

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, December 15, 2017 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 2

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (81) new fires
New large incidents:	0
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:**	5
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	2
Type 2 IMTs committed:	1

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

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

On December 14th a firefighter from Cal Fire was fatally injured while working on the Thomas fire near Ojai, CA. The firefighting community extends condolences to family and friends of the deceased.

Active Incident Resource Summary						
GACC	Incidents	Cumulative Acres	Crews	Engines	Helicopters	Total Personnel
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	6	275,990	148	1,042	33	8,605
NRCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
GBCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
RMCC	3	57,359	5	91	1	479
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	21	3,443.1	4	34	0	335
Total	30	336,792.1	157	1,167	34	9,419

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	4
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	4
Type 1 IMTs committed	2

Thomas, Ventura County Fire Department. Unified command between Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum) and IMT 1 (J. Kurth). Seven miles east of Ojai, CA. Chaparral, and brush. Extreme fire behavior with running, spotting and backing. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

Lilac 5, Monte Vista Unit, Cal Fire. One mile east of Bonsall, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior.

Skirball, Los Angeles City Fire Department. One mile south of Bel Air, CA. Brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Creek, Los Angeles County Fire Department. Four miles east of Sylmar, CA. Chaparral, brush and tall grass. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Numerous residences threatened.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Thomas	CA-VNC	249,500	11,000	35	Ctn	01/07	8,316	233	142	1,018	32	974	82.1M	C&L
Lilac 5	CA-MVU	4,100	0	98	Ctn	12/16	84	-180	3	5	0	157	12.8M	ST
Skirball	CA-LFD	422	0	96	Ctn	12/17	61	0	2	6	0	6	8.1M	C&L
Creek	CA-LAC	15,619	0	98	Ctn	12/23	104	-62	1	8	1	123	16.4M	C&L

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)

New fires:	1
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed	1

Legion Lake, South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression. IMT 2 (Esperance). Eight miles east of Custer, SD. Medium logging slash, short grass and timber. Moderate fire behavior with single tree torching, backing and flanking. Structures threatened. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
Legion Lake	SD-SDS	53,875	6,563	50	Ctn	12/16	410	111	5	71	1	3	1.1M	ST

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires:	67
New large incidents:	0
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			
220	TX-TXS	721	221	100	Ctn	----	0	-10	0	0	0	0	1K	ST

TXS – Texas A&M Forest Service

Fires and Acres Yesterday (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	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
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	1	0	4
	ACRES	0	1,750	0	0	0	0	1,750
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Southern Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	62	2	67
	ACRES	61	0	0	0	663	1	725
TOTAL FIRES:		3	4	0	0	63	11	81
TOTAL ACRES:		61	1,750	0	0	663	13	2,487

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	171	0	0	176	13	360
	ACRES	0	571,516	0	0	81,348	1	652,865
Northwest Area	FIREs	193	265	39	26	1,518	1,354	3,395
	ACRES	11,933	224,868	20,954	15,836	40,459	754,724	1,068,774
Northern California Area	FIREs	84	74	6	16	2,994	955	4,129
	ACRES	118	39,891	71	38	303,656	355,597	699,371
Southern California Area	FIREs	177	86	2	46	4,180	548	5,039
	ACRES	659	37,901	0	12,089	217,784	254,302	522,735
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	883	100	28	34	1,781	723	3,549
	ACRES	75,991	373,106	2,812	22,319	257,609	729,419	1,461,256
Great Basin Area	FIREs	38	1,074	5	40	953	481	2,591
	ACRES	56,352	1,268,751	2	38	451,348	225,116	2,001,607
Southwest Area	FIREs	767	253	19	44	778	1,096	2,957
	ACRES	46,756	23,563	1,027	1,396	116,525	365,439	554,706
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	783	358	10	26	1,395	431	3,003
	ACRES	10,092	58,446	354	2,474	627,795	14,103	713,264
Eastern Area	FIREs	364	0	17	20	4,037	402	4,840
	ACRES	2,137	0	161	150	21,955	5,871	30,274
Southern Area	FIREs	394	528	88	53	27,947	463	29,473
	ACRES	48,964	6,668	180,587	55,651	1,465,186	27,697	1,784,753
TOTAL FIRES:		3,683	2,909	214	305	45,759	6,466	59,336
TOTAL ACRES:		253,002	2,604,710	205,968	109,991	3,583,665	2,732,269	9,489,605

Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)	65,878
Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)	6,401,494

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday (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	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	21	21
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	712	712
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	79	79
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	135	135
Southern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	7	4	11
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	548	3,029	3,577
TOTAL FIRES:		0	0	0	0	7	11	18
TOTAL ACRES:		0	0	0	0	548	3,976	4,524

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	6	2	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	64,850	100	64,950
Northwest Area	FIREs	13	47	18	2	3	249	332
	ACRES	3,244	9,911	5,698	39	19	34,260	53,171
Northern California Area	FIREs	2	5	9	18	0	195	229
	ACRES	21	836	1,173	857	0	29,796	32,683
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	3	12	6	0	169	190
	ACRES	0	62	2,983	954	0	10,230	14,229
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	10	16	45	9	154	247	481
	ACRES	951	5,750	19,622	812	8,493	12,030	47,658
Great Basin Area	FIREs	7	27	9	12	53	100	208
	ACRES	928	8,345	2,761	4,364	1,539	26,125	44,062
Southwest Area	FIREs	35	35	4	9	6	180	269
	ACRES	21,733	47,014	4,952	4,101	6,117	127,064	210,981
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	27	42	57	16	110	125	377
	ACRES	1,255	4,020	25,230	6,053	5,425	56,087	98,070
Eastern Area	FIREs	51	0	180	25	1,354	277	1,887
	ACRES	26,679	0	26,634	6,434	100,614	68,609	228,970
Southern Area	FIREs	85	0	137	40	89,110	683	90,055
	ACRES	10,352	0	81,801	159,315	1,851,862	580,172	2,683,502
TOTAL FIRES:		230	175	471	137	90,796	2,227	94,036
TOTAL ACRES:		65,163	75,938	170,854	182,929	2,038,919	944,473	3,478,276

*** 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: The ridge over the western states will finally, finally break down. However, critical fire weather conditions are expected to develop over northern California late in the day as north winds intensify. Elsewhere, critical conditions will continue through the overnight and into Saturday. The persistent valley and canyon temperature inversions will finally erode as a weak system moves on shore into Washington and Oregon. Moderate snowfall amounts are expected in the mountains. Warm and dry conditions will continue across California and the Southwest as the weakened ridge maintains its grip over the southwestern quarter of the nation. Lake effect snow will be possible as a strong disturbance drops southeast into the region from central Canada. Elsewhere, expect near normal conditions.

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



Terrain And Fuels Make Escape Difficult

Operational Engagement Category

When fighting wildland fires, it is often easy to get committed to areas that put you in Watchout Situation #17. As firefighters progress along the fireline, it is imperative to constantly keep the following considerations in mind:

- Retreat times should be based on the slowest member of the crew.
- Does the crew's condition allow for fast travel?
 - Discuss physical and mental conditions that could interfere with a crew's ability to travel quickly.
- Will you get adequate warning to make it to your safety zone? Who will you rely on to warn you? How will you ensure that everyone gets the word?
- Can escape routes be improved to make travel to safety zones faster? Are escape routes marked?
 - Review what you have done on past fires to locate, mark, and improve escape routes.
- Will posting more lookouts give adequate warning? Talk about situations where there was more than one firefighter assigned to be lookout.
- To reduce the risks:
 - Consider other tactics that will allow you to be in a safer location. Review fires where you have had to change tactics because escape to safety zones was not adequate.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide](#)

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