
CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Tehama-Glenn Unit



Contact: Mickie Jakez
Public Information Officer
(530)528-5124

Release Date:
May 9, 2008

COLYEAR FIRE 95% CONTAINED

Red Bluff - Today fire officials have declared the Colyear Fire to be 95% contained with complete containment by this evening. The fire fighters have been successful in keeping the fire north of Colyear Springs Road, east of Colyear Springs, south of Grizzly Peak and west of Red Bank Road. Today they will tie in the last section of open line to complete the line around the fire. Some fire fighters will remain at the fire over the weekend doing patrol for any hot spots.

The actual number of acres involved in the incident is 1,331 acres. This figure was obtained via a GPS Recon Flight. There were structures threatened in the area of the fire and none were destroyed. There has been a total of 2 minor injuries to fire fighters.

The Colyear fire was reported to CAL FIRE Tuesday evening, May 6, 2008 at 8:45 p.m. It is located approximately 35 miles west of Red Bluff. The area is very remote with steep terrain, heavy brush, lots of rattle snakes and extended travel time for all resources.

There are 264 personnel assigned to the Colyear Incident and the estimated cost of the fire today is \$396,426.

The fire was caused by a land owner attempting to clear brush and do some range improvement with a control burn that escaped their control.

Cooperating agencies are Tehama County Fire Department, California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, Bureau of Land Management, Mendocino National Forest.

When doing vegetation pile burning always have a 10 foot clearance of flammable vegetation around the fire, have a shovel and water available with an adult in attendance at all times. A burn permit is required and always check with Air Pollution Control to determine if it is a legal burn day.

###