



SHASTA AND TRINITY LIGHTNING INCIDENT FACT SHEET

Shasta and Trinity County Area within the California Region

Wednesday June 26, 2008 @ 7:00 Hours



FIRE STATUS

Location: Shasta and Trinity County area, within the California Region

Acres Burned:	22,000	Wind Direction:	North / Northwest
Number of Fires:	158 (25 are unstaffed)	Fatalities:	0
Fire Started:	6/21/2008 (Sat.) 5:00am and into the afternoon	Injuries:	1
Cause:	Lightning	Structures Destroyed:	0
		Structures Damaged:	1
RESOURCES:	Hand Crews: 14	Engines: 113	
	Helicopters: 5	Water Tenders: 63	
	Fixed Wing: 4	Dozers: 29	
	Overhead: 173		
	Total personnel assigned to fire: 1,055		

Current Fire Situation:

The approaching weather system for the weekend will challenge control lines and potentially cause new fires. As neighboring fires move into SHU, resources are being reallocated from other fires. Critical region drawdown is resulting in numerous outstanding resource orders. Priority areas are those with life and property threats. Fires on the west side of Redding will be problematic due to access and scarce ground resources.

Evacuations & Road Closures:

Evacuations have been ordered at Junction City, Platina, and Corman Ranch. Precautionary evacuations are in place at Corum. Highway 299 is closed at Junction City 8 miles West of Weaverville to Big Bar 25 miles West of Weaverville. Highway 36 is closed at Dry Creek (23 miles West of Red Bluff) to junction of highway 3 and 36.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Temperatures are expected to reach the 90's with minimum RH's at 10 %. Light northerly and down canyon winds in the morning will be switching to northerly winds in the afternoon. Strong north to northeast winds are expected over night. Winds are predicted between 5 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph along ridgetops by midnight. The development of new fires as well as existing fires continues as a result of warm temperatures, low fuel moistures, and RH's. Fuel moistures are at record low levels. Fire behavior is considered extreme. Fire Behavior is expected to increase as smoke dissipates as the wind increases.

Agencies Involved:

Cal Fire, United States Forest Service, State of California Office of Emergency Services, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Highway Patrol, Shasta County Sherriff Department, American Red Cross, Bureau of Land Management, California Conservation Corps, Salvation Army.

Clear 100 ft of defensible space around all structures.