



Governor's Office of Emergency Services
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
California Incident Briefing
8/1/06 1000 hours



Weather Report – Northern Region

The region will continue to have a weak upper level low over the area most of the week; highs will be around 90 degrees. Some afternoon cloudiness will occur, but do not expect any thundershowers; those will remain to the southern region.

Weather Report – Southern Region

A Pacific trough will move through the region today and tonight. This will continue the cooling trend over the region, with the coolest day today with temperatures below normal most areas except well below normal Southern California. A deep marine layer will maintain high humidity and local drizzle over the Southern California Coastal Mountains and coastal basin today, with a little decrease in humidity over Central California. Instability associated with the trough may bring a few thunderstorms to the Sierra and Inyo today. Stronger southwest to northwest winds associated with the trough will continue today, especially over desert areas. The ridge will build back somewhat beginning Tuesday with a diminishing marine layer, lower humidities and near normal temperatures midweek. Another trough will bring minor cooling late in the week. A dry southwest flow aloft will keep thunderstorms out of the region from Tuesday through the weekend.

Commitment of CDF resources to emergency incidents:

- 97 of 336 (29%) available engines assigned
- 87 of 181 (48%) available crews assigned
- 2,345 total personnel assigned to incidents
- 19 persons assigned to incidents out-of-state
- 13 of 23 CDF air tankers assigned
- 7 of 9 CDF helicopters assigned
- 38 of 62 CDF dozers assigned
- 1 of 5 CDF mobile communication centers assigned
- 3 of 11 CDF mobile kitchen units assigned

Commitment of OES & Local Government resources:

- 7 of 110 available OES engines assigned
- 0 of 12 available OES water tenders assigned
- 1 of 5 OES Support unit assigned
- 4 OES Chief Officers assigned
- 70 of 1000 available Local Government engines assigned
- 1 OES Oasis Trailer assigned
- OES is processing Overhead orders for the Fire Incidents

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Fire and Rescue Branch has activated California National Guard Helicopters on behalf of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for seven (7) Type 1 Helicopters for fire fighting missions. They are flying mission on Northern California fires.

CDF responded to 37 new fires yesterday.

STATE / LOCAL INCIDENTS

Junction, (CA-SHU-5863), West of Weaverville-Trinity County

Acres Burned to Date: 3,126
% Contained: 90%
Start Date and Time: 07/29/06 1220
Fire Cause: Under Investigation
Structures Destroyed: 1 residence
Structures Damaged: 0
Containment Date/Time: 8/1/06 2000 hours
Control Date/Time: Unknown
Fuel Types: Timber
Resources Committed: 2 Helicopters (CDF)
39 Crews (CDF)
139 Engines (101 CDF, 38 Local Gov)
13 Dozers (9 CDF, 4 Private)
18 Water Tenders (17 Private, 1 Local Gov)
227 Overhead (200 CDF, 5 County, 20 USFS, 2 Local Gov)
Threats: 0
Injuries: 4
Deaths: 0

Comments: Incident management goals are being met, with actions planned for today to mop-up and patrol and continue with fireline suppression repair activities. Demob plan for resources is in progress with the release of local government and hired equipment the priority.

CDF Incident Command Team 4 (Ault) has been activated for this incident.

Cooperating Agencies: USFS, NPS, CHP, CDC, TCSO, and Local Gov

Highland, (CA-LNU-5591), Lakeport-Lake County

Acres Burned to Date: 189
% Contained: 0%
Start Date and Time: 07/31/06 1508
Fire Cause: Under Investigation
Structures Destroyed: 0
Structures Damaged: 0
Containment Date/Time: Unknown

Control Date/Time: Unknown
 Fuel Types: Timber
 Resources Committed: 2 Helicopters (CDF)
 23 Crews (CDF)
 10 Engines (CDF)
 4 Dozers (CDF)
 2 Water Tenders (Private)
 Threats: 0
 Injuries: 4
 Deaths: 0

Comments: Heavy brush, steep terrain and being located in a remote area have made access very difficult actions planned for today are to establish control lines with hand crews along the left flank.

