

Statewide Fire Overview



Monday, July 21, 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. Isolated thunderstorms are expected this afternoon over the northern and eastern mountains. Isolated showers and thunderstorms expected over the mountains and deserts of Southern California east of the Cajon Pass today. Firefighting priorities are the protection of life, property and natural resources.

Statistics:

Fires:

- **Peak Fires:** 2,096
- **Contained:** 2,063
- **Active:** 33

Acres: 953,907

Personnel Committed: 15,573

Resources Committed:

- **Engines:** 845
- **Crews:** 404
- **Dozers:** 133
- **Water Tenders:** 247
- **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, Trinity, 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: 4,958 residences, 139 commercial, 2,166 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 123 residences, 1 commercial, 138 outbuildings.

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