



# SHASTA AND TRINITY LIGHTNING INCIDENT FACT SHEET

Shasta and Trinity County Area within the California Northern Region



Wednesday July 9, 2008 @ 0830 Hours

## FIRE STATUS

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

<b>Acres Burned:</b>	56,177	<b>Wind Direction:</b>	North-northwest
<b>Number of Fires:</b>	158 ( 0 unstaffed), 112 contained, 43 have merged, 3 active	<b>Fatalities:</b>	0
<b>Fire Started:</b>	6/21/2008 (Sat.) 5:00am and into the afternoon	<b>Percent Contained:</b>	45%
<b>Cause:</b>	Lightning	<b>Injuries:</b>	34
<b>RESOURCES:</b>	Hand crews: <b>23</b>	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	10
		<b>Structures Damaged:</b>	4
	Helicopters: <b>11</b>	<b>Engines:</b>	<b>192</b>
	Fixed Wing: <b>4</b>	<b>Water Tenders:</b>	<b>44</b>
		<b>Dozers:</b>	<b>39</b>

**Total personnel assigned to fire: 1,573**

### Current Fire Situation:

A Red Flag Warning is still in place throughout the day into Friday. The Motion Fire has escaped control lines on the south, as well as continuing to move to the north/northwest. The Moon Fire has escaped control lines in four separate areas. The Moon Fire made its way into the town of Ono, but firefighters were able to protect most structures and property. Establishing direct containment lines across the incident continues to be challenging. Injuries during this reporting period are directly related to heat illnesses and fatigue. Burning conditions are at extreme levels. Fireline repair planning and implementation continues. 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.

### Evacuations & Road Closures:

Evacuations: Evacuations are taking place in the community of Ono and Igo from South Fork Road to Zogg Mine Road, due to the Moon Fire. North of Rock Creek Road on Iron Mountain is also under evacuations due to the Motion Fire.

Road Closures: **Moon Fire:** Soft road closures are in effect at Muletown at Placer Road, Page Bar road at Muletown Road. Hard closures are in place at Placer Road at South Fork Road, Placer Road at Platina Road, Lower Gas Point at both North and South ends of Gas Point Road, and Platina Road at Bully Choop Road. **Motion Fire:** Hard closures are at Iron Mountain Road at Rock Creek Road to east bound traffic and a soft closure to west bound, Shasta Dam is a soft closure to Fator and Coram Ranches including guests. Soft closures are in effect at Rock Creek at Highway 299 West, and Granite Road at Trinity Alley Road.

Evacuation Center: Shasta Learning Center at 2200 Eureka Way, Redding, adjacent to Shasta High School.

River/Rail Trail: Unstaffed closures of trails on the west side of the Sacramento River from Keswick Dam north to Shasta Dam. Hornbeck/Walker Mine Trail on the east side of the Sacramento River from Quartz Hill Road north to Walker Mine Road and north to Shasta Dam.



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### Weather and Fire Behavior:

Expect higher temperatures and lower relative humidity. Temperatures are expected to be between 110-116 Degrees F with minimum relative humidity in the single digits. There will be gusty northeast winds between 10-20 mph with gusts to 30. The wind combined with very low relative humidity levels will produce Red Flag conditions. Strong high pressure will persist through Thursday and continue to produce very hot temperatures. 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. Active burning period will begin earlier than normal today due to clearing caused by night time winds and active fire will continue well into the evening within thermal belts. Spotting potential is very high.

### 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, Cal Trans, Shasta Op Area Fire Protection, NorCal Fire Association, State Air Resource Board, PG&E, Department of Fish and Game, Shasta County FD, Trinity SO/OES, NPS, Sierra Pacific Industries, and OES Fire/Rescue.

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

[www.jointinformation.com](http://www.jointinformation.com)

**Clear 100 ft of defensible space around all structures.**