



SHASTA AND TRINITY LIGHTNING INCIDENT FACT SHEET

Shasta and Trinity County Area within the Northern California Region



Saturday July 19, 2008 @ 0830 Hours

FIRE STATUS

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

Acres Burned:	84,988	Wind Direction:	South-southwest
Percent Contained	75%		
Number of Fires:	158 (0 Unstaffed, 113 contained)	Fatalities:	0
Fire Started:	6/21/2008 (Sat.) 5:00am and into the afternoon	Injuries:	46
Cause:	Lightning	Structures Destroyed:	22
		Structures Damaged:	3
RESOURCES:	Hand Crews:53	Engines:269	
	Helicopters:11	Water Tenders:41	
	Fixed Wing:4	Dozers:37	

Total personnel assigned to fire: 2,618

Current Fire Situation:

The Deer Lick Complex is holding at 100% containment. The Motion Fire continues to move slowly toward established control lines on the west and northwest. Firing operations are showing good success on the northern and western flanks of the fire. The Motion Fire still has the potential to threaten the Whiskey Creek area. Direct attack tactics are being implemented for the north and northeast flanks of the Motion Fire and containment continues to improve as a result. Preparation and improvement of control lines continues to be a priority. The Moon Fire containment lines are holding well. 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. Public utility infrastructure is being checked and restored. The estimate for the management strategy to succeed remains at 6 days.

Evacuations & Road Closures:

All advisory evacuations have been lifted. Mandatory evacuations are still in place for the Whiskey Creek area above the old store and the boat ramp remains closed due to air operations.

Road Closures: A hard closure is still in effect at Whiskey Creek above the old store.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

Temperatures should range between 92 -100 degrees with relative humidity levels at between 10 -20%. Winds are expected to be out of the south to southwest between 8-12 mph with gust of 20 mph and will shift to come out of the north into the evening. 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 on 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 using the following website: www.fire.ca.gov

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