

Statewide Fire Overview



Thursday, July 24, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Current Situation: On June 20, 2008 a thunderstorm system moved over California striking over two thousand lightning sparked fires. Today over 98 percent of those fires have been contained. California's firefighters have received assistance from firefighting agencies across the state, nation and several foreign countries. Firefighters have taken advantage over the last week of favorable weather, but a warming trend is expected through Friday and combined with the extremely dry conditions, fire danger remains very high. Firefighting priorities are the protection of life, property and natural resources.

Statistics:

Fires:

- **Peak Fires:** 2,093
- **Contained:** 2,062
- **Active:** 31

Acres: 1,032,722

Personnel Committed: 12,713

Resources Committed:

- **Engines:** 676
- **Crews:** 302
- **Dozers:** 117
- **Water Tenders:** 205
- **Helicopters:** 72

Items of Interest:

Highway closures: Firefighters remind everyone to use extreme caution while driving on roads affected by fires. All major roads are now open. There may be some delays State Highways 70 and 299. Travelers are advised to seek current information on secondary road closures from local law enforcement.

Evacuations: Areas of Shasta, Trinity and Humboldt counties are under evacuation orders at this time. Precautionary evacuation orders currently exist in areas of Monterey, Siskiyou 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: 4,926 residences, 136 commercial, 2,183 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 158 residences, 1 commercial, 139 outbuildings.

(Note: The increase in residences destroyed is due to updated information provided by damage assessment teams in Butte County.)