

Statewide Fire Overview



Tuesday, July 29, 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. Conditions throughout California remain extremely dry and fire danger remains very high.

On Friday afternoon a new fire broke out in Mariposa County unrelated to the lightning siege. The Telegraph Fire is burning just east of Yosemite National Park and is threatening approximately two thousand homes. Firefighters observed extremely erratic fire behavior due to the dry conditions and the fact that the area has not burned in the past 100 years.

Statistics:

Fires:

- **Peak Fires:** 2,095
- **Contained:** 2,068
- **Active:** 27

Acres: 1,089,756

Personnel Committed: 12,483

Resources Committed:

- **Engines:** 816
- **Crews:** 265
- **Dozers:** 134
- **Water Tenders:** 174
- **Helicopters:** 78

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 on State Highways 70, 140, and 299. Travelers are advised to seek current information on secondary road closures from local law enforcement.

Evacuations: Areas of Mariposa and Trinity counties are under evacuation orders at this time. 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: 6,083 residences, 78 commercial, 1,065 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 183 residences, 1 commercial, 166 outbuildings.

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