

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Monday, December 18, 2017 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 2**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity: Light (19) new fires  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Large fires contained: 0  
 Uncontained large fires:\*\* 2  
 Area Command teams committed: 0  
 NIMOs committed: 0  
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 2  
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

\*\*Uncontained large fires include only fires being managed under a full suppression strategy.  
[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

| 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                             | 4         | 296,690          | 154        | 982          | 36          | 8,577           |
| NRCC                             | 0         | 0                | 0          | 0            | 0           | 0               |
| GBCC                             | 0         | 0                | 0          | 0            | 0           | 0               |
| SWCC                             | 0         | 0                | 0          | 0            | 0           | 0               |
| RMCC                             | 1         | 54,023           | 2          | 6            | 0           | 46              |
| EACC                             | 0         | 0                | 0          | 0            | 0           | 0               |
| SACC                             | 23        | 3,200.6          | 6          | 34           | 0           | 164             |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>28</b> | <b>353,913.6</b> | <b>161</b> | <b>1,022</b> | <b>36</b>   | <b>8,787</b>    |

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

New fires: 1  
 New large incidents: 0  
 Uncontained large fires: 1  
 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. Active fire behavior with creeping, backing and flanking. Numerous residences threatened. Evacuations, road, area and trail closures in effect.

| Incident Name | Unit   | Size    |       | %  | Ctn/<br>Comp | Est   | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc<br>Lost | \$\$<br>CTD | Origin<br>Own |
|---------------|--------|---------|-------|----|--------------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|               |        | Acres   | Chge  |    |              |       | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli |              |             |               |
| Thomas        | CA-VNC | 270,500 | 1,500 | 45 | Ctn          | 01/07 | 8,452     | -77  | 153       | 968 | 35   | 1,024        | 131M        | C&L           |

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

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

**Legion Lake**, South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression. Eight miles east of Custer, SD. Medium logging slash, short grass and timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering. Road, area and trail closures in effect.

| Incident Name | Unit   | Size   |      | %  | Ctn/<br>Comp | Est   | Personnel |      | Resources |     |      | Strc<br>Lost | \$\$<br>CTD | Origin<br>Own |
|---------------|--------|--------|------|----|--------------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|               |        | Acres  | Chge |    |              |       | Total     | Chge | Crw       | Eng | Heli |              |             |               |
| Legion Lake   | SD-SDS | 54,023 | 0    | 95 | Ctn          | 12/18 | 46        | -210 | 2         | 6   | 0    | 3            | 2.2M        | ST            |

**Fires and Acres Yesterday (by Protection):**

| <b>Area</b>              |       | <b>BIA</b> | <b>BLM</b> | <b>FWS</b> | <b>NPS</b> | <b>ST/OT</b> | <b>USFS</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|--------------------------|-------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| 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          | 11           | 1           | 12           |
|                          | ACRES | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 4            | 0           | 4            |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 1           | 1            |
|                          | 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            | 0           | 0            |
|                          | ACRES | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0            | 0           | 0            |
| 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          | 6            | 0           | 6            |
|                          | ACRES | 0          | 0          | 0          | 0          | 50           | 0           | 50           |
| <b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>      |       | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>17</b>    | <b>2</b>    | <b>19</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>      |       | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>54</b>    | <b>0</b>    | <b>54</b>    |

**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            | 266              | 39             | 26             | 1,518            | 1,354            | 3,396            |
|                          | ACRES | 11,933         | 224,928          | 20,954         | 15,836         | 40,459           | 754,724          | 1,068,834        |
| Northern California Area | FIRES | 84             | 74               | 6              | 16             | 3,011            | 956              | 4,147            |
|                          | ACRES | 118            | 39,891           | 71             | 38             | 303,663          | 355,597          | 699,378          |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 177            | 86               | 2              | 46             | 4,223            | 549              | 5,083            |
|                          | ACRES | 659            | 37,901           | 0              | 12,089         | 217,820          | 254,302          | 522,771          |
| 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            | 255              | 19             | 44             | 778              | 1,096            | 2,959            |
|                          | ACRES | 46,756         | 23,564           | 1,027          | 1,396          | 116,525          | 365,439          | 554,707          |
| Rocky Mountain Area      | FIRES | 783            | 358              | 10             | 26             | 1,395            | 431              | 3,003            |
|                          | ACRES | 10,092         | 58,446           | 354            | 2,474          | 634,506          | 14,103           | 719,975          |
| Eastern Area             | FIRES | 364            | 0                | 17             | 21             | 4,037            | 404              | 4,843            |
|                          | ACRES | 2,137          | 0                | 161            | 151            | 21,955           | 5,913            | 30,317           |
| Southern Area            | FIRES | 398            | 528              | 111            | 53             | 28,827           | 470              | 30,387           |
|                          | ACRES | 48,997         | 6,668            | 181,482        | 55,651         | 1,481,456        | 27,734           | 1,801,988        |
| <b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>      |       | <b>3,687</b>   | <b>2,912</b>     | <b>237</b>     | <b>306</b>     | <b>46,699</b>    | <b>6,477</b>     | <b>60,318</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>      |       | <b>253,035</b> | <b>2,604,771</b> | <b>206,863</b> | <b>109,992</b> | <b>3,606,689</b> | <b>2,732,348</b> | <b>9,513,698</b> |

