



Telegraph Fire Incident Fact Sheet
Managed by CAL FIRE and Incident Command Team 8
Mariposa County Sheriffs Department
Mariposa County Fire Department
Fire Information Phone (209) 966-4784
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Evacuation Hotline (209) 966-1133 (recorded)



Date Updated: 7/28/08 Time: 12:00 pm

Fire Name: Telegraph **Cost to date:** \$5,945,592 **Geographic Location:** Telegraph/Sherlock Road, Midpines
Acres: 26,130 **Start Date:** 7/25/2008 @ 1510 hours
% containment: 10% **Estimated Containment Date:** Unknown **Cause:** Target shooting

Injuries: 4 minor injuries.

Current Threats: Communities of Mariposa, Midpines, and Mt Bullion Conservation Camp are under evacuation advisory. The Mariposa Public Utility District water supply, 70 kv transmission line supporting Yosemite Valley, and numerous communication/repeater towers are threatened.

Evacuations: A mandatory evacuation of 25 homes in the Coulterville area was placed at 3:00 pm 7/27/08 which includes Texas Hill Rd and Dogtown Rd from Texas Hill to Schilling Road. An evacuation advisory is in effect for all residences in the immediate fire area; which includes communities East of North Highway 49 at Mykleoaks Road south to the Highway 140 junction. This also includes communities west of Highway 140 from Mariposa north to Briceburg. **Evacuation Center:** Mariposa Elementary School – 5044 Jones Street, Mariposa.
Animal Evacuations: Contact the animal evacuation hotline at 209-966-3615.

Road Closures: Highway 140 closed at 3 miles west of Briceburg, and 4 miles west of El Portal at Cedar Lodge

Structures Information:

12 Residences destroyed -- 27 Outbuildings destroyed -- 4000 Threatened
Damage Assessment Teams are still evaluating and getting updates.

Difficulties in control: Steep terrain, access, heavy and dry vegetation, high temperatures, low humidity.

Cooperating agencies: CHP, Merced County Sheriff, Mariposa SPCA

Current Situation: The fire is making major runs in all directions thru thick stands of Manzanita, Chamise, and Oak. Extreme fire behavior was observed with flames lengths of up to 100 feet reported. Similar burning conditions are expected in the next 24 hours. The fire is moving north and east into the Sierra and Stanislaus Forest, effecting 70kv transmission line providing power to Yosemite Valley. A firing operation in the Dogtown area may generate visible smoke over the next 24 hours.

Resources Assigned:

Engines: 377	Fire Crews: 67	Water Tender: 30	Dozers: 60
Helicopters: 13	Air Tankers: 6	Total Personnel: 3173	