



Fact Sheet

CAL FIRE



Saturday, May 24, 2008
7:00 AM

FIREFIGHTERS CONTINUE TO BATTLE THE SUMMIT FIRE

As of 7AM, the Summit Fire has burned 3,500 acres in steep, rugged terrain in the Santa Cruz Mountains west of Morgan Hill and east of Corralitos effecting both Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties. Evacuations are currently in place for the areas of Eureka Canyon Road and Ormsby Cutoff Road, as well as the Lower Highland area which includes the Buzzard Lagoon and Vaca De Sol areas. Due to additional fire activity near the community of Sveadal overnight, approximately 50 residences were evacuated.

- The fire started shortly after 5 a.m. Thursday, May 22nd.
- The fire is burning in heavy brush and timber.
- The fire is 25 percent contained
- The fire has destroyed 17 residences and 11 outbuildings.
- 550 residential units and 20 commercial buildings are threatened
- Evacuation shelters are in place in Watsonville at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds and the Los Gatos Community Center.
- 3004 personnel are assigned to the fire.
- Air tankers and helicopters are assisting with the fire suppression effort.
- There has been one reported firefighter injury.
- The cause is under investigation.
- Estimated fire suppression cost to date \$3,200,000