



ELKHORN FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 09/10/2020 Time: Morning

Incident Website: inciweb.nwgc.gov/incident/7071

Incident Information Line:(530) 628-0039

8:00 am – 8:00 pm



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Acres Burned	255,309	Structures Threatened	200
Containment	27 %	Structures Destroyed	25
Fire Started	August 17, 2020	Structures Damaged	1
Cause	Lightning	Injuries	1

Total Assigned Personnel: 324

Engines: 25 Hand Crews: 5 Dozers: 9 Water Tenders: 7 Helicopter: 1

The Elkhorn, Hopkins, Vinegar Peak and Willow Basin Fires have merged and now are a part of the Elkhorn Fire. The Elkhorn Fire is burning on the Mendocino, Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests. The increase in acreage and the reduction in percent contained are the result of the consolidation of all fires merging into one.

Current Situation: Firefighters worked last night to secure the line on the northern perimeter along the 35 Road (Shasta-Trinity National Forest), utilizing firing operations to remove vegetation and widen the containment along the dozer line. On the west and north west perimeter of the fire (Six Rivers National Forest), crews continue to provide protection for structures in the Ruth area. The goal is to try and push the fire north towards Horse Ridge and Soldier Basin, keeping it out of the valley. The east perimeter of the fire is in mop-up and patrol status. Today, while the weather has stabilized, we will continue to experience active fire behavior due to low relative humidity, steep terrain and very dry conditions in the forest.

Weather: High pressure will build back into the area causing an inversion which will keep smoke and haze over the fire area. The shading caused by the smoke inversion will keep temperatures lower and winds light. Relative humidity will be in the 11-13% range.

Evacuation Orders and Warnings for Mendocino, Humboldt, Tehama and Trinity Counties.

Mendocino County: Evacuation Orders

- Zone S - South of County Line, East of Bell Springs Rd, North of Bell Springs Creek and West of the North Fork of the Eel River.
- Zone Q - South of the County Line, West and North of the North Fork of the Eel River and North and East of Bald Mountain Rd.

Evacuation Warnings

- Zone U - South of the County Line, East and North of the East Branch of the South Fork of the Eel River, West of Bell Springs Rd.
- Zone T - South of Bell Springs Cekk, East of Bell Springs Rd, North of Iron Pek and Simmerly Rd, West of the Eel River
- Zone R - West of south of Mina Rd, South of the North Fork of Eel River, East of the Eel River
- Zone P - South of the County Line, East of the Mina Rd, North of Hulls Valley Rd and West of Hulls Creek
- Zone O - South of the County Line, East of Hulls Creek, North of Mendocino Pass Rd, and West of Williams Creek

Evacuation Point: Covelo High School, 76280 High School Street, Covelo, CA

Animal and Livestock Care: Covelo Rodeo Grounds, South Airport Road, Covelo, CA

Trinity County: Evacuation Orders

- Ruth, Zenia, Kettenpom, Hettenshaw Valley

Evacuation Warnings

- Ruth Lake, Mad River, Forest Glen and Post Mountain

Evacuation Point: Southern Trinity High School located at 600 Van Duzen Road, Mad River, CA

Humboldt County: Evacuation Orders

- Areas south of Highway 36 in Bridgeville, and all communities along Alderpoint Road down to the Mendocino/Trinity County Line.

Evacuation Warnings

- Areas west of Bell Springs Road to Highway 101 spanning from Alderpoint Road to the Mendocino/Trinity County Line (including Garberville).
- Alderpoint, Palo Verde, Island Mountain and Harris

Tehama County: Evacuation Orders

- Zone A: All areas south of Pettyjohn Rd. to the Mendocino National Forest boundary, east of the Mendocino National Forest boundary to Mary Ellen Place, north to Cobb Flat and south to the Mendocino National Forest Boundary
- Zone C-1: All areas north of Pettyjohn Road to Wells Creek, east of the Shasta Trinity National Forest Boundary and west of Weemasoul Road/Halley Grade
- Zone Q: All areas north of Raglin Ridge Road/Forest Road 23N27, west of the Mendocino National Forest Boundary, east of the Zone B boundary and south of Forest Road 25N01/ Forest Road M22.

Evacuation Warnings

- Zone B: All areas south of Lanyan Trail to Brown Place, west to the Mendocino National Forest boundary, north to Mary Ellen Page and east to Bluedoor Flat/Red Bank Road/County Rd. 80.
- Zone C-2: The evacuation order has been reduced to an evacuation warning for all areas north of Wells Creek to Hwy 36, east of the Shasta Trinity National Forest boundary and west of Weemasoul Road/Halley Grade.

Forest Closures: Shasta-Trinity, Mendocino, and Six Rivers National Forests.

Due to unprecedented and historic fire conditions throughout the state, the USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region has closed all 18 national forests in California. This includes the Mendocino, Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forest. It is critical that all national forest visitors follow these important closures and restrictions for their own safety and the safety of our firefighters. If you have specific questions about forest closures, please call your local Forest Service office.

Cooperating Agencies: Tehama County Sheriff's Office, Trinity County Sheriff's Office, Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, Mendocino Sheriff's Office, California Highway Patrol, National Weather Service, BLM, Cal OES, CALFIRE

Safety Message: Smoke will limit visibility while driving, please use caution as firefighters and equipment are working in the fire area.

Wildfire Preparedness: Plan, Know and Act. Please be ready if a wildfire nears your property or community. For more information visit the following webs at: www.readyforwildfire.org/