

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Friday, January 15, 2010 – 0800 MT
National Preparedness Level 1**

National Fire Activity (Weekly Total)

Initial attack activity: Light (206 new fires)
 New large fires: 3 (*)
 Large fires contained: 0
 Uncontained large fires : ** 3
 Area Command Teams committed: 0
 NIMOs committed: 0
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 0
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 0

Nationally, there are 0 large fires being managed with minimal or no resource commitment.

** Uncontained large fires do not include confine/contain and resource benefit incidents.

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

Southern California Area (PL 2)

New fires: 4
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Tenaja, Cleveland NF. Five miles southwest of Lake Elsinore, CA. Timber and chaparral. Active fire behavior.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% Ctn	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Tenaja	CA	CNF	125	---	20	1/16	156	---	4	23	6	0	NR	FS

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 8
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 2

Black Peak, Coronado NF. Six miles south of Arivaca, AZ. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

Apache, Coronado NF. Fifteen miles northwest of Nogales, AZ. Grass. Minimal fire activity.

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* Black Peak	AZ	CNF	898	---	80	1/15	61	---	2	1	1	0	60K	FS
* Apache	AZ	CNF	336	---	70	1/15	11	---	0	0	0	0	25K	FS

Predictive Services Discussion: The Southeast will be dry today except for rain over Texas. This rain will spread across the Southeast over the weekend, with drier weather on Monday. Southern California and the Southwest should be dry through Saturday. Rain will move onshore into Southern California Sunday and reach Arizona on Monday.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook products.



Today's discussion is from the
Motorized Operations Category.

Driving Safety

Driving is one of the most hazardous tasks that we perform when assigned to fires. Because of the fact that we perform the task literally hundreds of times in the course of our daily lives we tend to take it for granted. Based on recent accident trends, vehicle accidents are the source of more deaths and serious injuries to wildland firefighters than any other single cause. Vehicle operators need to recognize their own poor driving habits and strive to develop proper defensive driving techniques.

- A good starting point is attitude. A positive attitude towards improving your defensive driving skills will help you achieve the necessary changes in your driving habits. Most of what you do in operating vehicles is performed from habit. You do not consciously think about every thing you do when you drive. Rather, your subconscious performs most techniques. It's important to remember that a bad habit is as easy to develop as a good one. Take a good, hard look at your driving habits. Are you training yourself to do the right things the right way, like fastening your seat belt, checking your mirrors, and maintaining safe following distances?
- Inattentiveness is a major contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents within the wildland firefighting community. Because driving is such a common component of our lives, it is difficult to realize that it requires 100% of our attention. Since the average adult attention span is 15-20 minutes we must develop techniques that allow us to refocus our attention on the task at hand, operating a motor vehicle safely. There are many forms of inattentive driving; fatigue, telematics, daydreaming, eating, drinking, reading, writing, and talking. Here are some techniques for maintaining your attention while driving.
 - Drive only when you are well rested and alert; avoid driving during the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Take a 10 to 15 minute break after every 2 hours of driving.
 - Practice situational awareness when driving; be aware of what is happening in front, behind, and on both sides of your vehicle. Never drive when taking medications that make you drowsy.
 - Avoid using cell phones, radios, GPS units, CD players or computers while driving. Have a passenger operate them, or pull off the road and park.
 - By constantly moving your vision, checking mirrors and distant road conditions, you can avoid highway hypnosis and daydreaming.
 - Avoid eating or drinking while driving. Take frequent breaks to perform these activities.
 - Do not attempt to read maps or write directions while driving; pull over and park.
 - When talking with passengers, keep your eyes on the road and both hands on the steering wheel. Keep conversations causal and limited to small talk. Avoid conversations of a serious or technical nature. Do not engage in confrontational or argumentative conversations.
 - Do not be in a hurry, be patient. The more impatient you are, the more agitated you can become. Agitation will only magnify other inattentive driving behaviors.
- Safe driving starts with a safe vehicle. While mechanical failure is rarely a contributing factor in motor vehicle accidents something as simple as under inflated tires can have serious consequences. Before operating any vehicle, you must be sure the vehicle is in safe operating condition. Not only should you perform a pre-operation inspection, some vehicle defects can only be detected while the vehicle is operating. The vehicle operator is also responsible pre-operation, during operation, and post-operation inspections.

References:

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

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Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES					13		13
	ACRES					0		0
Southern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						151	151
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	2	1				5	8
	ACRES	0	0				2,220	2,220
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					15		15
Southern Area	FIRES			1		167	8	176
	ACRES			1		556	28	585
TOTAL	FIRES	2	2	1	0	181	20	206
	ACRES	0	0	1	0	571	2,399	2,971

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES					1	2	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Northern California	FIRES					16	1	17
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southern California	FIRES					15	1	16
	ACRES					4	0	4
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	2	1				7	10
	ACRES	0	0				1,288	1,288
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					228		228
Southern Area	FIRES	5		1		339	16	361
	ACRES	44		1		2,060	3,679	5,784
TOTAL	FIRES	7	2	1	0	378	28	416
	ACRES	44	0	1	0	2,292	4,967	7,304

Six Year Average Fires	757
Six Year Average Acres	65,141

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

Prescribed Fires and Acres Last Week

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2	1			4	7
	ACRES		56	80			116	252
Northern California	FIRES			1	1		31	33
	ACRES			1	6		600	607
Southern California	FIRES		2	1			6	9
	ACRES		531	7			133	671
Northern Rockies	FIRES	6						6
	ACRES	14						14
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						14	14
	ACRES						2,114	2,114
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		12	2		2	17	33
	ACRES		28	47		66	178	319
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			7	5	40	48	100
	ACRES			3,912	1,719	14,689	30,612	50,932
TOTAL	FIRES	6	16	12	6	42	120	202
	ACRES	14	615	4,047	1,725	14,755	33,753	54,909

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		5	1			10	16
	ACRES		70	80			241	391
Northern California	FIRES		1	1	2		56	60
	ACRES		1	1	7		1,014	1,023
Southern California	FIRES		2	1			5	8
	ACRES		531	7			66	604
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9						9
	ACRES	43						43
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1		1		20	22
	ACRES		30		0		2,384	2,414
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		2	2		10	17	31
	ACRES		9	47		153	833	1,042
Eastern Area	FIRES					2		2
	ACRES					184		184
Southern Area	FIRES	1		13	5	68	73	160
	ACRES	375		7,094	1,719	25,035	47,059	81,282
TOTAL	FIRES	10	11	18	8	80	181	308
	ACRES	418	641	7,229	1,726	25,372	51,597	86,983

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