



PONDEROSA FIRE

Incident Update

Tuesday, August 21, 2012 7:00 a.m.

www.fire.ca.gov

Fire Information Line: (530) 225-2510

Location: Two Miles East of Manton	County: Tehama and Shasta Counties	
Start Date & Report Time: August 18, 2012 11:37 a.m.	Cause: Lightning	
Acres: 19,627	Containment: 35%	Expected Containment: Aug. 27, 2012
Fire Engines: 223	Fire Crews: 38	Bulldozers: 47
Helicopters: 6	Airtankers:	Total Personnel: 1,886
Injuries: 1	Structures Damaged:	Structures Destroyed: 7

Current Situation: The fire is burning in a mix of grass, brush, and heavy timber, in steep and rugged terrain. The fire continues to burn toward the South Fork Battle Creek Drainage. Firefighters are working aggressively to build and strengthen containment lines. As additional resources arrive, firefighters continue to diligently defend structures, construct containment lines and build bulldozer perimeter lines.

Traffic on Highway 36 is intermittently impacted east of Paynes Creek to Ponderosa Way due to fire suppression operations. Please use caution while driving in this area.

Manton School, Black Butte School in Shingletown, and Plum Valley Elementary School in Paynes Creek have been closed until further notice.

The public can stay up to date on the Ponderosa Fire by visiting the CAL FIRE website at www.fire.ca.gov or on twitter @CAL_FIRE.

Evacuations: Forward Road at Graham Road to C Line; Forward Mill Road from Rock Creek to Forward Camp Road, Rock Creek Road from Manton to Long Hay Flat Road; All of Long Hay Flat Road; All of Woodcutter Way, Hazen Road area, and South Power House Road, South of Manton. Highway 44 at Brush Oak; East to and including Viola, Plateau Pines, Starlight Pines & McCumber; The south side of Hwy 44 from Viola to Brush Oak and on the north side of Hwy 44 from Viola to Alward.

An **Evacuation Warning** was issued to the residents in the area of Hwy 36 at Oasis Springs Road to Lassen Lodge on both sides of the Highway, which includes Ponderosa Sky Ranch, Canyon View Loop area and Lassen Lodge of potential threat to life and property. An evacuation warning considers the probability that an area will be affected and prepares people for a potential evacuation order.

Evacuation Center: The Red Cross Shelter is open at Big League Dreams, 20155 Viking Way, Redding.

Cooperating Agencies: Tehama Co. Sheriff, Shasta Co. Sheriff, CHP, CDCR, CalTrans, SPI, PG&E.