

National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, December 18, 2020 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 1

National Fire Activity (December 11 – December 17, 2020):

Initial attack activity:	Light (146 new fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	5
Uncontained large fires:***	1
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there are 2 fires being managed under a strategy other than full suppression.

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

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

[Link](#) to Understanding the IMSR.

This report will post every Friday at 0800 Mountain 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	4	178,514	8	21	4	270
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	3	572	0	0	1	10
Total	7	179,086	8	21	5	280

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires:	60
New large incidents:	1
Uncontained large fires:	1

SQF Complex, Sequoia NF, USFS. Twenty-five miles north of Kernville, CA. Timber and chaparral. Minimal fire behavior. Numerous residences threatened. Area, road and trail closures in effect.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		% Acres	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Chge	Total				Chge	Total	Crw	Eng	Heli			
SQF Complex	CA-SQF	174,178	0	95	Ctn	12/24	28	-47	0	3	1	228	122.3M	FS
Airport	CA-COR	1,087	0	100	Ctn	---	85	-55	4	1	0	0	3.9M	CNTY
* Sanderson	CA-RRU	1,933	0	100	Ctn	---	156	---	4	17	3	0	1M	ST
Large Fires Being Managed with a Strategy Other Than Full Suppression Without a Type 1 or 2 IMT Assigned														
Dolan	CA-LPF	124,924	0	98	Comp	12/24	7	-2	0	1	0	19	70M	FS
Rattlesnake	CA-KNP	8,177	---	90	Comp	12/31	7	---	0	0	1	0	150K	NPS

COR – Corona Fire Department RRU – Riverside Unit, Cal Fire LPF – Los Padres NF, USFS

KNP – Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP, NPS

Eastern Area (PL 1)

New fires:	1
New large incidents:	0
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			
Willie	MO-MTF	2,538	2,318	100	Ctn	---	24	24	0	2	0	0	7K	FS

MTF – Mark Twain NF, USFS

Southern Area (PL 1)

New fires:	73
New large incidents:	2
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			
* Deep Marsh East	TX-AHR	344	---	100	Ctn	---	4	---	0	0	0	0	10K	FWS
* Yellow Rail	TX-AHR	1,360	---	100	Ctn	---	5	---	0	0	1	0	60K	FWS

AHR – Anahuac NWR, FWS

Fires and Acres (by Protection) from December 11, 2020 to December 17, 2020:

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	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Northern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	24	2	26
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	29	0	29
Southern California Area	FIREs	0	0	0	4	53	3	60
	ACRES	0	0	0	775	101,249	0	102,024
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	0	0	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southwest Area	FIREs	2	1	0	0	0	2	5
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	35	6	42
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIREs	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Southern Area	FIREs	2	0	0	0	44	2	48
	ACRES	1	0	0	0	72	0	73
TOTAL FIRES:		4	4	0	4	124	10	146
TOTAL ACRES:		2	0	0	775	101,387	6	102,170

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

Area		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska Area	FIREs	0	140	0	0	186	16	342
	ACRES	0	45,295	0	0	135,915	24	181,234
Northwest Area	FIREs	281	228	66	21	2,091	1,100	3,787
	ACRES	395,178	150,254	32,992	87	574,099	729,120	1,881,731
Northern California Area	FIREs	59	75	3	39	3,814	660	4,650
	ACRES	22,041	93,251	44	10,007	1,130,989	1,641,535	2,897,867
Southern California Area	FIREs	36	136	10	41	4,712	746	5,681
	ACRES	161	27,543	1	66,791	288,698	905,168	1,288,362
Northern Rockies Area	FIREs	1,590	82	7	10	1,079	588	3,356
	ACRES	137,922	11,670	834	4,132	234,187	69,213	457,958
Great Basin Area	FIREs	47	1,019	17	54	1,197	604	2,938
	ACRES	7,052	434,162	154	70	121,056	326,741	889,236
Southwest Area	FIREs	1,058	290	27	42	636	1,427	3,480
	ACRES	186,499	34,067	3,301	1,521	93,041	721,603	1,040,033
Rocky Mountain Area	FIREs	498	383	12	16	1,125	590	2,624
	ACRES	13,718	198,111	463	30,285	228,892	549,680	1,021,149
Eastern Area	FIREs	357	0	41	16	11,822	538	12,774
	ACRES	461	0	3,599	52	53,616	5,118	62,846
Southern Area	FIREs	360	0	56	65	16,307	494	17,282
	ACRES	17,124	0	7,569	32,993	446,181	26,158	530,026
TOTAL FIRES:		4,286	2,353	239	304	42,969	6,763	56,914
TOTAL ACRES:		780,157	994,354	48,957	145,938	3,306,675	4,974,364	10,250,447

Ten Year Average Fires (2010 – 2019 as of today)	58,592
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Ten Year Average Acres (2010 – 2019 as of today)	6,693,143
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***Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments.

***Additional wildfire information is available through the Geographic Areas at <https://gacc.nifc.gov/>

Prescribed Fires and Acres from December 11, 2020 to December 17, 2020 (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	8	0	0	0	8	16
	ACRES	0	1,345	0	0	0	3,137	4,482
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	4	18	22
	ACRES	0	0	0	3	605	1,278	1,885
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	485	0	0	0	485
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	157	157
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	1	0	0	2	1	5
	ACRES	31	96	0	0	30	600	757
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	385	0	0	0	0	0	385
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	4	0	1	2	9	16
	ACRES	0	316	33	5	0	1,882	2,236
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	94	94
Southern Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	125	3	131
	ACRES	379	0	0	0	4,120	2,242	6,741
TOTAL FIRES:		4	13	1	1	133	51	203
TOTAL ACRES:		795	1,757	518	8	4,755	9,390	17,222

***Prescribed fire acres are for reference only and may not reflect the most up-to-date information.

***Official prescribed fire accomplishment reporting occurs through agency specific systems of record.

Predictive Services Discussion: Upper-level ridging over the western U.S. and North Atlantic is expected for most of the next week. Upper lows over Alaska and in the Gulf of Alaska will continue into early next week before a highly amplified ridge slowly migrates over the northeast Pacific and eventually over the western US mid to late next week. Above normal temperatures are expected to develop over much of the western and central US this weekend into next week before cold air slides southward out of Canada with the coldest anomalies likely over central and eastern portions of the US late next week.

As the cold air moves into the West early to mid-next week, offshore winds are expected to strengthen across California, especially southern California. A moderate to strong Santa Ana wind event is currently forecast during mid next week with little to no forecast precipitation before or after the event. Much of California, the Southwest, and the Plains will remain dry for the next week.



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, PMS 461](#) Briefing Checklist (inside back cover).

Resources:

[Incident Response Pocket Guide, PMS 461](#)

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

[Wildland Fire Incident Management Field Guide, PMS 210](#)

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