



SHASTA AND TRINITY LIGHTNING INCIDENT FACT SHEET

Shasta and Trinity County Area within the California Northern Region



Monday, July 14, 2008 @ 0830 Hours

FIRE STATUS

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

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| Acres Burned: | 77,560 | Wind Direction: | Southwest |
| 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: | 55% |
| Cause: | Lightning | Injuries: | 39 |
| RESOURCES: | Hand crews: 46 | Structures Destroyed: | 10 |
| | | Structures Damaged | 5 |
| | Helicopters: 11 | Engines: | 324 |
| | Fixed Wing: 4 | Water Tenders: | 42 |
| | | Dozers: | 53 |

Total personnel assigned to fire: 2,650

Current Fire Situation:

The Motion fire continues to move towards containment lines on the west and northwest flanks, and is still threatening Whiskeytown National Recreation Area and the Whiskey Creek Campground and day use area. Burn operations continue today from South Fork Lookout Road along Highway 299 to Whiskey Creek and will cause intermittent closures of State Highway 299 West during the operation. The Moon fire containment lines are holding and success continues to be made in tying in portions of the northeast and east flanks. Re-populations of the towns of Igo and Ono have taken place; the areas of Rainbow Lake and Zogg Mine are open to residents only. IR flights continue to assist in mapping fire perimeters. Priority areas remain 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 and DC10 air tankers have arrived and will be used on the fires today as weather permits.

Evacuations & Road Closures:

Evacuations: **Motion Fire** – South of Shasta Dam on the west side of the Sacramento River continuing to the Coram Ranch, Motion and Matheson Mine areas, Rock Creek Road and side streets from Highway 299 west to Iron Mountain Road, Benson Road at Rock Creek Road, Granite Drive at Rock Creek Road to Trinity Alley, South Fork Lookout Road north from Highway 299 west, and Whiskey Creek Road and all side streets.

Road Closures: **Motion Fire:** Highway 299 West at Buenaventura Avenue, Iron Mountain Road at Highway 299 West, Iron Mountain Road northbound traffic at Keswick Dam Road, and Shasta Dam to Fator and Coram Ranches including Guests will have soft closures. Hard closures are located at Rock Creek Road at Iron Mountain Road, Rock Creek at Highway 299 west, Granite Road at Trinity Alley Road, South Fork Lookout Road at Highway 299 west, Whiskey Creek Road at Highway 299 west, and Kennedy Memorial Drive at Highway 299. River/Rail Trails: 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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Moon Fire: A soft closure is located at Zogg Mine Road at South Fork Road. A hard closure is in effect at Muletown Road at Paige Bar Road.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Temperatures are expected to be slightly higher along with a gradual decrease in relative humidity throughout the area today. During the day, southwesterly upslope winds are expected to be at 6-10 mph with gusts to 15-20 mph. Brisk north winds (down slope) are expected every night. Temperatures are expected to be between 96-100 degrees F with minimum relative humidity between 12-20%. A light inversion will develop and break up by 1100 hours, and isolated thunderstorms are a possibility after 1500 hours. Fire behavior is considered extreme. Fire spread has been caused by ground fire, rolling material, uphill runs, and short range spotting. Existing fire continues due to hot temperatures, low fuel moistures, and low RH's. Fire activity will react to any increase or change in wind due to current 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 County Sheriff 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.

Fire Information phone numbers on the SHU Complex are:

(530) 225-2510

(530) 378-0464

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

www.fire.ca.gov

Clear 100 ft of defensible space around all structures.