

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, December 29, 2017 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1

National Fire Activity

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| Initial attack activity: | Light (81) 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: | 1 |
| 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 | 2 | 297,512 | 10 | 14 | 5 | 641 |
| 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 | 2 | 2,308 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 51 |
| Total | 4 | 299,820 | 13 | 27 | 5 | 692 |

Southern California Area (PL 3)

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| New fires: | 29 |
| New large incidents: | 0 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 1 |
| Type 1 IMTs committed | 1 |

Thomas, Ventura County Fire Department. Transfer of command from IMT 1 (von Tillow) back to the local unit will occur tomorrow. Seven miles east of Ojai, CA. Chaparral and brush. Active fire behavior with creeping and backing. 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 | 281,893 | 9,293 | 92 | Ctn | 01/20 | 620 | -4,109 | 9 | 14 | 5 | 1,063 | 204M | C&L |

Southern Area (PL 1)

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| New fires: | 33 |
| New large incidents: | 1 |
| Uncontained large fires: | 0 |

| Incident Name | Unit | Size | | % Acres | Ctn/ Comp | Est | Personnel | | Resources | | | Strc Lost | \$\$ CTD | Origin Own |
|---------------|--------|------|-------|------------|--------------|-----|-----------|-------|-----------|-----|------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | Chge | Total | | | | Chge | Total | Crw | Eng | Heli | | | |
| * Cave | KY-DBF | 129 | --- | 100 | Comp | --- | 0 | --- | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12K | FS |

DBF – Daniel Boone NF

Fires and Acres December 22 - 28 (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 | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Southern California Area | FIRES | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 4 | 29 |
| | ACRES | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 38,912 | 38,916 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Great Basin Area | FIRES | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Southwest Area | FIRES | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 0 | 110 |
| 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 | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| Southern Area | FIRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 33 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 143 | 0 | 143 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 6 | 81 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 2 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 255 | 38,922 | 39,192 |

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

| Area | | BIA | BLM | FWS | NPS | ST/OT | USFS | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Alaska Area | FIREs | 0 | 171 | 0 | 0 | 179 | 14 | 364 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 571,753 | 0 | 0 | 81,268 | 2 | 653,023 |
| Northwest Area | FIREs | 193 | 256 | 39 | 26 | 1,528 | 1,354 | 3,396 |
| | ACRES | 11,933 | 224,924 | 20,954 | 15,836 | 40,466 | 754,269 | 1,068,382 |
| Northern California Area | FIREs | 84 | 74 | 6 | 16 | 3,028 | 956 | 4,164 |
| | ACRES | 118 | 39,891 | 71 | 38 | 303,663 | 328,745 | 672,526 |
| Southern California Area | FIREs | 181 | 85 | 2 | 46 | 4,333 | 557 | 5,204 |
| | ACRES | 661 | 37,373 | 0 | 12,089 | 217,950 | 314,330 | 582,403 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIREs | 875 | 106 | 28 | 34 | 2,134 | 723 | 3,900 |
| | ACRES | 77,610 | 387,815 | 2,066 | 22,319 | 264,267 | 729,419 | 1,483,496 |
| Great Basin Area | FIREs | 38 | 1,080 | 6 | 40 | 953 | 480 | 2,597 |
| | ACRES | 56,352 | 1,360,756 | 2 | 39 | 451,359 | 230,951 | 2,099,459 |
| Southwest Area | FIREs | 769 | 263 | 20 | 46 | 872 | 1,121 | 3,091 |
| | ACRES | 41,330 | 23,589 | 1,127 | 1,746 | 124,484 | 378,739 | 571,015 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIREs | 902 | 363 | 13 | 29 | 1,407 | 445 | 3,159 |
| | ACRES | 10,677 | 58,436 | 413 | 2,476 | 667,209 | 14,389 | 753,600 |
| Eastern Area | FIREs | 364 | 0 | 27 | 552 | 4,539 | 413 | 5,895 |
| | ACRES | 2,137 | 0 | 278 | 1,796 | 29,149 | 5,976 | 39,336 |
| Southern Area | FIREs | 425 | 528 | 111 | 54 | 32,703 | 540 | 34,361 |
| | ACRES | 51,579 | 6,668 | 181,482 | 55,653 | 1,522,764 | 39,676 | 1,857,822 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 3,831 | 2,926 | 252 | 843 | 51,676 | 6,603 | 66,131 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 252,397 | 2,711,205 | 206,393 | 111,992 | 3,702,579 | 2,796,496 | 9,781,062 |