FEDERAL INCIDENTS

Bar Complex (CA-SHF-001963) N and NW of Weaverville-Trinity County

Acres Burned to Date: 6,644
 % Contained: 5%
 Start Date and Time: 07/26/06 0001
 Fire Cause: Lightning
 Structures Destroyed: 0
 Structures Damaged: 0
 Containment Date/Time: Unknown
 Control Date/Time: Unknown
 Fuel Types: Timber
 Resources Committed: 4 Helicopters (1 USFS, 3 Private)
 15 Crews (3 CDF, 2 Private, 9 USFS, 1 BLM)
 20 Engines (17 USFS, 3 Private)
 12 Water Tenders (Private)
 114 Overhead (64 USFS, 15 CDF, 7 NPS, 1 Private,
 21 Local Gov, 1 Fish and Wildlife, 1 Weather, 1 BLM,
 1 Other)
 Threats: 10 Residential structures, 12 outbuildings in the New
 River and Canyon Creek drainages, Wilderness values.
 Injuries: 1
 Deaths: 0

Comments: This complex was split off of the SHF Complex for management reasons. Fires located in remote wilderness areas with limited access. Fire is backing down to the New River drainage and is less than ¼ mile from the Miller Ranch community. Fire has the potential to threaten residences, outbuildings, critical infrastructure and public safety. It is expected that the Bake and Oven Fires will burn together today.

Panther (CA-SRF-000999) West side of Underwood Mountain-Trinity County

Acres Burned to Date: 280
% Contained: 30%
Start Date and Time: 07/26/06 0001
Fire Cause: Lightning
Structures Destroyed: 0
Structures Damaged: 0
Containment Date/Time: 08/05/06 1800
Control Date/Time: 08/05/06 1800
Fuel Types: Timber
Resources Committed: 2 Helicopters (Other)
10 Crews (CDF)
4 Engines (3 USFS, 1 BLM)
6 Dozers (5 Private, 1 CDF)
6 Water Tenders (5 Private, 1 USFS)
28 Overhead (8 CDF, 9 Private, 11 USFS)
Threats: 2 Residential structures, 2 outbuildings (1 historic cabin)
Injuries: 1
Deaths: 0

Comments: Fire is located in remote area, private, roadless area. The west side of the fire is on 90-100% slopes, helicopters being needed to support crews in the area. Firing operations from the dozer and hand lines needed for containment efforts will begin today in coordination with aerial ignition of portions of unburned areas within the interior. Fire is burning in timber and brush with a heavy dead and down component.

Uncles Complex (CA-KNF-003497) North of Sawyers Bar, Marble Mt. Wilderness-Siskiyou County

Acres Burned to Date: 5,100
% Contained: 10%
Start Date and Time: 07/23/06 1300
Fire Cause: Lightning
Structures Destroyed: 0
Structures Damaged: 0
Containment Date/Time: 10/03/06 1800
Control Date/Time: Unknown
Fuel Types: Old Growth Timber and brush
Resources Committed: 3 Helicopters (Federal)
17 Crews (4 CDF, 2 Private, 2 BIA, 9 USFS)
12 Engines (10 USFS, 2 NPS)
4 Dozers (Private)
12 Water Tenders (Private)
111 Overhead (17 CDF, 19 Private, 3 BIA, 58 USFS, 2 BLM, 3 NPS, 8 Local Govt., 1 Weather person)
Threats: 15 Residences, 20 Outbuildings
Injuries: 2

Deaths: 0

Comments: The Uncle Complex consists of the Uncle Fire, the Hancock Fire and the Rush Fire. The three fires are being managed with Appropriate Management Response considering available resources, location of fires, the direction of the expected spread, safety concerns and the forest WSFA direction. The complex is located in steep, inaccessible ground and a general lack of available resources is making suppression efforts difficult. For the Rush Fire, structure protection will be the number 1 priority, with dozers and handcrews constructing line indirect line on the north and west sides of the fire. Uncles and Hancock fires will continue to be in monitor status from the air.

Happy Camp Complex (CA-KNF-003536) Near Happy Camp, Siskiyou County

Acres Burned to Date: 2,200
% Contained: 15%
Start Date and Time: 07/23/06 1800
Fire Cause: Lightning
Structures Destroyed: 0
Structures Damaged: 0
Containment Date/Time: 08/16/06 1800
Control Date/Time: 8/14/06
Fuel Types: Timber
Resources Committed: 3 Helicopters (2 Federal, 1 Other)
13 Crews (2 CDF, 6 USFS, 1 BIA, 2 Private, 2 CCC)
18 Engines (8 USFS, 10 OES, 1 Private)
1 Dozer (Private)
5 Water Tenders (4 Private, 1 USFS)
152 Overhead (32 CDF, 73 Federal, 2 Other, 4 BLM,
5 NPS, 33 Private)
Threats: 0
Injuries: 1
Deaths: 0

Comments: The two remaining active fires in the complex are the Goff and the Titus. The Goff fire is the number one priority due to its proximity to trails, improvements and cultural sites. The Titus Fire expanded to 1840 acres yesterday and spotted over one mile in advance of the main fire. Engine and handcrew resources were assigned to the Titus yesterday. Containment and control targets are likely to be met on all fires with the exception of the Titus, which will eventually be removed from the Complex and made into a separate incident

