



SHASTA AND TRINITY LIGHTNING INCIDENT FACT SHEET

Shasta and Trinity County Area within the Northern California Region



Wednesday July 16, 2008 @ 0730 Hours

FIRE STATUS

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

Acres Burned:	81,115	Wind Direction:	South-Southeast
Percent Contained	55%		
Number of Fires:	158 (0 Unstaffed, 113 contained)	Fatalities:	0
Fire Started:	6/21/2008 (Sat.) 5:00am and into the afternoon	Injuries:	45
Cause:	Lightning	Structures Destroyed:	20
		Structures Damaged:	3
RESOURCES:	Hand Crews:51	Engines:261	
	Helicopters:11	Water Tenders:41	
	Fixed Wing:4	Dozers:46	

Total personnel assigned to fire: 2,678

Current Fire Situation:

The Deer Lick Complex is 100% contained. 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 Benson Road and Rock Creek Road, and from Benson Road to Iron Mountain Road. Advisory evacuations are on Iron Mountain Road, from Rock Creek Road to the end.

Road Closures: Hard closures are in place at Highway 299 West into Whiskey Creek, Highway 299 West into South Fork Lookout Road, Rock Creek Road and Benson Road, Iron Mountain Road into Rock Creek Road. Soft closure is in place at Rock Creek Road into Iron Mountain Road.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Expect another hot and hazy day with maximum temperatures in the upper 90s 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 17-22%. 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:



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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 Fire Department, Trinity SO/OES, National Park Service, Sierra Pacific Industries, and OES Fire/Rescue.

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

www.fire.ca.gov

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