



YUBA FIRE

Incident Update



Tuesday, August 18, 2009, 7:00 a.m.
www.fire.ca.gov

Fire Information Line: 530-823-4083

Incident Name: Yuba Fire

Location: in the Dobbins / Oregon House Area

Command Team: CAL FIRE Incident Command Team #10

Start Date & Report Time: August 14, 2009, 12:58 p.m.

Cause: Fire investigators have confirmed the initial fire was started by a bird into a powerline, but another fire in the area remains under investigation.

Acres: 3,582 Acres

% Containment: 30%

Expected Containment: August 22, 2009

Fire Engines: 176

Fire Crews: 52

Bulldozers: 17

Helicopters: 16

Airtankers: 4

Total Personnel: 1,598

Injuries: 18

Structures Damaged: 0

Structures Destroyed: 2 residences

Current Situation: Firefighters continue making progress constructing fire line and have completed a contingency line to the east. Open fire line remains on the Northeast side (Yuba County) and the East side of the fire (Nevada County). Access to the fire continues to be difficult due to steep terrain covered with heavy fuels. The fire continues to threaten critical powerlines from the Colgate Hydroelectric plant.

Temperatures are expected to continue to reach 100 degrees or more over the next few days with poor relative humidity recovery overnight. Winds are expected to continue out of the West today at 5-10 miles per hour.

Evacuations:

Yuba County: Voluntary and mandatory evacuations have been lifted in the areas of Texas Hill Road and all intersecting roads, Yuba Ranch Way, Rice's Texas Hill Road and intersecting roads, Rice's Crossing and all intersecting roads, Colton, Yuba Nevada, and Candlewood roads. Closure will remain in effect for Lake Francis Road, and Marysville Road from Merriam Road to Oregon Hill Road due to fire activities in the area. An evacuation shelter has been set up at the Dobbins-Oregon House Community Center.

Nevada County: All evacuations have been lifted.

Cooperating Agencies: Yuba County Sheriff, Nevada County Sheriff, CHP, Yuba County OES, Yuba County Water, United States Forest Service – Tahoe & Plumas National Forests, CalEMA Fire Rescue, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, PG&E, Red Cross, and BLM.

Additional Information: Residents who need more information can contact the Yuba Fire Information Line between the hours 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 530-823-4083, or go to www.fire.ca.gov.