



# SHASTA AND TRINITY LIGHTNING INCIDENT FACT SHEET

Shasta and Trinity County Area within the Northern California Region



Thursday July 17, 2008 @ 0730 Hours

## FIRE STATUS

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

<b>Acres Burned:</b>	82,663	<b>Wind Direction:</b>	South-Southwest
<b>Percent Contained</b>	60%		
<b>Number of Fires:</b>	158 (0 Unstaffed, 113 contained)	<b>Fatalities:</b>	0
<b>Fire Started:</b>	6/21/2008 (Sat.) 5:00am and into the afternoon	<b>Injuries:</b>	45
<b>Cause:</b>	Lightning	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	20
		<b>Structures Damaged:</b>	3
<b>RESOURCES:</b>	Hand Crews:55	Engines:268	
	Helicopters:11	Water Tenders:41	
	Fixed Wing:4	Dozers:46	

**Total personnel assigned to fire: 2,779**

### Current Fire Situation:

The Deer Lick Complex is 100% contained. The Motion Fire continues to move towards established control lines on the west and northwest that are being blackened by firing operations. The fire continues to threaten the Whiskey Creek Campground within Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, and still has the potential to cause structure threats and evacuations in some areas. Preparation and improvement of control lines continues to be a priority. 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 Moon fire is no longer a threat to the towns of Igo, Ono and the surrounding areas. Priority areas are those with citizen, residential, and critical infrastructure threats. There is potential for the management strategy to succeed within 7 days

### Evacuations & Road Closures:

All mandatory evacuations have been lifted. Advisory evacuations are still in place for the Rock Creek Road and Benson Road areas and could be lifted later this evening. The evacuation center at Shasta Learning Center closed yesterday at 1500 hours.

Road Closures: A hard closure is still in effect at Whiskey Creek off of Hwy 299. Soft closures are in place for Iron Mountain Road at Rock Creek Road, and into South Fork Lookout Road.

### Weather and Fire Behavior:

Expect another day with slightly lower temperatures and gradual increases in Relative Humidity (RH) recovery. Winds are expected to be out of the south to southwest between 8-12 mph by midday and will shift to come out of the north into the evening. A light inversion should lift between 0900 and 1100 hours. Minimum RH levels are expected to be between 17-27%. Weather patterns continue to show significant improvement with increasing RH's, favorable winds, and lower temperatures over the fire areas. Fire Behavior potential remains extreme. Fuel moistures are at record low levels with fuel beds being very receptive to ignition. Open fireline still exists for the Motion fire.



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### 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, California National Guard, 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.

The Fire Information phone numbers on the SHU Lightning Complex are (530) 225-2510 or (530) 378-0464.

Information concerning the SHU Lightning Complex can also be accessed at the following website: [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov)

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