



North Pass Fire Update - August 25, 2012

On Scene Contact: North Pass Fire Information (707) 983-6318

Online Updates: <http://inciweb.org/incident/3201>

Fire Status: Active	Location: 10 Miles NE of Covelo – Williams Valley	Percent Contained: 32%
Size: 24,199 acres	Total personnel assigned to fire: 1,287	Cause: Lightning
Date Started: August 18, 2012, Saturday approximately 2:47 AM		
Resources:		
Hand crews:31	Helicopters: 10	Dozers: 32
Engines: 96	Fixed Wing: 2	Helitack: 10

Summary:

A community meeting will be held at **Black Butte River Ranch** (34985 Etsel Ridge Road, Covelo) at 5:00 PM today, August 25.

The fire continues to spread to the East to **Forest Road M2**, South towards **Anthony's Ridge**, North to **Cedar Springs Ridge** and Northeast towards **Pothole Creek** and **Steel Bench**. Seventy-five (75) residences, five (5) commercial properties and eighty (80) outbuildings remain threatened. For the next 48 hours, the fire is projected to have limited movement north towards Castle Peak and Red Rock and continue to move east to Forest Road M2 and South toward Anthony Ridge.

Incident Priorities:

- To provide for public and firefighter safety.
- Maintain effective communications with Communities and County Officials.
- Keep Fire North of FH 7 (Mendocino Pass Rd.)
- Keep Fire West of the area between Black Butte Peak, Logs Springs and Cold Springs.
- Keep Fire South of the Yellow Fire Perimeter.
- Keep Fire East of Murphy Creek on Round Valley Indian Reservation Lands.

Weather and Fire Behavior:

High temperatures, low humidity, wind, and topography remain a concern for increased fire activity.

Smoke Conditions:

An air quality alert has been issued for the Covelo/Round Valley areas through Monday, August 27. Smoke concentrations in these areas have reached levels considered to be "Hazardous" under state and federal air quality standards.

Mandatory Evacuation Order:

Indian Dick Road (USFS Road M1), all residences in the Indian Dick Road (USFS Rd M1), Mendocino Pass Rd (FH7) north to the Trinity County line and East to the Tehama County line. This order also includes all residences and USFS campsites at Howard Lake Campground, Little Doe Campground, and Hammerhorn Lake Campground and all USFS Wilderness Trailheads at Blands Cove, Hell Hole, Stick Lake, Foster Glade, Asa Bean, Rock Cabin, Georges Valley, Soldier Ridge, Smokehouse Ridge, and Green Springs.

Blands Cove Road from the start of the Traveler's Home Trail Head, North to the Trinity County line.

Mendocino Pass Road, (FH7) North and South of the highway from the Eel River work center east to the Tehama/Glenn County line, including Bauer Ranch subdivision and Forest Service campgrounds.

Area, Road and Trail Closures:

Area closure has been issued and posted for the area surrounding the North Pass fire. Please check www.fs.usda.gov/mendocino or inciweb.org for more information.

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