



North Pass Fire Update – September 1, 2012

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

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

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) 707-468-9223

Fire Status: Active	Location: 10 Miles NE of Covelo – Williams Valley	Percent Contained: 48%
Size: 39,493 acres	Total personnel assigned to fire: 1,842	Cause: Lightning
Date Started: August 18, 2012		
Resources:		
Hand crews: 35	Helicopters: 12	Dozers: 18
Engines: 154	Fixed Wing: 2	Helitack: 0

Summary:

The evacuation order for residences along the Indian Dick Road (Forest Road M1) and the Bauer subdivision was partially lifted. Indian Dick Road (Forest Road M1) up to Boardman Camp is open to residents only and all points north along that road remain closed. Mendocino Pass Road (Forest Hwy 7) from the Eel River Work Station (Black Butte Ranch) up to benchmark 2444 (second driveway entrance to Bauer Subdivision) is open to residents with a valid local ID only. All areas east of the intersection to Forest Road M4 remain closed and within the evacuation order. Residents are asked to stay off the roads within the affected areas from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

The Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 started the transition of the management, operations and logistics to Southern California Interagency Incident Management Team 1. The incoming team will assume command of the fire at 7:00 AM on Sunday, September 2.

The fire continues to spread north into the Yolla Bolly Middle Eel Wilderness towards the Middle Fork of the Eel River, Hammerhorn Lake, Foster Glade and Asa Bean Ridge. Twenty one residences, five commercial buildings and 33 outbuildings remain threatened. Seven residences and nine outbuildings have been destroyed.

Projected 48-Hour Movement/Spread: The fire is anticipated to spread north towards Wrights Valley, Hole in the Ground and Hopkins Peak.

Incident Priorities:

- To provide for public and firefighter safety.*
- Maintain effective communications with communities and county officials.*
- Keep Fire north of Forest Hwy 7 (Mendocino Pass Road) and Black Butte Creek.*
- Keep Fire west of the area between Black Butte Peak, Log Springs and Cold Springs.*
- Keep Fire south of the Yellow Fire Perimeter.*
- Keep Fire east of Murphy Creek on Round Valley Indian Reservation Lands.*

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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