



# SHASTA AND TRINITY LIGHTNING INCIDENT FACT SHEET

Shasta and Trinity County Area within the California Northern Region



Saturday July 12, 2008 @ 0830 Hours

## FIRE STATUS

Location: Shasta and Trinity County area, within the California Northern Region

<b>Acres Burned:</b>	74,641	<b>Wind Direction:</b>	South- Southeast
<b>Number of Fires:</b>	158 ( 0 unstaffed), 112 contained, 3 active	<b>Fatalities:</b>	0
<b>Fire Started:</b>	6/21/2008 (Sat.) 5:00am and into the afternoon	<b>Injuries:</b>	37
<b>Cause:</b>	Lightning	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	10
<b>RESOURCES:</b>	Hand crews:24	<b>Structures Damaged</b>	5
	Engines: 241		
	Helicopters: 11	Water Tenders: 46	
	Fixed Wing: 4	Dozers: 74	

**Total personnel assigned to fire: 1,956**

### Current Fire Situation:

Shifting winds, heavy fuel loading, low relative humidity's, 100 + degree temperatures, steep topography, and remote access are all contributing to fire movement. The Motion Fire slowly progressed west toward Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Whiskey Creek Campground and Day Use areas. The Moon Fire experienced activity on the west flank and the east and northeast flanks but stayed within the containment lines. IR flights continue to assist in mapping fire perimeters. Priority areas remain those with citizens, residential and critical infrastructure threats. National Guard helicopters and fixed wing aircraft are assisting in water and retardant dropping efforts. The Martin Mars and DC 10 aircrafts have been requested again.

### Evacuations & Road Closures:

Evacuations: **Motion Fire**-South of Shasta Dam on the west side of the Sacramento River continuing south to include the north end of Iron Mountain Road, the Coram Ranch, Motion and Matheson Mine areas. Rock Creek Road and side streets from Highway 299 West to Iron Mountain Road, Benson Road from Rock Creek Road to the end of Benson Road, Granite Drive from Rock Creek Road to Trinity Alley, South Fork Lookout Road north from Highway 299 West, Whiskey Creek Road and all side streets, Grizzly Gulch Road from 299 West to the end, Cline Gulch Road including American Mine Road, and East Fork Road off of Trinity Mountain Road. Evacuations may occur in the town of Old Shasta. **Moon Fire**- South Fork Road and all connecting roads west of Placer Road, Buell and Rainbow Lake Road (off of Platina Road) and all connecting roads have been evacuated. Road Closures: **Motion Fire:** Highway 299 West will be intermediately closed today. Soft closures are occurring at Highway 299 West at Iron Mtn. Road, Shasta Dam to Fator and Coram Ranches including guests, and Iron Mtn. Road at Keswick Dam. Hard closures are located at Rock Creek Road at Iron Mtn. Road, Rock Creek at 299 West, Granite Road at Trinity Alley Road, South Fork Lookout Road at 299 West, Whiskey Creek Road at Highway 299 West, Grizzly Gulch Road at Trinity Mountain Road, and East Fork Road at Trinity Mtn. Road. River/Rail Trails: Unstaffed closures of trails on the west



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side of the Sacramento River from Keswick Dam north to Shasta Dam, Hornbeck/Walker Mine Trail on the East side of the Sacramento River from Quartz Hill Road north to Walker Mine Road and north to Shasta Dam. **Moon Fire:** Hard closures are located at South Fork Road at Placer Road, Buell Road at Platina Road, Rainbow Lake Road at Platina Road, Muletown Road at Placer Road, and Muletown Road at Paige Bar Road.

### **Weather and Fire Behavior:**

Temperatures are expected to be slightly cooler as a gradual increase in moisture is expected across the area this weekend. Brisk north winds are expected every night. Temperatures are expected to be between 98-103 Degrees F with minimum relative humidity between 10-15%. Winds are expected between 5-10 mph with gusts up to 20 mph from the South. Light inversion will develop and break by 1000 hrs. Expect normal upslope winds as the day heats up. Fire behavior is considered extreme. Fire spread has been caused by ground fire, rolling material, uphill runs, and short range spotting. Existing fires continue due to hot temperatures, low fuel moistures, and RH's. Fire activity will react to any increase or change in wind due to current fuel conditions.

### **Agencies Involved:**

Cal Fire, United States Forest Service, State of California Office of Emergency Services, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Highway Patrol, Shasta County Sherriff Department, American Red Cross, Bureau of Land Management, California Conservation Corps, Salvation Army, Cal Trans, Shasta Op Area Fire Protection, NorCal Fire Association State Air Resource Board, PG&E, Department of Fish & Game, Shasta county FD, Trinity SO/OES, NPS, Sierra Pacific Ind., and OES fire/rescue.

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Information phone numbers on the SHU Lightning Complex are:

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Information concerning the SHU Lightning Complex can be accessed at the following website:

[www.jointinformation.com](http://www.jointinformation.com)

**Clear 100 ft of defensible space around all structures.**