



PONDEROSA FIRE

Incident Update

Wednesday, August 22, 2012 7:00 p.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: 24,388

Containment: 55%

Expected Containment: Aug. 27, 2012

Fire Engines: 278

Fire Crews: 40

Helicopters: 11

Bulldozers: 54

Total Personnel: 2,497

Injuries: 3

Structures Threatened: 540

Residence Destroyed: 64

Outbuildings Destroyed: 20

Current Situation: Firefighters continued to make progress containing the fire today. The fire continues to burn in the Battle Creek drainage towards the town of Mineral, with some extension into the Blue Ridge area. Resources are still being ordered to strengthen fire efforts. Steep and rugged terrain is making access difficult for fire crews. Spotting is still a factor with the fuels being extremely receptive to ignition. The Shasta County Sheriff's office opened Highway 44 to through traffic and residences north of the Highway returned to their homes. Several schools that were closed due to the fire activity are scheduled to re-open soon.

Evacuations: Canyon View Loop North of Highway 36. The south side of Hwy 44 from Airport Way to Viola. Forward Road between Cedar Ridge and 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; Canyon Creek Ranch; Woodcutter Way.

Evacuation Warnings: Warnings issued to the residents adjacent to Hwy 36 from Oasis Springs Road to Lassen Lodge including Mineral, Ponderosa Sky Ranch. 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.

Road Closures: Roads leading South off Highway 44 from Airport Way to Viola
Mineral School has been closed until further notice.
Forward Road east of Cedar Ridge.
Grace Resort / Manton Ponderosa east of Wilson Hill Road.
Rock Creek east of Wilson Hill Road off Manton Road.

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