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Quartz Fire

Information Update

COARSEGOLD- The Quartz Fire was first reported Monday July 25, 2005 at 12:06pm. The fire is currently 550 acres & 55% contained with over 550 firefighting personnel on-scene. An evacuation order is still in place for over 70 homes within the Flying “O “ development. The American Red Cross has opened a shelter for evacuees at the Yosemite Lakes Church located at 43840 Patrick Ave. near Yosemite Springs Parkway.

Overnight the fire was relatively calm and had no appreciable spread. High temperatures, low humidity and predicted winds will affect the firefighting efforts today.

No homes have been destroyed or damaged by the fire and one firefighter has suffered a minor eye injury.

Resources currently assigned include 67 engines, 24 hand-crews, 7 bulldozers, 5 water tenders, 4 helicopters and 4 air-tankers. Numerous agencies have responded to assist in the firefighting effort including but not limited to Madera County Fire, Madera County Sheriff’s Office, Mariposa County Fire, California Office of Emergency Services, California Highway Patrol & U.S. Forest Service.