



CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Incident Fact Sheet

Media Line: 530-282-5624

Incident Name: Panther Fire

Location: 140K3 Line, Approximately 8 miles Northwest of Butte Meadows in Tehama County

Incident Start Date & Report Time: 05/01/2013 @ 9:12AM

Incident Type: Vegetation

Cause: Under Investigation

Acres: 6,665

% Containment: 20%

Estimated Containment: 5/9/2013

Injuries: None

Structures Destroyed: None

Structures Damaged: None

Vehicles/Equipment Destroyed: None

Estimated Cost To Date: \$1,559,205

Equipment:

Hand Crews 58 **Dozers** 21 **Engines** 97 **Air Tankers** 0 **Helicopters** 12

Water Tenders 34 **Overhead Personnel** 146

Total Personnel: 1,258

Current Situation: Conditions continue to be windy and dry. Burning in timber and timber slash. Moderate to rapid rate of spread in steep terrain. Fire is in the Mill Creek and Deer Creek drainages. There is no imminent structure or infrastructure threat. Fire is being driven by gusty down-canyon winds and the predicted erratic winds this evening could increase fire behavior. Use of fire crews is critical due to rugged terrain. Fire activities will not impact planned activities at Silver Dollar Fairgrounds this weekend. Fire is actively burning in the Ishi Wilderness Area. Red Flag Warning in the fire area will remain in effect until 9:00 pm tomorrow night.

Road Closures: None

Evacuations: None

Additional Information: Cooperating agencies: USFS (Lassen and Plumas NF), CDCR, SPI, Collins Pine, Chico Fire Department, CHP, BCSO, and TCSO.

Uncharacteristic fire behavior for this time of year due to the record dry winter and spring. Over the last week there have been over 100 fires in northern California.

If you need more information related to the fire please contact the Duty PIO at 530-282-5624.

Updated at 800 pm 5/3/13