

Statewide Fire Overview



Saturday, July 26, 2008 9:00 a.m.

Current Situation: On June 20, 2008, a thunderstorm system moved over California striking over two thousand lightning sparked fires. Today over 98 percent of those fires have been contained. California's firefighters have received assistance from firefighting agencies across the state, nation and several foreign countries. Firefighters have taken advantage over the last week from favorable weather. Isolated wet thunderstorms over the weekend are possible along the southern Sierras. Breezy southwest winds are likely for northern California. Conditions throughout California remain extremely dry and fire danger remains very high. On Friday afternoon a new fire broke out in Mariposa County. This fire is not included in the total statistics below.

Statistics:

Fires:

- **Peak Fires:** 2,093
- **Contained:** 2,067
- **Active:** 26

Acres: 1,102,293

Personnel Committed: 11,916

Resources Committed:

Engines: 627

Crews: 274

Dozers: 112

Water Tenders: 225

Helicopters: 77

Items of Interest:

Highway closures: Firefighters remind everyone to use extreme caution while driving on roads affected by fires. All major roads are now open. There may be some delays on State Highway 299. Travelers are advised to seek current information on secondary road closures from local law enforcement.

Evacuations: Areas of Trinity and Humboldt counties are under evacuation orders at this time. A Precautionary evacuation order currently exists in areas of Siskiyou County. Residents are advised to monitor their local fire situation, check with local law enforcement agencies for information, and be prepared to evacuate when necessary.

Structures:

Threatened: 2,768 residences, 96 commercial, 1,180 outbuildings.

Destroyed: 158 residences, 1 commercial, 139 outbuildings.

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