

Statewide Fire Overview



Tuesday, July 8, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Current Situation: Firefighters continue to make progress in containing wildfires throughout California. To date over fourteen hundred fires have been contained due to the diligent and endless work of firefighters from not only California, but throughout the nation. Last night winds picked up causing a dramatic increase in fire behavior and increased evacuations on many fires. Red Flag Warnings have been issued and will take effect this afternoon for high daytime temperatures, low relative humidity with poor overnight recovery, and locally breezy conditions. The Warnings extend primarily along the coastal range from San Benito County north to the Oregon border and will remain in effect through Wednesday evening. The priority of firefighting is for the protection of life, property and natural resources.

Statistics:

Fires:

- **Peak Fires:** 1,781
- **Contained:** 1,458
- **Active:** 323

Acres: 630,886

Personnel Committed: 18,415

Resources Committed:

- **Engines:** 1,403
- **Crews:** 388
- **Dozers:** 269
- **Water Tenders:** 392
- **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, 70 and 96. Travelers are advised to seek current information from local law enforcement.

Evacuations: Areas of Butte, Monterey, Santa Barbara and Shasta counties are under evacuation orders at this time. Precautionary evacuation orders currently exist in areas in 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: 8,874 residences, 168 commercial, 2,085 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 40 residences, 1 commercial, 61 outbuildings.