

Statewide Fire Overview



Monday, July 14, 2008 9:00 p.m.

Current Situation: Nearly fifteen hundred fires have been contained due to the endless efforts of firefighters from California, as well as from throughout the nation and Canada. Additional firefighting resources from Australia, Greece, Mexico and New Zealand are in transit to assist California. Isolated thunderstorm activity occurred throughout the Sierra Nevada range this afternoon and included numerous lightning downstrikes. 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*

*As of July 13, 2008, 7:30 a.m., USFS is no longer providing information on numbers of fires.

Acres: 861,385

Personnel Committed: 19,748

Resources Committed:

- **Engines:** 1,359
- **Crews:** 464
- **Dozers:** 207
- **Water Tenders:** 373
- **Helicopters:** 129

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 (delays) and 299 (delays). Travelers are advised to seek current information from local law enforcement.

Evacuations: Areas of 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: 7,657 residences, 139 commercial, 2,310 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 100 residences, 1 commercial, 128 outbuildings.

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