

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

**National Fire Activity**

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.

<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	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>299,820</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>692</b>

**Southern California Area (PL 3)**

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)**

New fires: 33  
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			
* 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):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	12	0	<b>12</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	3	0	0	0	22	4	<b>29</b>
	ACRES	2	0	0	0	2	38,912	<b>38,916</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	2	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	13	0	0	0	0	<b>13</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	1	0	0	1	1	<b>4</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	110	0	<b>110</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	10	<b>10</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	33	0	<b>33</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	143	0	<b>143</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>38,922</b>	<b>39,192</b>

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

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

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>68,543</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2007 – 2016 as of today)</b>	<b>6,550,421</b>

**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
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,326</b>	<b>0</b>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date (by Ownership):**

<b>Area</b>		<b>BIA</b>	<b>BLM</b>	<b>FWS</b>	<b>NPS</b>	<b>ST/OT</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Alaska Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	2	<b>8</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	64,850	100	<b>64,950</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	13	49	16	2	3	231	<b>314</b>
	ACRES	3,244	9,957	5,731	39	19	34,293	<b>53,283</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	2	5	9	18	0	195	<b>229</b>
	ACRES	21	876	1,174	857	0	29,824	<b>32,752</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	3	12	6	0	169	<b>190</b>
	ACRES	0	62	2,983	954	0	10,239	<b>14,238</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	16	27	45	9	203	303	<b>603</b>
	ACRES	1,956	6,102	19,231	812	11,571	12,687	<b>52,359</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	4	27	10	12	56	103	<b>212</b>
	ACRES	1,081	9,103	2,886	4,364	2,254	27,414	<b>47,102</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	44	35	4	9	6	173	<b>271</b>
	ACRES	42,559	47,014	4,952	4,101	6,117	121,429	<b>226,172</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	28	42	107	16	110	130	<b>433</b>
	ACRES	1,290	4,020	25,115	6,053	5,425	59,703	<b>101,606</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	51	0	246	269	1,772	291	<b>2,629</b>
	ACRES	26,679	0	34,521	25,576	120,429	69,571	<b>276,776</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	85	0	137	41	190,613	724	<b>191,600</b>
	ACRES	10,352	0	81,801	159,415	4,640,109	591,894	<b>5,483,571</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>243</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>192,769</b>	<b>2,321</b>	<b>196,489</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>87,182</b>	<b>77,134</b>	<b>178,394</b>	<b>202,171</b>	<b>4,850,774</b>	<b>957,154</b>	<b>6,352,809</b>

\*\*\* 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 off shore. 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.

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



## 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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