

Statewide Fire Overview



Sunday, July 6, 2008 9:00 p.m.

Current Situation: Although fires continue to burn, over fourteen hundred fires have been contained by the relentless work of firefighters from California and throughout the nation. High pressure moving into California today will result in temperatures above normal, low relative humidity and minimal recovery overnight. Thunderstorm activity may increase across the southern end of the state on Wednesday, spreading further north and west Thursday and Friday as subtropical moisture moves into the area. The priority of firefighting is for the protection of life, property and natural resources.

Statistics:

Fires:

- **Peak Fires:** 1,781
- **Contained:** 1451
- **Active:** 330

Acres: 597,910

Personnel Committed: 19,232

Resources Committed:

- **Engines:** 1,519
- **Crews:** 414
- **Dozers:** 295
- **Water Tenders:** 411
- **Helicopters:** 95

Items of Interest:

Highway closures: State highways, county and local roads are closed throughout California due to wildfire activities. Closures and delays remain in place for State Highways 1 (Big Sur Area), 32 and 70. 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 currently exist in areas in Butte, Kern, Mendocino, Monterey, Santa Barbara and Plumas counties. Residents are advised to monitor their local fire situation, check with local law enforcement agencies for information, and be prepared to evacuate when necessary.

Structures:

Threatened: 10,057 residences, 395 commercial, 1,827 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 40 residences, 1 commercial, 59 outbuildings.

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