



# Telegraph Fire Incident Fact Sheet

Managed by CAL FIRE and Incident Command Team 8,  
Mariposa County Sheriffs Department,  
and the Mariposa County Fire Department.  
**Fire Information Phone (209) 966-4784**  
**Evacuation Hotline (209) 966-1133** (recorded)



**Date Updated:** 7/29/08 Time: 7:00 am

**Fire Name:** Telegraph    **Start Date:** 7/25/2008 @ 1510 hours    **Cause:** Target shooting  
**Geographic Location:** Mariposa, Greeley Hill, Midpines, Briceburg  
**Acres:** 29,600 (46 sq mi.)    **% containment:** 10    **Estimated Containment Date:** Unknown  
**Cost to date:** \$9,096,147.00    **Injuries:** 5    **Injuries to Date:** 9

**Current Threats:** Communities of Mariposa, Midpines, Greeley Hill, Coulterville, El Portal, Morman Bar, and Boot Jack. Mt Bullion Conservation Camp, the Mariposa Utility District water supply, 70 kv transmission line supporting Yosemite Valley, as well as Yosemite National Park and numerous communication/repeater towers.

**Current Road Closures:** Highway 140 will be closed between hours of 8 am and 9 pm subject to change at any time 3 miles west of Briceburg and 4 miles west of El Portal at Cedar Lodge.

**Evacuations:** A mandatory evacuation for the Midpines Community is in effect. 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.

**Structures Destroyed:** Residence: 25    Outbuildings: 27    Residence Threatened: 4000

**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 into the Sierra and Stanislaus Forest, affecting 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: 408**    **Fire Crews: 71**    **Water Tender: 30**    **Dozers: 59**  
   **Helicopters: 13**    **Air Tankers: 6**    **Total Personnel: 3458**