



SIXTEEN COMPLEX

CALNU-007072

Incident Update

Friday, September 8, 2012 7:00 a.m.

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Fire Information Line: (707) 967-4207



Location: Highway 16 Rumsey Canyon

County: Colusa and Yolo

Start Date & Report Time: September 4, 2012 3:45 p.m.

Cause: Under Investigation

Acres: 16,837

Containment: 35%

Expected Containment: 9/10/2012

Fire Engines: 71

Fire Crews: 52

Bulldozers: 21

Helicopters: 10

Airtankers: 2

Total Personnel: 1,467

Injuries: 6

Structures Damaged: 0

Structures Destroyed: 0

Current Situation: The fire is burning in a mix of grass, brush, and oak woodland in steep and rugged terrain. The fire continues to burn towards the North and threatens the Cortina Rancheria and the area near the junction of Highway 20 and Highway 16, as well as the Cortina/Mendocino 115 kv transmission lines north of the fire perimeter. Firefighters are working aggressively to build and strengthen containment lines. Efforts continue to protect structures and cultural values in the Cortina Rancheria and fire area. Firefighters are making considerable progress constructing fire lines and will continue with firing operations as necessary in order to gain full containment. Erratic winds continue to challenge suppression efforts, however additional fire spread is expected to be minimal.

Road Closures: Highway 16 is currently closed from Highway 20 to the town of Rumsey. Closure will be reevaluated throughout the day for possible reopening. Highway 20 is currently open to traffic. If the fire reaches Highway 20 there is a possibility the highway could be closed or restricted to controlled traffic.

Evacuations: An advisory evacuation warning is in effect for the Cortina Rancheria area. An evacuation warning considers the probability that an area will be affected and prepares people for a potential evacuation order.

Cooperating Agencies: Cal Trans, CDCR, CHP, Colusa and Yolo County fire and law enforcement agencies, DFG, CAL- EMA, BIA, BLM, CCC, California National Guard

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