

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, December 20, 2019 – 0800 MT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity (December 13 – December 19, 2019)**

Initial attack activity:	Light (466 new fires)
New large incidents:	2
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:***	1
Area Command teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	0
Type 1 IMTs committed:	0
Type 2 IMTs committed:	0

Nationally, there is 0 large fire 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.

Thirty-three wildland fire personnel are assigned to support large fires in New South Wales, Australia.

<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	3,126	1	1	0	38
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	340	0	0	0	0
SACC	2	560	2	7	0	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4,026</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>73</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			
Cave	CA-LPF	3,126	0	100	Ctn	---	38	0	1	1	0	0	3.6M	FS

LPF – Los Padres NF, USFS

**Southern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 62  
 New large incidents: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**McDowell**, Okmulgee Field Office, BIA. Seven miles east of Wetumka, OK. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with smoldering.

Incident Name	Unit	Size		%	Ctn/ Comp	Est	Personnel		Resources			Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
		Acres	Chge				Total	Chge	Crw	Eng	Heli			
* McDowell	OK-OMA	550	---	95	Ctn	UNK	17	---	2	2	0	0	20K	BIA

**Eastern Area (PL 1)**

New fires: 396  
 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			
* Ridge	MO-MTF	340	---	100	Ctn	---	0	---	0	0	0	0	5K	FS

MTF – Mark Twain NF, USFS

**Fires and Acres (by Protection) from December 13, 2019 to December 19, 2019:**

<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	1	0	0	2	0	<b>3</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	2	0	1	21	4	<b>28</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	4	1	<b>5</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	1	1	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	<b>2</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	1	0	0	0	1	0	<b>2</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	9	0	<b>9</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	369	0	<b>369</b>
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	916	0	<b>916</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	6	0	0	0	54	2	<b>62</b>
	ACRES	629	0	0	0	163	0	<b>792</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>466</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>629</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,724</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	249	0	0	425	46	<b>720</b>
	ACRES	0	1,690,291	0	0	807,855	13	<b>2,498,159</b>
Northwest Area	FIRES	245	233	21	29	1,968	1,116	<b>3,612</b>
	ACRES	49,943	44,079	23,496	6	25,3945	25,738	<b>168,657</b>
Northern California Area	FIRES	54	52	4	7	3,035	543	<b>3,695</b>
	ACRES	33	5,661	25	1	120,339	88,677	<b>214,735</b>
Southern California Area	FIRES	26	95	11	27	3,995	420	<b>4,574</b>
	ACRES	301	2,858	2,729	110	25,358	23,855	<b>55,211</b>
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	759	50	22	16	979	479	<b>2,305</b>
	ACRES	12,111	915	10,026	116	39,158	11,705	<b>74,031</b>
Great Basin Area	FIRES	42	780	9	37	931	505	<b>2,304</b>
	ACRES	172	249,347	18	449	152,290	57,096	<b>459,373</b>
Southwest Area	FIRES	689	213	14	55	693	948	<b>2,612</b>
	ACRES	56,947	6,829	89	23,433	32,322	339,817	<b>459,437</b>
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	276	325	3	13	586	379	<b>1,582</b>
	ACRES	2,818	21,585	5,097	29	54,770	31,679	<b>115,978</b>
Eastern Area	FIRES	323	0	27	50	4,733	350	<b>5,483</b>
	ACRES	575	0	972	536	29,610	6,716	<b>38,408</b>
Southern Area	FIRES	300	0	41	52	21,527	408	<b>22,328</b>
	ACRES	25,055	0	6,792	2,685	432,928	24,872	<b>492,332</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2,714</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>38,872</b>	<b>5,194</b>	<b>49,215</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES:</b>		<b>147,955</b>	<b>2,021,566</b>	<b>49,244</b>	<b>27,365</b>	<b>1,720,024</b>	<b>610,168</b>	<b>4,576,321</b>

<b>Ten Year Average Fires (2009 – 2018 as of today)</b>	<b>62,129</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres (2009 – 2018 as of today)</b>	<b>6,902,261</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/>

**Prescribed Fires and Acres from December 13, 2019 to December 19, 2019 (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	4	1	0	0	9	14
	ACRES	0	811	41	0	0	794	1,646
Northern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	4	5
	ACRES	0	0	0	6	0	1,338	1,344
Southern California Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	426	426
Northern Rockies Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
Great Basin Area	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	27	0	0	0	16	43
Southwest Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
	ACRES	0	0	0	5	0	841	846
Rocky Mountain Area	FIRES	0	0	0	0	2	5	7
	ACRES	3	69	0	0	125	259	456
Eastern Area	FIRES	0	0	2	0	5	2	9
	ACRES	0	0	16	0	508	23	547
Southern Area	FIRES	2	0	2	2	227	4	237
	ACRES	225	0	1,617	12,006	2,247	5,729	21,141
<b>TOTAL FIRES:</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>284</b>
<b>TOTAL ACRES</b>		<b>228</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>12,017</b>	<b>2,880</b>	<b>9,435</b>	<b>27,141</b>

\*\*\*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:** The high pressure ridge over the Intermountain West will move east to the Continental Divide by Friday night and allow for a pattern change to an active wet and snowy pattern to occur. The first system will begin impacting the West on Sunday as it splits into two and sends the northern, weaker half of the system east across northern California and the Great Basin through Monday. The stronger, southern half of the system will intensify and move south along the Californian Coast where it will move into Baja California on Tuesday. The next system will arrive into the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies, and Northern California on Christmas Day. Light to moderate snow is expected at all elevations. Western Idaho will not likely begin seeing snow until late in the day. This system will be followed by another on Thursday. On Friday, a ridge of high pressure will redevelop along the West Coast; this could indicate a return to drier than average conditions for the week of New Years. In the East, overall dry and warm conditions are expected. The exception to this will be the passage of a strong, wet low pressure area that will move east from Texas along the northern Gulf Coast over the weekend. Heavy rainfall is expected across Florida, southern Alabama, and Southern during this time.

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



## Unburned Fuel Between You And The Fire

*Operational Engagement Category*

It is important for firefighters to recognize unburned fuel between themselves and the fire as Watchout Situation #11. Often it is not possible or practical for direct attack on a fire. Before attempting indirect attack and any time the firefighter is in a position where there is unburned fuel between them and the fire, the following questions must be addressed immediately:

- Can you see the fire or are you in contact with someone who can? Discuss situations you might find yourself in where you are out in the green and cannot see the fire. What can you do?
- Is fire spread in a direction away from you? Do you consider the potential for fire spread? Are you safe if the wind switches?
- Will your position be defensible when the fire reaches you? Talk about what must be taken into account when building indirect line or approaching a fire through the green.
- Is your line anchored? Discuss how you anchor indirect line.
- Are your escape routes and safety zones adequate? What is adequate?
- Are weather indicators constantly changing?
- To reduce the risks:
  - Post lookouts.
  - Consider a different location. Review situations where you constructed indirect line or approached a fire through the green and how you provided for your safety.

Resources:

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

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

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

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