



## North Pass Fire Update - August 27, 2012

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

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

<b>Fire Status:</b> Active	<b>Location:</b> 10 Miles NE of Covelo – Williams Valley	<b>Percent Contained:</b> 32
<b>Size:</b> 31,650 acres	<b>Total personnel assigned to fire:</b> 1,708	<b>Cause:</b> Lightning
<b>Date Started:</b> August 18, 2012, Saturday approximately 2:47 AM		
<b>Resources:</b>		
Hand crews: 36	Helicopters: 12	Dozers: 33
Engines: 121	Fixed Wing: 2	Helitack: 10

### Summary:

Fire continues to spread north toward the Middle Fork of the Eel River, Hammerhorn Lake, Foster Glade and Asa Bean Ridge within the Yolla Bolly Middle Eel Wilderness. An eastwardly progression toward Forest Road M2 and southwardly toward Forest Highway 7 is expected today. Fire crews have begun “mopping up” on the western flank of the fire along Asa Bean Ridge. Indirect line construction along Anthony Ridge and Forest Road M2 to prepare for future “firing” operations is planned for the next shift.

**Projected 48-Hour Movement/Spread:** The fire is anticipated to spread north towards Georges Valley and Soldier Ridge, northeast toward Uhl Peak, Buck Rock, and Little Buck Rock. The eastwardly progression of the fire is toward Anthony Peak.

### 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.) and Black Butte Creek.
- 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:

Winds have shifted and are blowing from the southeast. 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](http://www.fs.usda.gov/mendocino) or [inciweb.org](http://inciweb.org) for more information.

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