



Telegraph Fire Incident Fact Sheet Friday, August 1, 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: 34,034 acres (53 square miles)</p> <p>Start Date and Time: 7/25/2008 @ 3:10 pm</p> <p>Percent Contained: 60 percent</p> <p>Estimated Containment Date: Unknown</p> <p>Cause: Target Shooting</p> <p>Injuries: 2 reported yesterday, 24 total (all minor injuries)</p> <p>Structures Destroyed: 21</p> <p>Outbuildings Destroyed: 33</p> <p>Structures threatened: 2,000</p>	<p>Crews: 95</p> <p>Engines: 575</p> <p>Helicopters: 16</p> <p>Air Tankers: 12</p> <p>Dozers: 65</p> <p>Water Tender: 55</p> <p>Total Personnel Assigned: 4,541</p> <p>Cost to Date: \$24,383,889</p>

Current Situation:

Active fire behavior has been isolated to the north and east flanks of the fire. Other areas are experiencing short runs in the interior fire area due to lower humidity and higher temperatures. Good progress was made yesterday establishing and improving fireline around the north end. Today, firefighters will continue to work aggressively on getting fire lines completed in the north. Fire suppression repair needs are being identified and begun in several areas.

Current Threats: There is a reduced fire threat to the communities of Midpines, Mariposa, and Bear Valley.

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

Current Road Closures: Road restrictions on Highway 140 East of Mariposa may affect access to Yosemite National Park. Visitors to Yosemite National Park are encouraged to explore other access routes. Various other road restrictions remain in place in and around the fire area. Sherlock Road remains closed to residents.

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.