

CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

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Humboldt-Del Norte Unit



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PARADISE FIRE UPDATE

Incident Name: Humboldt Lightning Complex

Location: Humboldt County

Start Date: June 20, 2008

Incident Type: Wildland Fire Complex

Number of Fires: 5 Contained Fires: 4 Active Fires: 1

Total Acres for all fires: 1117

Cause: Lightning

Fatalities: 0 Injuries: 6 minor to firefighters

Structures Destroyed: 0

Structures Damaged: None determined

Resources: Hand Crews 6 Dozers 6 Engines 13 Helicopters 2
Fallers 1 Tankers 0 Water Tenders 7 Overhead Personnel 50
Total Personnel 303

The south side of the Paradise Fire had some hot spots burning yesterday afternoon, inside the containment lines. That division of the fire is being closely monitored. Good, but slow progress continues to be made on the difficult north and west divisions of the fire, where the terrain is steep and access is difficult. There were favorable for the helicopters to fly on Tuesday, which helped the already weary firefighters. Wednesday's plan will be to continue to patrol the perimeter containment lines, and mop up any hot spots discovered. Additionally, fire line suppression repair work is beginning. The Paradise Fire is currently 975 acres, 63% contained and 10% controlled.

As resources become available from the Paradise Fire, they may be diverted to other fires within the state.

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