



SHASTA AND TRINITY LIGHTNING INCIDENT FACT SHEET

Shasta and Trinity County Area within the California Region



Saturday, July 6, 2008 @ 0730 Hours

FIRE STATUS

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

Acres Burned:	53,600	Wind Direction:	South/Southeast
Number of Fires:	158 (0 are unstaffed) 112 contained, 43 have merged, 3 active	Fatalities:	0
Fire Started:	6/21/2008 (Sat.) 5:00am and into the afternoon	Percent Contained:	55%
Cause:	Lightning	Injuries:	20
RESOURCES:	Hand Crews: 24	Structures Destroyed:	2
	Helicopters: 11	Structures Damaged:	3
	Fixed Wing: 4	Engines: 202	
		Water Tenders: 45	
		Dozers: 44	

Total personnel assigned to fire: 1,682

Current Fire Situation:

The Motion, Moon and Deerlick fires are experiencing lower fire activity due to the previous lower temperatures and higher RH's. Activity could pick up with the hotter temperatures and lower RH's predicted for today. Fires are burning in locations that have not burned in decades. Three major transmission lines located in the Motion Fire area that are powered by the Shasta Dam remain a high priority for the incident command. IR flights are assisting in mapping fire perimeters. Priority areas are those with citizens, residential and critical infrastructure threats. National Guard helicopters and fixed wing aircraft are assisting in water and retardant dropping efforts. The Martin Mars air tanker is being utilized. The California Army National Guard, Northern California 579 Engineer Battalion, was activated on June 29, 2008, to the Shasta Trinity Unit and assigned to the Shasta Lightning Complex. The National Guard came as a bulldozer team staffed with eight D7 Dozers, transports, mechanics, and 37 personnel. The National Guard is CAL FIRE trained to respond to, aide and assist on emergency incidents.

Evacuations & Road Closures:

Evacuations: Remain in place for the Iron Mtn. Rd. area due to the Motion Fire.

Road Closures: Rock Creed Rd. and Iron Mtn. Rd. is open to residents only. There are no highway closures at this time.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Expect warmer temperatures and lower RH's. Temperatures are expected to be between 93-104 degrees F with minimum relative humidity between 15-23%. Ridge top winds south-southwest are expected to be 3-5 mph with a strong inversion developing with a partial lift in the late afternoon. Winds will be terrain driven with the exception of the Sacramento Valley, where north-northeast winds are expected with gusts up to 15 mph. Fire behavior is still expected to be extreme. Spread is by rolling material, uphill runs and spotting. The greatest control problems are where topography is very steep with poor access which limits the direct control line by ground resources in certain areas.



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Agencies Involved:

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Information concerning the SHU Lightening Complex can be accessed at the following website:

www.jointinformation.com

Clear 100 ft of defensible space around all structures.