



PONDEROSA FIRE

Incident Update

Friday, August 24, 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: 28,098

Structures Threatened: 940

Fire Engines: 254

Containment: 68%

Residence Destroyed: 64

Fire Crews: 47

Expected Containment: August 27

Outbuildings Destroyed: 20

Helicopters: 11

Total Personnel: 2,436

Injuries: 4

Bulldozers: 65

Current Situation: Containment increased overnight as crews continued to strengthen the fire lines in the Battle Creek and Panther Creek drainages. The fire remains approximately 2 miles west of A-line road at Highway 36, where contingency lines to the east of the fire are being constructed. Fire continues to burn within the interior of the fire perimeter and crews are working on mitigating hazards in those areas.

The Evacuation Warning is lifted for residents who live adjacent to Highway 36 from Oasis Springs Road to Mineral.

All areas within the fire perimeter are closed to all persons, including residents and property owners.

Evacuation Center: The Red Cross Shelter at Big League Dreams is closed today. No further evacuation center activations are anticipated.

Road Closures: Roads leading South off Highway 44 from Richards Lane to Viola except the following: Long Hay Flat to Fires edge; Rock Creek Road to Bailey Creek; Forward Road east of Cedar Ridge; Rock Creek Road at Ponderosa Way; Ponderosa Way at Rock Creek road.

Cooperating Agencies: Tehama Co. Sheriff, Shasta Co. Sheriff, CHP, CDCR, CalTrans, SPI, PG&E, Red Cross, CAL EMA, CA Dept. Fish & Game, USFS, & National Park Service