

Statewide Fire Overview



Sunday, July 20, 2008 9:00 a.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. An upper level low pressure will be gradually deepening offshore on Sunday, before moving onshore sometime Monday. By Monday it may be unstable enough to generate isolated localized thunderstorms in the North. Firefighting priorities are the protection of life, property and natural resources.

Statistics:

Fires:

- **Peak Fires:** 2,096
- **Contained:** 2,062
- **Active:** 34

Acres: 940,782

Personnel Committed: 16,871

Resources Committed:

- **Engines:** 909
- **Crews:** 427
- **Dozers:** 154
- **Water Tenders:** 287
- **Helicopters:** 90

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 except for periodic closures on State Highway 299. Travelers are advised to seek current information on secondary road closures from local law enforcement.

Evacuations: Areas of Humboldt, Shasta, Lake and Mendocino counties are under evacuation orders at this time. Precautionary evacuation orders currently exist in areas in 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: 5,111 residences, 139 commercial, 2,225 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 123 residences, 1 commercial, 140 outbuildings.

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