



News Release

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

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FULL CONTAINMENT OF THE JUNCTION FIRE EXPECTED TONIGHT

Weaverville- The Junction Fire, which has threatened homes in the Trinity County community of Weaverville, is now 90 percent contained at 3,126 acres. Full containment of the fire is expected tonight at 8 p.m.

The fire started around noon on Saturday, July 29, about one mile east of the community of Junction City, eight miles west of Weaverville. According to officials from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, fire activity today has remained calm and uneventful. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Due to changes in highway conditions, State Highway 299 West is currently open to one-way escorted traffic.

All evacuations ordered Saturday have been lifted and threats to structures have been reduced considerably. The fire burned approximately 1,350 acres of private land, 1,400 acres of public land, and about 300 acres of land in the Shasta Trinity National Forest. Fire managers started demobilizing the 1,500-person firefighting force Monday evening; however, fire crews and equipment will remain in place as long as they are needed.

Fire officials have reported the following four injuries: one minor head injury, one minor eye injury, one cut finger from a chainsaw, and one case of severe poison oak.

The Trinity Public Utilities District is coordinating with PG&E to restore electric service to 450 customers. The utility companies hope to have power restored by late this evening.

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