

Statewide Fire Overview



Friday, July 18, 2008 9:00 p.m.

Current Situation: Over two thousand fires have been contained through the endless firefighting efforts of state, local and federal personnel and equipment from California, the rest of the nation and several foreign countries. A weak low pressure system will enter northern California beginning Saturday with only widely scattered showers predicted in the mountains. Southern California may see a potential of thunderstorms on Monday as monsoonal moisture attempts to surge back into the region. Firefighting priorities are the protection of life, property and natural resources.

Statistics:

Fires:

- **Peak Fires:** 2,093
- **Contained:** 2055
- **Active:** 38

Acres: 920,075

Personnel Committed: 17,381

Resources Committed:

- **Engines:** 1,029
- **Crews:** 424
- **Dozers:** 170
- **Water Tenders:** 304
- **Helicopters:** 100

Items of Interest:

Highway closures: Travel on state highways, county and local roads remains restricted throughout California due to wildfire and flood activities. All major roads are now open with potential 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 Humboldt, Shasta and Trinity counties are under evacuation orders at this time. Precautionary evacuation orders currently exist in areas in Kern (flood hazard), Monterey 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: 5,183 residences, 97 commercial, 1,979 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 102 residences, 1 commercial, 139 outbuildings.

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