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| Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today) | 68,543 |
| Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today) | 6,550,421 |

Prescribed Fires and Acres December 22 - 28 (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 | 1 | 1 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| 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 | 5 | 5 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,325 | 2,325 |
| Southern Area | FIREs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | ACRES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL FIREs: | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 0 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,326 | 0 |

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 | 49 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 231 | 314 |
| | ACRES | 3,244 | 9,957 | 5,731 | 39 | 19 | 34,293 | 53,283 |
| 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 | 10,239 | 14,238 |
| Northern Rockies Area | FIREs | 16 | 27 | 45 | 9 | 203 | 303 | 603 |
| | ACRES | 1,956 | 6,102 | 19,231 | 812 | 11,571 | 12,687 | 52,359 |
| 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 | 44 | 35 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 173 | 271 |
| | ACRES | 42,559 | 47,014 | 4,952 | 4,101 | 6,117 | 121,429 | 226,172 |
| Rocky Mountain Area | FIREs | 28 | 42 | 107 | 16 | 110 | 130 | 433 |
| | ACRES | 1,290 | 4,020 | 25,115 | 6,053 | 5,425 | 59,703 | 101,606 |
| Eastern Area | FIREs | 51 | 0 | 246 | 269 | 1,772 | 291 | 2,629 |
| | ACRES | 26,679 | 0 | 34,521 | 25,576 | 120,429 | 69,571 | 276,776 |
| Southern Area | FIREs | 85 | 0 | 137 | 41 | 190,613 | 724 | 191,600 |
| | ACRES | 10,352 | 0 | 81,801 | 159,415 | 4,640,109 | 591,894 | 5,483,571 |
| TOTAL FIRES: | | 243 | 188 | 586 | 382 | 192,769 | 2,321 | 196,489 |
| TOTAL ACRES: | | 87,182 | 77,134 | 178,394 | 202,171 | 4,850,774 | 957,154 | 6,352,809 |

*** 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 dominate feature entering this forecast period is the presence of the Polar Vortex over south central Canada. The southwestward migration of this system from Hudson Bay will carve out a large trough over a majority of the Lower 48 that will keep temperatures well below average through the weekend as it slowly moves east toward the Great Lakes and New England through Sunday. Significant rainfall is expected along the leading edge of the cold air and should be mainly in the form of rain except over the mid-Appalachians where some snow is expected. While the East Coast remains cold, the West Coast will be warmer and drier than average as high pressure strengthens along the shoreline and extends north into Alaska. Beginning Monday, the trough will weaken and the ridge will move west to be offshore. This will put the country in an active westerly-northwesterly flow pattern that will bring several snow events to the intermountain west and the Great Plains through Thursday. In Alaska, the overall much warmer and drier than average conditions will continue as high pressure remains firmly entrenched. Some areas will continue to experience high temperatures that are more than thirty degrees above normal.



Helicopter Landing Zone Selection

Aviation Category

Consider the following points when selecting a landing zone for a helicopter:

- Locate a flat area that is of sufficient size for the helicopter you are expecting to land.
 - Type I -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 30 feet by 30 feet; safety circle measuring 110 feet in diameter.
 - Type II -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 20 feet by 20 feet; safety circle measuring 90 feet in diameter.
 - Type III -- Clear and level touchdown pad measuring 15 feet by 15 feet; safety circle measuring 75 feet in diameter.
- Choose an area clear of people, vehicles, and obstructions such as trees, poles, and especially overhead wires.
- The area must be free of stumps, brush, posts, large rocks or anything over 18 inches high.
- Consider the wind direction. Helicopters land and take off into the wind.
- Choose an approach free of obstructions. Any obstruction should be relayed to the helicopter crew during initial radio contact.
- Remove or secure any loose items in and around the landing area such as trash, blankets, hats, or equipment.
- Wet down the landing area if dusty conditions are present.

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide](#)

[Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide \(IHOG\)](#)

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

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