Hunter (CA-MNF-00894) Hunter Ridge, 19 miles SE of Covelo-Mendocino County

Acres Burned to Date: 3500
% Contained: 0%
Start Date and Time: 07/24/06 1745
Fire Cause: Lightning
Structures Destroyed: 0

Structures Damaged: 0
Containment Date/Time: 08/10/06 1800
Control Date/Time: Unknown
Fuel Types: Timber
Resources Committed: 2 Helicopters (Other)
14 Crews (4 CDF, 7 USFS, 1 BLM, 1 NPS, 1 Private)
20 Engines (5 CDF, 9 USFS, 6 Private)
5 Dozers (Private)
16 Water Tenders (4 USFS, 12 Private)
138 Overhead (25 CDF, 79 USFS, 6 BLM, 5 BIA,
3 NPS, 5 BIA, 20 Private)
Threats: 3 residential structures
Injuries: 0
Deaths: 0

Comments: Fire is in inaccessible terrain and has a moderate to rapid rate of spread with the potential of spreading to several thousand acres. Fire moved substantially yesterday to the south, burning as far as Skidmore Ridge and firing was initiated at McCoy ridge to establish an anchor along west line. Substantial movement is expected to the south, with some movement expected to the west and north.

Cooperating Agencies: CDF

Kingsley (CA-MNF-00897 38 miles SW of Red Bluff-Mendocino County)

Acres Burned to Date: 4,351
% Contained: 17%
Start Date and Time: 07/25/06 0530
Fire Cause: Lightning
Structures Destroyed: 0
Structures Damaged: 0
Containment Date/Time: Unknown
Control Date/Time: Unknown
Fuel Types: Timber
Resources Committed: 1 Helicopter (Federal)
13 Crews (9 USFS, 2 BIA)
25 Engines (8 Local Gov., 11 USFS, 8 Private, 2 FWS)
14 Dozers (1 USFS, 13 Private)
8 Water Tenders (Private)
1 Mobile Kitchen Unit (CDF)
113 Overhead (32 CDF, 25 Local Government, 3 BLM,
50 USFS)
Threats: 25 Residential Structures (summer cabins), Plaskett
Meadows Campground, Masterson Group
Campground
Injuries: 0
Deaths: 0

Comments: Fire located within steep, inaccessible terrain. Fire primarily moving northwest. The potential for roll-out exists that could increase fire size. The

Kingsley complex consists of the Minnie Fire, Soldier Fire, and the Kingsley Fire.

Evacuations orders for residents in Hays Place, Snow Basin, Jenks Place, Garnett Camp, Keernan Camp, Carpenter Place, Keller Place and Spooner Camp areas are still in effect.

CIIMT 4 is in command of the Yolla Bolly Complex and Kingsley Complex. Hwy 7 remains closed at Alder Junction.

Aggressive fire line construction and tactics continue on the Kingsley Fire and on the East portion of the Hunter Fire that crossed into Grindstone Ranger District. A Structure Protection Group is in place to protect threatened structures. No ground resources are assigned to the Yolla Bolly Complex, Minnie or Soldier Fires.

Orleans Complex (CA SRF 00997)Centered around Orleans-Humboldt, Del Norte and Siskiyou Counties

Acres Burned to Date: 3,450
% Contained: 1%
Start Date and Time: 07/25/06 1545
Fire Cause: Lightning
Structures Destroyed: 0
Structures Damaged: 0
Containment Date/Time: 08/15/06 1800
Control Date/Time: 08/15/06 1800
Fuel Types: Timber
Resources Committed: 4 Helicopters (1 USFS, 2 Private, 1 Other)
18 Crews (3 CDF, 1 Other, 1 BLM, 12 USFS, 2 Private)
40 Engines (1 CDF, 5 USFS, 8 Private, 26 Other)
4 Dozers (Private)
7 Water Tenders (1 USFS, 6 Private)
1 Mobile Kitchen Unit (CDF)
153 Overhead (9 CDF, 1 BIA, 11 BLM, 2 NPS,
47 USFS, 26 Private, 52 Other, 5 County)
Threats: 95 Residential Structures, 17 Commercial Properties,
135 Outbuildings. Key telecommunication sites for
residents in and around Orleans and Somes Bar.
Injuries: 3
Deaths: 0

Comments: The Somes fire behavior has increased dramatically by producing upslope runs and spotting into drainage areas located northeast of the Telecom site which is the sole communications link for Orleans. The fire continues to threaten Orleans and the Peach Creek subdivision which contains approximately 36 homes. Peach Creek is also the domestic water source for the Orleans community. The Peach Creek campground and the Karuk Tribal DNR offices are also threatened by the encroaching fire. All fires are located in heavy timber with moderate down and dead fuels.

Cooperating Agencies: CDF, Agency Reps. cooperating with Karuk and Yurok Tribes