



CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire

Incident Fact Sheet



Media Line: 530-282-5624

05/05/2013 7:00 A.M.

Incident Name: Panther Fire

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

Incident Start Date: 05/01/13

Start Time: 9:12 A.M.

Incident Type: Vegetation

Cause: Under Investigation

Acres: 6,864

% Containment: 40%

Estimated Containment: 5/9/2013

Injuries: 3

Structures Destroyed: None

Structures Damaged: None

Estimated Cost To Date: \$4,638,265

Equipment:

Hand Crews 56 **Dozers** 21 **Engines** 131 **Air Tankers** 3 **Helicopters** 13

Water Tenders 44 **Overhead Personnel** 235

Total Personnel: 1,858

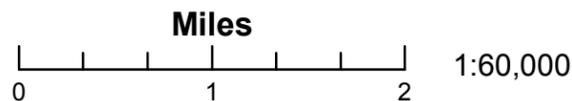
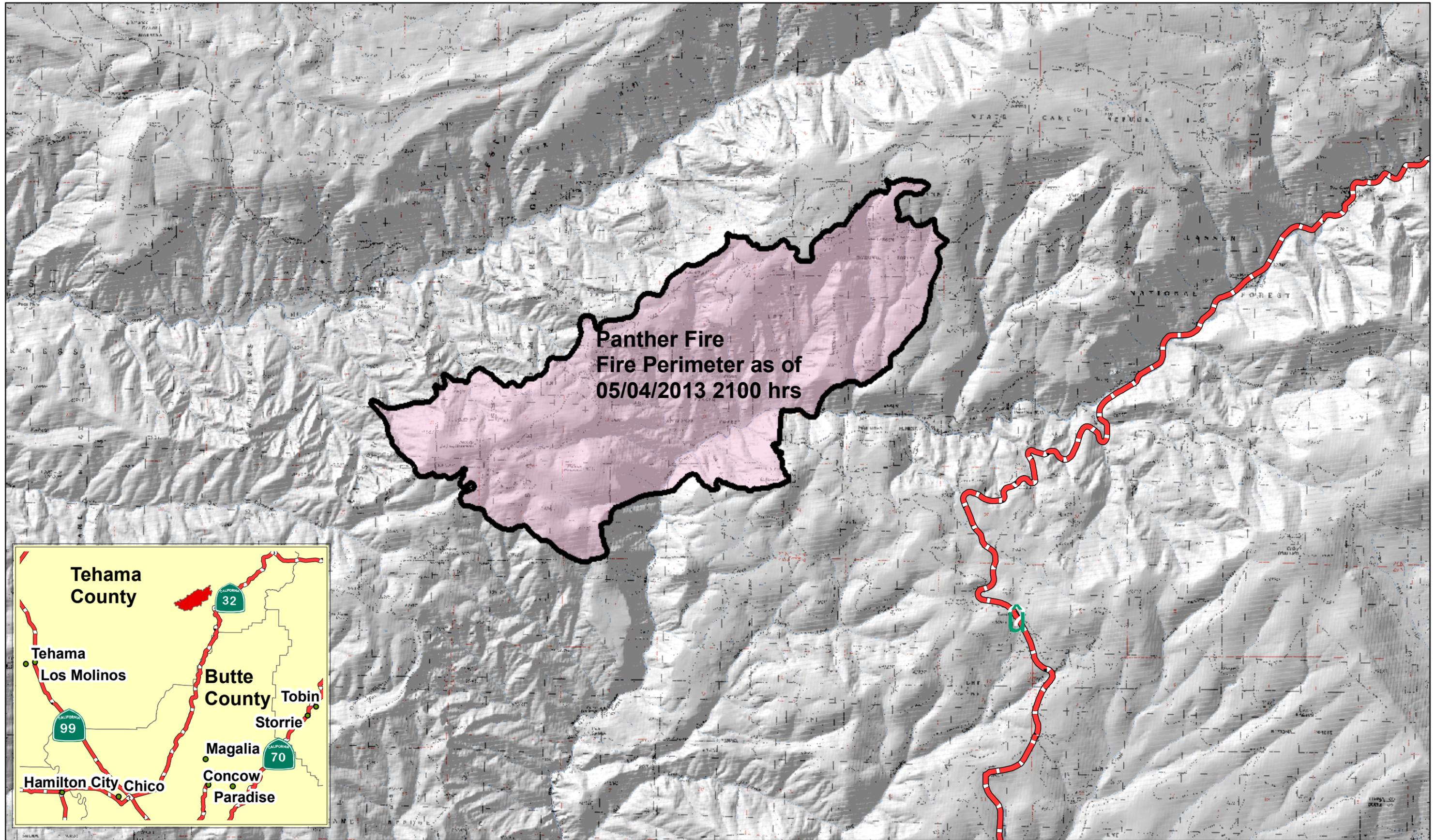
Current Situation: Conditions continue to be windy and dry, despite thunderstorm conditions. Burning in timber and timber slash. Moderate to rapid rate of spread continues in the areas of steep terrain. Fire remains in the Mill Creek and Deer Creek drainages. There is no imminent structure or infrastructure threat. The predicted and resulting erratic winds increased fire activity during the night. The aggressive action of firefighters continues to minimize the fire spread. Use of fire crews is still critical due to rugged terrain. Fire continues to burn in the Ishi Wilderness Area. Atmospheric instability and isolated thunderstorms are predicted to continue into the afternoon today, which will cause erratic fire behavior.

Road Closures: The area between Highway 32 and Highway 36 known as the Deer Creek and Mill Creek Recreation Area as well as the Ishi Wilderness are closed to the public. Highway 32 and Highway 36 will remain open but be aware of the heavy fire equipment traffic on those highways.

Evacuations: None

Additional Information: Uncharacteristic fire behavior for this time of year is due to the record dry winter and spring. Over the last week there have been over 150 fires in northern California.

Cooperating Agencies: USFS (Lassen and Plumas NF), CDCR, SPI, Collins Pine, Chico Fire Department, CHP, BCSO, and TCSO, Butte County Air Quality.



Public Information Map Panther Incident
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