



Telegraph Fire Incident Fact Sheet Wednesday, July 30, 2008 Morning Update

Unified Command –CAL FIRE, U.S. Forest Service
Mariposa County Sheriff and Mariposa County Fire Department
Fire Information - Phone (209) 966-4784-Media Information – Phone (209) 742-7964
Evacuation Hotline (209) 966-1133 (recorded)

Fire Status	Resources
<p>Fire Name: Telegraph</p> <p>Geographic Location: Mariposa, Mt. Bullion, Bear Valley, Midpines, Briceburg, and Greeley Hill</p> <p>Acres Burned: 32,063 acres (50 square miles)</p> <p>Start Date and Time: 7/25/2008 @ 3:10 pm</p> <p>Percent Contained: 40 percent</p> <p>Estimated Containment Date: Unknown</p> <p>Cause: Target Shooting</p> <p>Injuries: 3 reported yesterday, 15 total (all minor injuries)</p> <p>Structures Destroyed: 21</p> <p>Outbuildings Destroyed: 33</p> <p>Structures threatened: 4,000</p>	<p>Crews: 74</p> <p>Engines: 443</p> <p>Helicopters: 15</p> <p>Air Tankers: 10</p> <p>Dozers: 65</p> <p>Water Tender: 38</p> <p>Total Personnel Assigned: 3790</p> <p>Cost to Date: \$13,932,845</p>

Current Situation: The Telegraph fire continues to burn on the northern and eastern flanks of the fire. The fire was active yesterday north of Briceburg and southeast of Greeley Hill. Accessibility problems continue to hamper fire suppression efforts due to steep, rocky inaccessible terrain. Firefighters made good progress in holding the fires spread away from Yosemite National Park. Currently, the fire is burning 10 miles west of the Yosemite National Park Arch Rock Entrance Station. Today, firefighters aided by bulldozers, water dropping helicopters and air tankers will continue to aggressively build fire line on the northern perimeter.

Current Threats: Communities of Mariposa, Midpines, Mt. Bullion and Greeley Hill. Other threats include the Mariposa Utility District water supply, 70 KV transmission line supporting Yosemite Valley and John C. Fremont Hospital.

Control Difficulties: Steep terrain, access, dry vegetation, high temperatures, and low humidity.

Current Road Closures: Highway 140 east of Mariposa is subject to various restrictions based on fire activity. There are various other restrictions to roads in and around the fire area. Visitors to Yosemite National Park may want to use alternate routes.

Evacuations: There are various evacuation orders and evacuation advisory/warnings in effect for areas north of Mariposa, Mt. Bullion, Bear Valley, Midpines and Greeley Hill. **Evacuation Center:** Mariposa Elementary School – 5044 Jones Street, Mariposa and Greeley Hill Community Center, 10322 Fiske Road, Greeley Hill.

Animal Evacuations: Contact the animal evacuation hotline at 209-966-3615.

Community Meetings: Tonight at 7:00pm at the following locations: Mariposa High School, Midpines Community Center and Coulterville-Greeley Elementary School.

Cooperating Agencies: CHP, Merced County Sheriff, Mariposa SPCA