



## Telegraph Fire Incident Fact Sheet Friday, August 1, 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   |
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| <p><b>Fire Name:</b> Telegraph<br/> <b>Geographic Location:</b> Mariposa, Mt. Bullion, Bear Valley, Midpines, Briceburg, and Greeley Hill<br/> <b>Acres Burned:</b> 34,034 acres (53 square miles)<br/> <b>Start Date and Time:</b> 7/25/2008 @ 3:10 pm<br/> <b>Percent Contained:</b> 60 percent<br/> <b>Estimated Containment Date:</b> Unknown<br/> <b>Cause:</b> Target Shooting<br/> <b>Injuries:</b> 6 reported yesterday, 22 total (all minor injuries)<br/> <b>Structures Destroyed:</b> 21<br/> <b>Outbuildings Destroyed:</b> 33<br/> <b>Structures threatened:</b> 2,000</p> | <p><b>Crews:</b> 96<br/> <b>Engines:</b> 466<br/> <b>Helicopters:</b> 15<br/> <b>Air Tankers:</b> 12<br/> <b>Dozers:</b> 65<br/> <b>Water Tender:</b> 55</p> <p><b>Total Personnel Assigned:</b> 4,531</p> <p><b>Cost to Date:</b> \$23,847,564</p> |

**Current Situation:**

The Telegraph Fire continues to be active on the north and east flanks near Jenkins Hill and Soapstone Ridge. Other areas are experiencing flare-ups due to lower humidity and higher temperatures. Yesterday, good progress was made getting fireline around the active portions of the fire. Today, firefighters will continue to aggressively work on getting fire lines completed in the north. Efforts will continue in all other areas of the fires to patrol and look for any hotspots that might re-ignite.

**Current Threats:** Community of Midpines and El Portal.

**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 on 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:** The majority of residents were allowed to re-enter with the exception of Sherlock Road and parts of the community of Midpines. **Evacuation Center:** Mariposa Elementary School – 5044 Jones Street, Mariposa.  
**Animal Evacuations:** Contact the animal evacuation hotline at 209-966-3615.

**Community Meetings:** Tonight at 7:00pm at the following locations: Midpines Community Center and Greeley Elementary School.

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