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b>Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b> | <b>66,549</b>    |
| <b>Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b> | <b>6,406,216</b> |

**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     | 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     | 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     | 0    | 0     |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0    | 0     |
| 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   | 17    | 0    | 17    |
|                          | ACRES | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 167   | 0    | 167   |
| TOTAL FIRES:             |       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 17    | 0    | 17    |
| TOTAL ACRES:             |       | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 167   | 0    | 167   |

**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                | 250            | 333              |
|                          | ACRES | 3,244         | 9,911         | 5,698          | 39             | 19               | 34,280         | 53,191           |
| 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            | 12,033         | 47,661           |
| 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                | 170            | 259              |
|                          | ACRES | 21,733        | 47,014        | 4,952          | 4,101          | 6,117            | 124,069        | 207,986          |
| Rocky Mountain Area      | FIRES | 27            | 42            | 57             | 16             | 110              | 125            | 377              |
|                          | ACRES | 1,255         | 4,020         | 25,230         | 6,053          | 5,425            | 56,237         | 98,220           |
| Eastern Area             | FIRES | 51            | 0             | 181            | 25             | 1,354            | 280            | 1,891            |
|                          | ACRES | 26,679        | 0             | 26,794         | 6,434          | 100,614          | 68,957         | 229,478          |
| Southern Area            | FIRES | 85            | 0             | 137            | 40             | 102,336          | 697            | 103,295          |
|                          | ACRES | 10,352        | 0             | 81,801         | 159,315        | 2,745,845        | 586,293        | 3,583,606        |
| <b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>      |       | <b>230</b>    | <b>175</b>    | <b>472</b>     | <b>137</b>     | <b>104,022</b>   | <b>2,235</b>   | <b>107,271</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>      |       | <b>65,163</b> | <b>75,938</b> | <b>171,014</b> | <b>182,929</b> | <b>2,932,902</b> | <b>948,120</b> | <b>4,376,066</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:** The ridge of high pressure over the West will begin to weaken as the first of several disturbances move east along the Canadian border. Mountain snowfall is expected at the passes. Warm and dry conditions will continue across California as the wind flow alternates between being off shore and parallel to the coastline. The disturbance previously over the southwest will move east into the southern plains and weaken. Scattered showers with breezy winds will be possible in the Texas Panhandle. The East will remain warm and mostly dry under as southwesterly flow. However, scattered showers and storms will remain possible over the Southeast as a weakening front briefly stalls north of a ridge of high pressure centered over Cuba and Florida. In Alaska, expect a return to mostly dry conditions with above average temperatures as high pressure rebuilds over the state. The return could be short-lived, however, as a strong, windy, and cold system begins to exit Siberia and moves east into the Bering Sea toward the state.

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



## Transfer Of Command

*Operational Engagement Category*

Risks to fireline personnel increase significantly during transfer of command periods regardless of the size or complexity of the incident. There is a high potential for fatalities, serious injuries, or incidents (some have occurred in the past). Be proactive in mitigating the risks by proper implementation of LCES –Lookout, Communications, Escape Routes, and Safety Zones.

Factors for increased risks to fireline personnel during transition periods include:

- No, or poor, briefing of incoming personnel.
- Lack of fire weather and behavior information, both forecast and observed.
- Communications; face-to-face briefings may not be possible and radio frequencies may be overextended and/or changing due to the increased demands on the system.
- Initial attack resources may not have checked-in and the Incident Commander may not be aware of the number, type and location of all resources.
- Location of safety zones and escape routes may not be known and communicated to all resources.
- Not all Resources know who is in command.

Mitigation actions to take:

- Lookouts: Post and maintain your own lookouts.
- Communications: Maintain existing communications with your own and adjacent resources, as well as your original supervisor, while you are developing communications with incoming adjacent resources and your new supervisor.
- Escape routes and safety zones: Identify escape routes and assure incoming resources are aware of their locations; be aware that your original escape routes and safety zones may no longer be accessible due to changing fire behavior or your increased distance from them.
- Transition at the morning briefing.
- Utilize the [Incident Response Pocket Guide](#) transition checklist.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

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

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide](#)

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