



SHASTA AND TRINITY LIGHTNING INCIDENT FACT SHEET

Shasta and Trinity County Area within the California Region

Tuesday June 27, 2008 @ 7:15 Hours



FIRE STATUS

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

Acres Burned:	35,000	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:	3
Cause:	Lightning	Structures Destroyed:	0
		Structures Damaged:	1
RESOURCES:	Hand Crews: 14	Engines: 146	
	Helicopters: 9	Water Tenders: 72	
	Fixed Wing: 4	Dozers: 35	

Total personnel assigned to fire: 1,129

Current Fire Situation:

New fires and significant runs on existing fires continue due to low relative humidity, warm weather, topography, and lack of ground firefighting resources. Areas are burning in locations that have not burned in decades many of which have 60%-80% available fuels. Steep topography is lending to aggressive fire behavior. Ground support remains drawn out despite the arrival of new resources and many fires are still problematic due to inaccessibility. Firefighters made considerable headway on the Venture Fire, Pine Fire, Withrow fire, and Kirkman fire and are anticipating being able to maintain their lines. The Little Fire, Stein Fire, Motion Fire, and Barley Fire became more active yesterday and continued to create problems during the night.

Evacuations & Road Closures:

Evacuations have been ordered at Junction City, Platina, and Corman Ranch. Precautionary evacuations are in place at Corum. Highway 299 East has one way traffic control due to clearing of debris. Highway 36 is closed 30 miles West of Red Bluff to the junction of SR 3. At the junction of Hwy 3 & 36 traffic is allowed to travel westbound only, eastbound traffic is not allowed. County Road Closures: From Coram OHV Park to Matheson Road at Iron Mountain Road to Rock Creek Road. South of Shasta Dam. Platina Road (A-16) closed to all through traffic at Yolla Bolla / Fiddlers Road to all westbound traffic except locals who live on Bully Choop and Graves Ranch Road.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Maximum temperatures are expected to reach 95 Degrees with minimum relative humidity at 14%. Morning winds are expected from the North at 5 to 12 mph with gust up to 20 mph becoming more southerly in the afternoon. Thunderstorm downdrafts can cause unexpected and erratic wind patterns over the fire area. Fire intensity and rate of spread will immediately respond to any introduction of additional wind due to the poor fuel conditions.

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



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County Sherriff Department, American Red Cross, Bureau of Land Management, California Conservation Corps, Salvation Army, Cal Trans, Shasta Op Area Fire Protection, NorCal Fire Assoc., State Air Resource Board, PG&E, DFG, Shasta county FD, Trinity SO/OES, NPS, Sierra Pacific Ind., and OES fire/rescue.

Clear 100 ft of defensible space around all structures.