

# Statewide Fire Overview

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Saturday, July 12, 2008 9:00 p.m.

**Current Situation:** Over fourteen hundred fires have been contained due to the endless efforts of firefighters from California, as well as from throughout the nation. Additional firefighting resources from Australia, Canada, Mexico and New Zealand are in transit to assist California in the effort. Severe thundershowers occurred over the Piute Fire this afternoon resulting in over 0.75 inch of rain and road closures due to flash flooding. The priority of firefighting is for the protection of life, property and natural resources.

## Statistics:

### **Fires:**

- **Peak Fires:** 1,781
- **Contained:** 1,493
- **Active:** 288

**Acres:** 817,621

**Personnel Committed:** 20,685

### **Resources Committed:**

- **Engines:** 1,568
- **Crews:** 450
- **Dozers:** 298
- **Water Tenders:** 413
- **Helicopters:** 123

## 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 32, 70, 96, 199 (delays) and 299 (delays). Travelers are advised to seek current information from local law enforcement.

**Evacuations:** Areas of Butte, Kern, Monterey, Shasta and Trinity counties are under evacuation orders at this time. Precautionary evacuation orders currently exist in areas in Butte, Kern, Mendocino, Monterey, Plumas, 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: 8,271 residences, 140 commercial, 2,507 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 99 residences, 1 commercial, 127 outbuildings.

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