

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, January 29, 2021 – 0800 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (January 22, 2021 – January 28, 2021):**

Initial attack activity:	Light (204 new fires)
New large incidents:	3
Large fires contained:	7
Uncontained large fires:***	0
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there are 0 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.**

IMT 1 (NW Team 3) has been assigned in support of Washington state COVID-19 response operations.

<b>Active Incident Resource Summary</b>						
<b>GACC</b>	<b>Incidents</b>	<b>Cumulative Acres</b>	<b>Crews</b>	<b>Engines</b>	<b>Helicopters</b>	<b>Total Personnel</b>
AICC	0	0	0	0	0	0
NWCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ONCC	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSCC	1	681	0	0	0	0
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	2,579	0	1	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3,260</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

**Southern California Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 28  
 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			
Bonita	CA-RRU	681	-34	100	Ctn	---	0	-33	0	2	0	0	1.5M	ST
Abernathy	CA-STF	374	0	100	Ctn	---	0	-64	0	0	0	0	100K	FS

RRU – Riverside Unit, Cal Fire    STF – Stanislaus NF, USFS

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 139  
 New large incidents: 2  
 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			
BK Bunyan Hill	AL-ALF	199	0	100	Ctn	---	6	0	0	1	0	0	5K	FS
Sonny Gile	OK-OKS	115	0	100	Ctn	---	4	0	0	2	0	0	6K	ST
* 7D County Line	TX-TXS	360	---	100	Ctn	---	2	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
* Jones	TX-TXS	2,020	---	100	Ctn	---	3	---	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

TXS – Texas A&M Forest Service    ALF – National Forests in Alabama, USFS    OKS – Oklahoma DOF

**Rocky Mountain Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 0  
 New large incidents: 1  
 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			
* Ft. Lyons	CO-BNX	1,433	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	3K	CNTY

BNX – Bent County

**Fires and Acres (by Protection) from January 22, 2021 to January 28, 2021:**

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	16	2	18
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	17	0	17
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	27	1	28
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	9	132	141
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
	ACRES	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Southwest Area	FIRES	5	0	0	0	5	2	12
	ACRES	4	0	0	0	15	0	19
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	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Southern Area	FIRES	4	0	0	0	133	2	139
	ACRES	13	0	0	0	1,208	64	1,285
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>1,467</b>

**Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (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	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	98	13	111
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	229	55	284
Southern California Area	FIRES	1	2	0	0	213	32	248
	ACRES	2	6	0	0	973	1,103	2,084
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	6	1	0	0	6	1	14
	ACRES	1,005	6	0	0	5,038	1	6,050
Great Basin Area	FIRES	1	12	0	0	8	0	21
	ACRES	1	3	0	0	0	0	4
Southwest Area	FIRES	33	5	0	1	13	12	64
	ACRES	130	1	0	0	41	1,253	1,425
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	1	1	0	1	11	2	16
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	2,249	0	2,250
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	3	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	15	3	18
Southern Area	FIRES	54	0	1	2	1,037	22	1,116
	ACRES	764	0	192	0	14,028	257	15,241
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>96</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1,600</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>1,902</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22,574</b>	<b>2,672</b>	<b>27,358</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2011 – 2020 as of today)</b>	<b>1,291</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2011 – 2020 as of today)</b>	<b>21,873</b>

\*\*\*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/>

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A wet pattern will continue for the western US into next week with another strong upper low moving over the region early to mid-next week. Widespread precipitation, including heavy snow in the mountains, is expected across the region with the heaviest rain likely along the West Coast and highest snow totals in the Sierra. Flash flooding and debris flows near burn scars remain possible. Overall, most of the CONUS is likely to receive precipitation in the next week as two upper-level troughs track across the country. Late next week, model guidance indicates a strong upper-level ridge developing in the northeast Pacific and Gulf of Alaska that may block landfalling systems on the West Coast while helping push cold air southward into the West through next weekend. Portions of the southern High Plains and South Florida are forecast to remain dry through next week. Dry and windy conditions are expected today and tomorrow across the southern High Plains and could result in elevated fire weather conditions. Another round of dry and windy conditions is possible Tuesday through Thursday of next week as the next upper low tracks across the country. Dry and breezy post-frontal conditions are also likely to develop in portions of the Florida Peninsula, especially South Florida, early next week.

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



# LEAD Time

**Bias for Action**  
*Leadership Category*

Leaders in the wildland fire service are not only empowered but also duty-bound to act on a situation that is within their power to affect, even without direction from above. This empowerment is not intended to encourage freelancing. In a high-risk environment, freelancing is a dangerous and unpredictable element, causing more harm than good. Ultimately, leaders are always accountable for their actions.

- A bias for action acknowledges wildfire as an environment where events do not always go according to plan.
- At times during an incident, one person may be the only individual to see what needs to be done and to make it happen.
- Time may not permit gathering all of the information that one might like to have; if you wait until you have all the facts to be 100% sure of your decision, it will almost always be too late.

In these time-critical situations, fire leaders use judgment, act within the intent of their leaders, work in unison with others, develop and communicate a plan, then inform superiors of actions as soon as safely possible. On a chaotic and rapidly-developing wildfire, one person taking the initiative can make all the difference in taking advantage of an opportunity. Being hesitant, risk-averse, or indecisive can expose firefighters to greater long-term risks and translate into a waste of time, opportunity, energy, and money.

## **Discussion Points**

- Discuss the difference between freelancing and a bias for action.
- Describe and discuss instances of taking appropriate action and of indecisiveness or non-action.
- What are some ways we train for situations requiring a bias for action?

## **References:**

[Wildland Fire Leadership Development Program, <https://www.nwcg.gov/wfldp>](https://www.nwcg.gov/wfldp)

[Leading In the Wildland Fire Service, PMS 494-2, <https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/494-2>](https://www.nwcg.gov/publications/494-2)

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