



Telegraph Fire Incident Fact Sheet Thursday, July 31, 2008 Evening 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: 33,705 acres (52 square miles)</p> <p>Start Date and Time: 7/25/2008 @ 3:10 pm</p> <p>Percent Contained: 45 percent</p> <p>Estimated Containment Date: Unknown</p> <p>Cause: Target Shooting</p> <p>Injuries: 1 reported today, 16 total (all minor injuries)</p> <p>Structures Destroyed: 21</p> <p>Outbuildings Destroyed: 33</p> <p>Structures threatened: 2,000</p>	<p>Crews: 96</p> <p>Engines: 466</p> <p>Helicopters: 16</p> <p>Air Tankers: 10</p> <p>Dozers: 64</p> <p>Water Tender: 56</p> <p>Total Personnel Assigned: 4,496</p> <p>Cost to Date: \$18,847, 097</p>

Current Situation:

The Telegraph Fire continues to be active on the north and east flanks near Jenkins Hill in the Merced River Drainage. Other areas are experiencing flare-ups due to lower humidity and higher temperatures. Today, the California National Guard joined the effort to suppress the Telegraph Fire. The Guard was deployed in the area where many residents were evacuated. They are working to extinguish any hotspots that might re-ignite. Their efforts are helping to ensure that residents get back into evacuated areas as soon as possible.

Current Threats: Communities of Mariposa, Midpines, and Greeley Hill. Other threats include the Mariposa Utility District water supply, 70 KV transmission line supporting Yosemite Valley and John C. Freemont 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. Travel of Highway 140 may be subject to CHP vehicle escorts. 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, 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.

Cooperating Agencies: CHP, Merced County Sheriff, Mariposa SPCA.