



PONDEROSA FIRE

Incident Update

Wednesday, August 22, 2012 7:00 a.m.

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: 24,323

Containment: 50%

Expected Containment: Aug. 27, 2012

Fire Engines: 278

Fire Crews: 38

Helicopters: 11

Bulldozers: 53

Total Personnel: 2,134

Injuries: 2

Structures Threatened: 240

Structures Destroyed: 50

Current Situation: The fire is burning in an East and Northeast direction in the Battle Creek drainage, extending into the Blue Ridge area. Water supply infrastructure for the community of Manton was damaged. Resources are still being ordered to strengthen fire efforts. Steep and rugged terrain is making access difficult for fire crews. Firefighters are working aggressively to build approximately 11 miles of line and strengthen existing containment lines. Structures damaged or destroyed continue to be assessed. As additional resources arrive, firefighters will continue to diligently defend structures, construct containment lines and build bulldozer perimeter lines.

Evacuations: Canyon View Loop North of Highway 36. 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; Long Hay Flat Road; 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 the north side of Hwy 44 extending from Viola to Alward.

Evacuation Warnings: were issued to the residents adjacent to Hwy 36 from Oasis Springs Road to Lassen Lodge including Ponderosa, Mineral, Sky Ranch and Lassen Lodge. An evacuation warning alerts the residents of the potential for evacuation orders.

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

Closures: Highway 44 from Brush Oak to Viola
Manton, Black Butte, and Plum Valley Schools have been closed until further notice.
Forward Road at Manton Corners and Wilson Hill Road at Digger Creek

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