	11,744	19,457	1,207	6,523	32,962	75,139
Eastern Area	FIRES	30	0	297	59	1,572	282	2,240
	ACRES	39,398	0	38,875	8,267	79,266	50,523	216,329
Southern Area	FIRES	88	0	177	13	30,436	771	31,485
	ACRES	16,583	0	130,059	14,512	1,418,056	669,195	2,248,405
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>245</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>32,438</b>	<b>2,985</b>	<b>36,800</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>77,907</b>	<b>84,399</b>	<b>214,903</b>	<b>33,369</b>	<b>1,522,085</b>	<b>992,315</b>	<b>2,924,978</b>

\*\*\* 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:** Canadian high pressure aloft will provide a mostly dry and cold weather pattern for much of the western and central U.S. this week. The exception will be the southwest quarter of the U.S. including California and the Four Corners regions where a series of eastern Pacific storms will bring several rounds of significant precipitation before tracking eastward into the southern and central Plains. Lake effect snowfall will accumulate from the Great Lakes through the northeast over the weekend with some moderation toward normal temperatures. By mid-week there will be a split-flow pattern with distinct low pressure systems continuing over the southwest and upper Mississippi Valley, but high pressure dividing them.

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



## ASH PIT HAZARDS

*Miscellaneous Fireline Hazards*

Ash pits are an inherent and hidden risk to wildland firefighters that can cause severe burns and injuries. Ash pits are created when a ground fire consumes underground fuels creating an empty space that is imperceptible from the surface.

- Environmental factors that increase the risk of ash pit formation after a wildfire:
  - Extensive root systems of trees and shrubs.
  - Deep duff or peat, the organic layer covering mineral soil.
  - Landscapes that have once been cultivated or manipulated by heavy equipment, old dozer piles, sawmills, timber sale yards or decking areas.
  - Small rodent holes that have become filled with decadent combustible debris, beaver holes near dams and stream beds, badger and coyote dens.
  - White ash is sometimes an indicator of ash pits as are swarms of hovering insects.
  - With the sun behind the suspected ash pit, look for small nearly translucent smokes that dissipate quickly above the ground.
  - Ash pits often give off the smell of incomplete combustion or of creosote burning.
- Mitigation measures to consider:
  - Identification of high risk landscape.
  - Identify and flag all hazardous discovered ash pits.

Resources:

[Safety Advisory: Ash Pit Safety](#)