



BUTTE LIGHTNING COMPLEX

Fact Sheet



Tuesday, June 24, 2008 12:30 p.m.
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Information Line: 530-538-7826

Incident Name: Butte Lightning Complex **Incident Number:** CABTU007660
Location: Butte County

Command Team: CAL FIRE Incident Command Team #9

Lightning Complex Start Date: June 21, 2008

Incident Type: Wildland Fire **Acres:** 3,900 Acres **Cause:** Lightning

% Containment: 5% **Estimated Containment:** 07/1/08

Fatalities: 0 **Injuries:** 2 (firefighter)

Structures Destroyed: None

Structures Damaged: None

Structures Threatened: 300

Resources: Hand Crews 10 Dozers 22 Engines 151 Helicopters 2
 Water Tenders 25 Overhead Personnel 100 Total Personnel: 432

The Butte Lightning Complex currently consists of 27 fires divided into geographical branches to allow for coordination, management, and accountability of resources. The current Branches are listed below and only fires that currently pose the highest potential threat are identified by name. The fires are evaluated daily to determine risk potential. Evacuations and Road Closures are listed on page two.

Concow Branch:

- **Rim Fire** – 330 acres, actively burning in the area of Rim Road and Hwy 70. Fire continues to threaten the community of Concow.
- **Empire Fire** – 1,000 acres, actively burning north of Hog Ranch Road at the northern end of the Concow Reservoir threatening the community of Concow.

South Fork Branch:

- **Frey Fire** – 1500 acres, burning north of La Porte Road near Jackson Ranch. Does not pose an immediate threat to populated areas.

Stirling Branch:

- **West Fire** – 600 acres, fire is burning on the east side of the West Branch of the Feather River drainage. Dozers are cutting line across the ridge top to prevent fire from crossing to the west side.
- **Break Neck** – 150 acres, burning in an area north and east of Stirling City.

Hwy 32 Branch:

- **Smokey** – 240 acres, burning west of Hwy 32 in Tehama County South of Soda Springs.
- **Little Smokey** - 50 acres, burning west of Hwy 32 in Tehama County east of Cold Spring.

Road Closures:

Doe Mill Road at Powellton Rd
Hwy 70 at Big Bend Rd to Greenville Y, (Hwy 89 & 70)
Concow Rd. at Hwy 70 (closed to through traffic)
Concow Rd at Jordan Hill Rd
Rim Rd./Andy Mt Rd at Hwy 70
Deadwood Road @ Hwy 70
Lunt Road at Hwy 70
Pinkston Canyon Rd @ Hwy 70
Bardee's Bar Rd @ Big Bend Rd
French Creek Rd @ Oro-Quincy Hwy

Immediate Threat Evacuation Advisories:

Concow Road @ Hoffman and all tributaries north and west of Concow Rd
Concow Road @ Jeffery Pine Lane and all tributaries north and east of Concow Rd
Andy Mt. Rd/Rim Rd
Crain Ridge/Ponderosa way
Hwy 70 to CAL FIRE Station 36 to Pulga Road
Pulga Road

NEW:

Mount Lassen Boy Scout Camp
Jonesville
Butte Meadows

Precautionary Evacuation Advisories:

Big Bend Road and tributaries
Dark Canyon Road

Evacuation Centers -

Spring Valley School – 530-895-0000
2771 Pentz Road (Corner of Hwy 70 and Pentz Road)

Las Plumas High School - 530-538-2740
2380 Las Plumas, Oroville

Neighborhood Church – 530-343-6006
2801 Notre Dame Blvd., Chico

Additional: Numerous Fires are burning throughout Central and Northern California causing a significant amount of smoke in the valley areas. Residents need to monitor the fire situation in and around their area via the local media. If conditions change, fire and law enforcement officials will make immediate notification to keep the public informed.

Due to the large number of significant fires throughout the State of California firefighting resources are limited. Incident Commanders are setting priorities to protect life and property.