

California Statewide Fire Summary

Monday, September 22, 2014

This morning nearly 6,500 firefighters continue to battle 6 major wildfires burning in California. Yesterday afternoon a new fire ignited south of Ukiah in Mendocino County and has now burned 62 acres. Overnight crews fully contained the 320 acre Courtney Fire in Madera, which had been burning since September 14.

In the past week, CAL FIRE has responded to 167 new wildfires. Since January 1 CAL FIRE has responded to 4,974 wildfires that have burned 92,139 acres. That's over 1,000 more wildfires this year than an average year. The over 92,000 acres burned this year does not include the massive King Fire that has charred over 87,000, since a majority of the land burned is on the National Forest and not in State Responsibility Area.

This week a cold front is expected to bring cooler temperatures and even possibly some moisture. Upon its arrival, strong winds are expected. Due to these strong winds a Fire Weather Watch has been issued for parts of Siskiyou and Modoc County. The warning is expected to expand on Wednesday to include parts of Lassen, Plumas, Sierra and Nevada counties.

The anticipated winds elevate the risk for wildfires and CAL FIRE is stressing vigilance to all Californians to be careful outdoors. Nearly 95% of the wildfires CAL FIRE responds to are caused by the activity of people. That's why 'one less spark' means 'one less wildfire'. Learn more at www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

Fires of Interest:

****CAL FIRE Incidents****

Nelson Fire, Mendocino County **NEW**
off Nelson Ranch Rd, 9 miles south of Ukiah
* 62 acres – 85% contained

Courtney Fire, Madera County ([more info...](#))
off Courtney Ln, east of Oakhurst
* 320 acres – **100% contained**
* All evacuations have been lifted
* 56 structures damaged or destroyed

****Unified Incidents****

King Fire, El Dorado County ([more info...](#))

CAL FIRE / USFS – El Dorado National Forest
northeast of Pollock Pines

- * 87,592 acres - 18% contained
- * Evacuations in effect for about 2,800 people
- * 21,000 structures threatened

****Federal Incidents****

Irene Fire, Alpine County ([more info...](#))

USFS - El Dorado National Forest
Mokelumne Wilderness area

- * 94 acres – 78% contained

Meadow Fire, Mariposa County ([more info...](#))

Yosemite National Park
east of Half Dome in the Little Yosemite Valley

- * 4,772 acres – 90% contained

Happy Camp Complex, Siskiyou County ([more info...](#))

USFS - Klamath National Forest
Near Happy Camp

- * 131,996 acres – 85% contained

July Complex, Siskiyou County ([more info...](#))

USFS - Klamath National Forest
Several locations throughout Siskiyou County

- * 50,042 acres – 98% contained