

A: UNIT DESCRIPTION

The Tehama-Glenn Unit is located in the Northern Sacramento Valley. Tehama-Glenn is comprised of flat grasslands on the valley floor and steadily transitions to oak woodland, brush, chaparral and finally to large stands of conifer timber in the higher elevations located in the surrounding mountains. The area is known as a sportsman's paradise, with fishing on the Sacramento River and plenty of deer, pig, bear, turkey and water fowl hunting in the surrounding foothills

Tehama County

Tehama County is approximately 1,889,000 acres in size and has an estimated population of 62,000 permanent residents. CAL FIRE is directly responsible for 1,227,753 of those acres. The valley floor is where the vast majority of the residents live; these areas include Red Bluff City, Corning, Los Molinos, Tehama, Cottonwood, and Gerber. The fertile ground along the valley floor make Tehama and Glenn Counties a prime location for Agriculture, some of the more predominant crops grown in the counties are Olives, Almonds and Walnuts.

There are numerous communities located on the outskirts of the valley floor; many of these locations have been identified as communities at risk. Rancho Tehama, Red Bank, Paskenta, Baker, Bowman, R Ranch, Dibble Creek, Flourney, Bend, and Wilcox are some of those communities. These communities typically lie in areas of oak woodland and chaparral belt. Many of these areas are utilized by cattle ranchers, as the climate and vegetation are very conducive to running livestock.

The mountainous regions of Tehama County are located both East and West of the "Central Valley". The far West side of the county is owned predominately by the U.S. Forest Service and is under the jurisdiction of the Mendocino National Forest. There are numerous Bureau of Land Management properties scattered throughout the West side as well. The Far East side of the county is a mix of Lassen National Forest, Lassen Volcanic National Park, California Department of Fish and Game, and private timber industry lands. There are several mountain communities located both in the East and West end of the county. These communities include Manton, Paynes Creek, Ponderosa Sky Ranch, Mill Creek, Mineral, and Dales Station. Sierra Pacific Industries owns numerous large tracts of timberland on the East side, and is a major employer of the local area.

The East side has an extremely important watershed value to the central valley, and also to fish habitat. There are four major drainages which carry water from the mountains to the east all the way down to the Sacramento River. These drainages are the Antelope Creek, Mill Creek, Deer Creek, and the Battle Creek Drainages. Battle Creek is on the forefront of Salmon restoration in the Western United States, and is the site of the Coleman National Fish Hatchery.

The West side of the county has two major drainages which run east to the Sacramento River. These drainages are the Thomes Creek drainage and the Cottonwood Creek Drainage.

Glenn County



Glenn County is approximately 842,000 acres in size and has an estimated population of 29,000 permanent residents. CAL FIRE directly protects 314,146 acres of land in Glenn County. The majority of the residents in Glenn County live on the valley floor along the Interstate 5 corridor. The two main cities in Glenn County are the City of Orland, and the City of Willows, Willows being the County Seat.

Glenn County is well known for its production of olives, cotton, almonds and for its recreational value. The recreational value includes Black Butte Lake, Stony Gorge Reservoir, and the Sacramento River. Glenn County is bordered on the East side by the Sacramento River, and by the Mendocino National Forest on the west side.

Much of the land along the Sacramento River is owned either by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Fish and Game, or Nature Conservancies. The land directly adjacent to Black Butte Reservoir is owned by the Department of Defense (Army Corps of Engineers). On the West far west side of the county the majority of the ownership is the United States Forest Service, Mendocino National Forest, with some scattered Bureau of Land Management properties.



B: UNIT PREPAREDNESS AND FIREFIGHTING CAPABILITIES

Tehama Glenn Unit CAL FIRE Facilities and Equipment

Red Bluff Headquarters – 2 Engine Companies – 1 Bulldozer with Transport and Tender
Bowman Station – 1 Engine Company
Baker Station – 1 Engine Company
Red Bank Station – 1 Engine Company
Paskenta Station – 2 Engine Companies
Elk Creek Station (Glenn County) – 2 Engine Companies
Paynes Creek Station – 2 Engine Companies
Manton Station – 1 Engine Company

Vina Helitack Base – 1 UH-1H Super Huey Helicopter and 1 Helitender

Ishi Conservation Camp – 5 Inmate Fire Crews – 1 Bulldozer with Transport and Tender
Salt Creek Conservation Camp – 6 Inmate Fire Crews - 1 Bulldozer with Transport and Tender
Valley View Conservation Camp – 6 Inmate Fire Crews

Pattymocus Lookout – Unstaffed
Inskip Lookout – Staffed by U.S.F.S. seasonally
Eagle Peak Lookout - Unstaffed

Dispatch agreements

CAL FIRE currently maintains dispatch agreements with several local emergency response agencies. These agencies include the following:

Tehama County Fire Department
Red Bluff City Fire Department
Hamilton City Fire Department
Saint Elizabeth's Hospital Ambulance Dispatch

Mutual / Automatic Aid agreements

CAL FIRE currently maintains numerous Mutual and Automatic Aid agreements with local and federal entities. CAL FIRE Tehama-Glenn is very aggressive in maintaining these relationships with local and Federal agencies as this system of agreements has proven to better serve the citizens of Tehama and Glenn County's. CAL FIRE Maintains agreements with the following agencies:

Tehama County Fire Department (Auto and Mutual)
Red Bluff City Fire Department (Auto)
Corning City Fire Department (Mutual)
Capay Fire District (Mutual)
Cottonwood Fire Protection District (Mutual /Auto)
Glenn County Fire Departments (Mutual)
USFS Mendocino Forest and Lassen Forest (Auto)
Lassen Volcanic National Park (Auto)
Shasta County Fire Department (Auto/Mutual)