

Statewide Fire Overview



Wednesday, July 16, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Current Situation: Over two thousand 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, New Zealand and Samoa have been deployed on fire lines. Both lower temperatures and overnight humidity recovery are predicted to be more favorable for firefighting efforts in the short term. The priority of firefighting is for the protection of life, property and natural resources.

Statistics:

Fires:

- **Peak Fires:** 2,085
- **Contained:** 2,005
- **Active:** 80

Acres: 879,152

Personnel Committed: 18,730

Resources Committed:

- **Engines:** 1,175
- **Crews:** 448
- **Dozers:** 204
- **Water Tenders:** 334
- **Helicopters:** 112

Items of Interest:

Highway closures: State highways, county and local roads are closed throughout California due to wildfire activities. All major roads are now open with delays on State Highways 32, 70 and 299. Travelers are advised to seek current information on secondary road closures 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, Monterey, 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: 6,458 residences, 129 commercial, 2,270 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 101 residences, 1 commercial, 138 outbuildings.

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