



CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire

Incident Fact Sheet



Media Line: 530-282-5624

05/07/2013 6:00 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:** 90%

Estimated Containment: 5/9/2013

Injuries: 5

Structures Destroyed: None

Structures Damaged: None

Estimated Cost To Date: \$9,504,828

Equipment:

Hand Crews 59 **Dozers** 12 **Engines** 91 **Air Tankers** 0 **Helicopters** 1

Water Tenders 25 **Overhead Personnel** 243

Total Personnel: 1,585

Current Situation: Fire remains in the Mill Creek and Deer Creek drainages. Use of fire crews is still, and will be critical due to the rugged terrain. MIST (Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics) tactics employed by US Forest Service Hotshot crews continue within the Ishi Wilderness Area. The increase in the relative humidity and isolated rain showers over the fire area has reduced the fire activity. However isolated pockets of downed heavy fuels, timber slash piles and dead trees, remain hot and are hampering mop-up operations. The demobilization of firefighting resources continues as containment nears completion.

Road Closures: Unstable road surfaces due to the rain are impeding resource traffic and are becoming a dangerous situation. Therefore the L Line has been closed to all traffic. Because of this dangerous situation we ask that all remain out of the fire area except for fire personnel. 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 throughout the day.

Additional Information: Sections of the fire have moved into fire suppression repair stages. More than 80 local government agencies have assisted with the suppression of this fire. Each year the first week of May is proclaimed "Wildfire Awareness Week" with in the State of California.

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