

Statewide Fire Overview



Friday, July 4, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Current Situation: State, local and federal firefighters continue to battle hundreds of wildfires throughout California with additional personnel and equipment arriving daily. Although fires continue to burn, several hundred fires have been contained by the relentless work of firefighters from California and throughout the nation. Governor Schwarzenegger has deployed California National Guard members to help fight the fires. These crews will be outfitted today with firefighting gear and equipment and will begin training in firefighting techniques. The priority of firefighting is for the protection of life, property and natural resources.

Statistics:

Fires: 1,781

Acres: 520,831

Personnel Committed: 19,925

Resources Committed:

- **Engines:** 1,570
- **Crews:** 631
- **Dozers:** 327
- **Water Tenders:** 417
- **Helicopters:** 109

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 and 70. 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, Mendocino, Monterey and Plumas 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: 10,727 residences, 421 commercial, 3,016 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 34 residences, 1 commercial, 32 outbuildings.

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