

Statewide Fire Overview



Wednesday, July 2, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Current Situation: State, local and federal firefighters continue to battle hundreds of wildfires throughout California. Although fires continue to burn, several hundred fires have been contained by the relentless work of firefighters from California and throughout the nation. The Gap Fire in Santa Barbara County, which began yesterday evening, has resulted in a partial evacuation of the City of Goleta. The priority of firefighting is for the protection of life, property and natural resources.

Statistics:

Fires: 1,114*

Acres: 440,144

Personnel Committed: 19,202

Resources Committed:

- **Engines:** 1,416
- **Crews:** 508
- **Dozers:** 341
- **Water Tenders:** 439
- **Helicopters:** 102

* Revised fire number reflects new fire intelligence reported by both state and federal agencies.

Items of Interest:

Highway closures: State highways and local roads are closed throughout California due to wildfire activities. Closures and delays are in place for State Highways 1 (Big Sur Area), 32, 70 and 299 (delays). Numerous county and local roads are closed as well. Travelers are advised to seek current information from local law enforcement.

Evacuations: Areas of Monterey, Santa Barbara and Shasta counties are under evacuation orders at this time. Precautionary evacuation orders are in place for areas in Butte, Kern, Mariposa, Mendocino, Monterey and Shasta counties. Residents are advised to monitor the fire situation in their areas, check with local law enforcement agencies for information, and be prepared to evacuate when necessary.

Structures:

Threatened: 7,798 residences, 165 commercial, 2,906 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 31 residences, 1 commercial, 28 outbuildings.

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