

# Statewide Fire Overview

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Wednesday, July 9, 2008 9:00 p.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. Red Flag Warnings in northern California have expanded eastward up the west slope of the Sierra Nevada north of Yosemite. Record high temperatures and low humidities continue throughout northern California. The priority of firefighting is for the protection of life, property and natural resources.

## **Statistics:**

### **Fires:**

- **Peak Fires:** 1,781
- **Contained:** 1,459
- **Active:** 322

**Acres:** 688,423

**Personnel Committed:** 19,474

### **Resources Committed:**

- **Engines:** 1,560
- **Crews:** 408
- **Dozers:** 253
- **Water Tenders:** 407
- **Helicopters:** 102

## **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, Kern, Monterey, Santa Barbara, Shasta and Trinity counties are under evacuation orders at this time. Precautionary evacuation orders currently exist in areas in Butte, Kern, Mendocino, Monterey, Plumas, Santa Barbara, Shasta and Trinity 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:** 13,489 residences, 162 commercial, 2,766 outbuildings.

**Destroyed:** 99 residences, 1 commercial, 88 outbuildings.