



SHASTA AND TRINITY LIGHTNING INCIDENT FACT SHEET

Shasta and Trinity County Area within the California Region

Tuesday, July 15, 2008 @ 0900 Hours



FIRE STATUS

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

Acres Burned:	79,375	Wind Direction:	Southeast
Number of Fires:	158 (0 are unstaffed) 112 contained)	Fatalities:	0
Fires Started:	6/21/2008 (Sat.) 5:00am and into the afternoon	Percent Contained:	48%
Cause:	Lightning	Injuries:	41
RESOURCES:	Hand Crews: 49	Structures Destroyed:	10
	Helicopters: 11	Structures Damaged	5
	Fixed Wing: 4	Engines: 258	
		Water Tenders: 41	
		Dozers: 47	

Total personnel assigned to fire: 2,558

Current Fire Situation:

The Motion Fire continues to move towards established control lines that are being blackened in by firing operations. The fire is continuing to progress west/southwest within Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, towards Whiskey Creek Campground and Day Use areas. The Moon Fire containment lines are holding and good progress continues to be made in tying in portions of the northeast and east flanks. The two problem areas on the west flank are still holding. Priority areas are those with citizen, residential and critical infrastructure threats.

Evacuations & Road Closures:

Evacuations: Mandatory evacuations are in place at Rock Creek Road, Benson Road, Whiskey Creek Road, Granite Drive (from Rock Creek to Trinity Alley) and South Fork Mountain Drive areas.

Road Closures: Hard closures are in place at the 299 into Whiskey Creek, 299 into South Fork Mountain Road, 299 into Rock Creek, Granite and Trinity Alley, Iron Mountain Road into Rock Creek Road. Soft closures are in place at the 299 into Iron Mountain Road and Iron Mountain Road and Keswick.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Expect another hot and hazy day with maximum temperatures nearing 100 degrees by mid afternoon. Winds are expected to be north-northeast at 4-9 mph through 11 am, then shifting to a more south to southeast direction by midday. Relative Humidity levels are expected to be between 15-20%. Weather patterns showed significant improvement with increasing relative humidity levels, favorable winds, and lower temperatures over the fire areas. Fire Behavior potential is extreme. Fuel moistures are at record low levels with fuel beds being very receptive to ignition. Significant amount of open fireline still exists.

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, Department of Fish and Game, Shasta County Fire Department, Trinity SO/OES, National Park Service, Sierra Pacific Ind., and OES fire/rescue.

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

www.fire.ca.gov

Clear 100 ft of defensible space around all structures.