



SHASTA AND TRINITY LIGHTNING INCIDENT FACT SHEET

Shasta and Trinity County Area within the California Northern Region



Monday July 7, 2008 @ 0730 Hours

FIRE STATUS

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

Acres Burned:	53,600	Wind Direction:	North-northwest
Number of Fires:	158 (0 unstaffed), 112 contained, 43 have merged, 3 active	Fatalities:	0
Fire Started:	6/21/2008 (Sat.) 5:00am and into the afternoon	Percent Contained:	65%
Cause:	Lightning	Injuries:	23
RESOURCES:	Hand crews: 27	Structures Destroyed:	2
		Structures Damaged:	3
	Helicopters: 11	Engines:	184
	Fixed Wing: 4	Water Tenders:	51
		Dozers:	40

Total personnel assigned to fire: 1,647

Current Fire Situation:

A modified plan to utilize aircraft to extinguish fire on the north and west flanks of the Motion fire is being implemented. Establishing direct containment lines across the incident continues to be challenging, but is showing success. Burning conditions are at extreme levels. Fires are burning in locations that have not burned in decades. 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 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 Mountain Road area, due to the Motion Fire.

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

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Expect higher temperatures and lower RH's. Temperatures are expected to be between 100-110 Degrees F with minimum relative humidity between 10-20%. Ridge top winds from the north-northwest are expected to be less than 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 Lightning Complex can be accessed at the following website:

www.jointinformation.com

Clear 100 ft of defensible space around all structures.