



Fact Sheet



Saturday, July 12, 2008
7:00 AM

MENDOCINO LIGHTNING COMPLEX

Media Only Fire Information Number: 707-467-2520

Public Fire Information Number: 707-467-6426

The Mendocino Lightning Complex has consumed 52,700 acres and is 65% contained. There are 20 active fires. The large drop in the number of active fires yesterday was due to the merging of fires on the incident. Continued threats remain a possibility to communities and critical infrastructure. Additional evacuation "Warnings" and/ or "Orders" may be issued. Active burning continues on several fires. Favorable weather conditions are predicted this weekend and into next week. Firefighters are working to take advantage of the favorable weather conditions to make progress on containment. Residents are reminded that they may see increased fire and smoke in the areas of planned firing operations.

Air Operations

GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping operations are being conducted throughout Mendocino County. Residents may see low flying rotary aircraft for the purposes of mapping fire perimeters.

Numerous fixed wing and rotary aircraft continue to operate on the fires.

Evacuations

Evacuation "Warnings" remain in effect for:

- Mountain View Road from Mile Post 15 to Mile Post 20
- Community of Rockport
- De Haven Creek and Howard Creek drainage, North of Westport

Evacuation Centers

- ***Placed on Standby***-Fort Bragg High School, 300 Dana Street, Ft. Bragg. Phone: 707-813-0345 (New)
- ***Placed on Standby***-Willits High School, 299 North Main Street, Willits. Phone: 707-486-8674
- Large animals (A call must be made prior to delivering animals)

- Redwood Empire Fairgrounds, Ukiah. 707-462-3884. After business hours: 707-972-8340
- Albion Headlands, Albion. 650-322-1070.
- Covelo Rodeo Grounds, 22335 S. Airport Covelo Road, Covelo. 272-2966 and 983-6860
- Small animals can be taken to the Mendocino Animal Care and Control Ukiah Shelter. After business hours: 707-272-4337.

Road Conditions

- Mountain View Road - Between Signal Ridge and Mile Post 14.04 – Closed to all traffic except Fire Department, Law Enforcement and critical incident resources (i.e. utility companies, CalTrans, County Roads, etc.) until further notice.

Resources

- Engines: 160 Crews: 53 Helicopters: 3 Water Tenders: 71 Dozers: 25
Overhead: 333 Total Personnel: 2,026 Fixed Wing Aircraft: 3

Incident Facts

- Incident Size: 52,700Acres
- Contained: 65%
- Injuries to date: 40
- Fatalities to date: 1
- Residences Threatened:45
- Residences Destroyed: 2
- Number of Active Fires:20
- Total Number of Fires: 127
- Estimated Costs to Date: \$32,900,000

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