



**For Immediate Release**

**Date: June 19, 2013**

**Time: 7:30 PM Fire Update #7**

<b>Carstens Fire</b>	<b>Location:</b> Mariposa County, one mile east of Midpines and Highway 140		
<b>Acres Burned:</b>	1,621	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	50
<b>Containment:</b>	55%	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	0
<b>Fire Started:</b>	June 16, 2013	<b>Injuries:</b>	1
<b>Cause:</b>	Human Caused		
<b>Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 1,663</b>			

## Summary

- The Carstens Fire started June 16, 2013, at approximately 2 p.m. at the bottom of Plumber Creek in Mariposa County.
- The fire has been determined to be human caused. An unattended campfire was not fully extinguished. Continued vigilance and fire safety during dry forest conditions is required.
- Please be aware of large fire equipment on local roads – slow down when passing fire crews.

## Fire Update

- There is a combination of hand and dozer line around the north end of the fire. At this time, backburn operations continue to burn successfully. The fire area continues to generate interior heat and areas of smoke. On the southwest side of the fire, the fire continues to back downslope toward the constructed dozer lines burning pockets of green fuel between the fire line and the fire. This is favorable for containment goals.
- Cooperating Agencies include: The US Forest Service; CALFIRE; California Highway Patrol, National Park Service, Mariposa County, Mariposa County Fire and Mariposa County Sheriff.

**Road Closures:** Carter Rd.; Buckingham Mtn. Rd.; Triangle Rd., from HWY 140 to Darrah, open to residents only.

## Evacuations:

- Evacuation orders remain for the areas of: Carter Rd., Buckingham Mtn. Rd.
- Based on public need, the Red Cross is closing their evacuee site tonight.

**Re-Entry Information:** Beginning at 8 p.m. the Jerseydale area & Triangle Rd., between S/R140 & Darrah Rd. will open to residents only. (I.D. is required).

- (Prior re-entry information) Darrah Rd. to Valley View Rd, including Nickel Plate Rd. Triangle Rd – from Darrah Rd. to East Westfall Rd. Lushmeadows sub-division.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is available to assist private landowners with rehabilitating property affected by the fire. For more information, contact: 209-966-3431, or: [www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov).

**Media Information: (209) 742-1523.**

**Recorded evacuation/emergency services: (209) 966-1133.**

**Fire Information: 209-966-4784.**

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