



CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire

Incident Fact Sheet



Media Line: 530-282-5624

05/05/2013 7:00 P.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: 60%

Estimated Containment: 5/9/2013

Injuries: 3

Structures Destroyed: None

Structures Damaged: None

Estimated Cost To Date: \$6,604,520

Equipment:

Hand Crews 57 **Dozers** 22 **Engines** 131 **Air Tankers** 0 **Helicopters** 7

Water Tenders 40 **Overhead Personnel** 261

Total Personnel: 1,811

Current Situation: Fire remains in the Mill Creek and Deer Creek drainages. There is no longer an imminent structure or infrastructure threat. The predicted and resulting thunderstorm activity during the day had minimal impact on the fire due to the continued efforts of firefighters. Use of fire crews is still critical due to rugged terrain. Fire continues to burn in the Ishi Wilderness Area with slow to moderate growth due to MIST (Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics) tactics employed by federal Hotshot crews. Atmospheric instability and isolated thunderstorms are predicted to continue through the night, 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.