

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, December 22, 2017 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (47) new fires
New large incidents:	0
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires:**	1
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	3
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

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

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

This will be the last daily Incident Management Situation Report. This report will be posted every Friday at 0800 Mountain Standard Time unless significant activity occurs.

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	3	292,741	119	299	26	4,796
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	3	0	34
EACC	0	0	0	0	0	0
SACC	7	1,208	0	18	0	100
Total	11	347,972	121	320	26	4,930

Southern California Area (PL 3)

New fires:	9
New large incidents:	0
Uncontained large fires:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed	3

Thomas, Ventura County Fire Department. Transfer of command from Cal Fire IMT 1 (Derum) and IMT 1 (J. Kurth) to IMT 1 (von Willow) will occur today. Seven miles east of Ojai, CA. Chaparral and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping, backing and smoldering. 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			
Thomas	CA-VNC	272,600	600	65	Ctn	01/07	4,729	-1,017	118	290	26	1,063	170M	C&L

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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern California Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	4	4	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	7	117	124
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	26	0	0	0	0	26
Southwest Area	FIRES	3	1	0	0	4	8	16
	ACRES	4	0	0	0	3	11	18
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	37	0	37
TOTAL FIRES:		4	1	0	0	28	14	47
TOTAL ACRES:		4	26	0	0	47	128	205

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	254	39	26	1,518	1,355	3,385
	ACRES	11,933	224,928	20,954	15,836	40,459	754,724	1,068,834
Northern California Area	FIREs	84	74	6	16	3,016	956	4,152
	ACRES	118	39,891	71	38	303,663	355,597	699,378
Southern California Area	FIREs	178	86	2	46	4,278	554	5,144
	ACRES	659	37,901	0	12,089	217,938	279,530	548,117
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	874	100	28	34	1,781	723	3,540
	ACRES	75,985	373,106	2,812	22,319	257,609	729,419	1,461,250
Great Basin Area	FIREs	38	1,077	6	40	953	480	2,594
	ACRES	56,352	1,261,781	2	39	451,359	230,951	2,000,484
Southwest Area	FIREs	772	256	20	46	784	1,113	2,991
	ACRES	35,617	23,564	1,127	1,746	116,590	365,243	543,887
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	795	363	13	27	1,398	432	3,028
	ACRES	10,112	58,436	413	2,476	634,495	14,103	720,035
Eastern Area	FIREs	364	0	27	21	4,532	410	5,354
	ACRES	2,137	0	278	151	29,150	5,962	37,678
Southern Area	FIREs	413	528	111	53	32,464	493	34,062
	ACRES	49,624	6,668	181,482	55,651	1,520,458	28,122	1,842,005
TOTAL FIRES:		3,711	2,909	252	309	50,900	6,529	64,610
TOTAL ACRES:		242,537	2,597,791	207,139	110,345	3,653,069	2,763,652	9,574,533

Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)	67,940
Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)	6,531,605

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	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	40	0	0	0	14	54
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	2	2
Great Basin Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	15	34	49
Southwest Area	FIREs	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	ACRES	67	0	0	0	0	0	67
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	35	0	0	0	0	0	35
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	7	0	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	824	0	824
TOTAL FIRES:		3	0	0	0	8	2	13
TOTAL ACRES:		102	40	0	0	839	55	1,036

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	48	18	2	3	251	335
	ACRES	3,244	10,442	5,698	39	19	34,285	53,727
Northern California Area	FIREs	2	5	9	18	0	195	229
	ACRES	21	876	1,174	857	0	29,824	32,752
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	16	24	45	9	199	284	577
	ACRES	1,956	6,087	19,622	812	11,037	13,030	52,544
Great Basin Area	FIREs	4	27	10	12	56	103	212
	ACRES	1,081	9,103	2,886	4,364	2,254	27,414	47,102
Southwest Area	FIREs	42	35	4	9	6	170	266
	ACRES	37,700	47,014	4,952	4,101	6,117	121,069	220,953
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	28	42	107	16	110	125	428
	ACRES	1,290	4,020	25,115	6,053	5,425	56,348	98,251
Eastern Area	FIREs	51	0	246	25	1,771	291	2,384
	ACRES	26,679	0	34,521	6,434	120,389	69,571	257,594
Southern Area	FIREs	85	0	137	40	190,534	715	191,511
	ACRES	10,352	0	81,801	159,315	4,632,226	591,668	5,475,362
TOTAL FIRES:		241	184	588	137	192,685	2,305	196,140
TOTAL ACRES:		82,323	77,604	178,752	182,929	4,842,317	953,539	6,317,464

*** 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 weekend will begin with the redevelopment of a ridge of high pressure over the western states and a strong, windy, and cold trough of low pressure over the eastern states. Low elevation temperature inversions are expected to redevelop; however, they will not be as strong or as long-lasting as the previous event. While colder and drier than average conditions are expected across the central and eastern portion of the country, the conditions will not be long-lived. By Monday, the atmospheric flow pattern will begin to flatten out as both the ridge and trough begin to weaken. A moist and cool storm system will move into the Pacific Northwest and the Northern Rockies late Monday. By mid-week, the system will stall over the Northern Rockies and the Great Basin and intensify. The strengthening system will create an strengthened on shore flow in California and will pump much needed moisture into the Southwest and the Great Plains on Wednesday and Thursday. In Alaska, overall dry and warmer than normal conditions are expected as an overall southerly flow continues over the state; however, a downward trend in temperatures is expected as a strong low pressure area over Siberia moves closer to the Bering Strait by Tuesday.



Working with Helicopter Drops

Aviation Category

Consider the following questions when you have a helicopter with a bucket working in your area:

If the helicopter is a Type 1, increase the distance of standby place from the drop zone.

Use helicopter drops to knock down or secure a fire area that poses a direct imminent threat to escaping control lines or climbing up ladder fuels.

- Do you have good communications?
- Does the pilot have a clear understanding of the target?
- Are trees and snags in the drop zone?
- Are ground crews clear of the area?
- What are the winds doing?
- What is the turnaround time for the helicopter?
- Are people on the ground aware of the effects of the helicopter's rotor wash?
- Give feedback to the pilot about drop accuracy. Be honest and constructive.
- Be aware that helicopter performance capabilities may be significantly reduced at high altitudes and/or high temperatures.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide](#)

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

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