

# Rush Fire Update

August 20, 2012 8 am

Turman's Northern Rockies Incident Management Team

Fire Information Office:  
530-710-8568  
Staffed: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Started:** August 12, 2012 at 6:42 pm

**Cause:** Lightning

**Fuels:** Fire is burning in sagebrush, juniper, and grass

**Estimated Size:** 270,683 acres

**Containment:** 50%

**Expected Containment:** 8/25/2012

**Committed Resources:** Approximately 677 people

**Structures Threatened:** 9 (6 residences; 1 commercial; 2 outbuildings)

**Structures Damaged or Destroyed:** 1 (barn)

**Injuries:** 2 (both in fire camp)

**Location:** The fire is located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Northern California District (BLM-CA-NOD,) Eagle Lake Field Office, approximately 15 miles southeast of Ravendale, California. The fire is burning near a major natural gas line and transfer station, and power transmission lines that supply the Reno area and adjacent to Highway 395.

**Summary:** Line construction and suppression efforts will continue along the north eastern edge of the fire along the Buckhorn Road. The fire remains active along this edge. Burning operations on the southern edge of the fire near Wendel Road were successfully completed yesterday, and crews worked late into the night. Today, crews will concentrate suppression efforts along the north eastern flank, south of Buckhorn Road; the eastern edge east of the Rush Creek Ranch, and in the Wendel Road area. Additionally, crews will continue mop up and fire line construction along other areas of the fire's perimeter. Air support will available and used as needed.

Tomorrow there is a Fire Weather Watch forecasted for afternoon winds from the SW approaching 30 to 35 mph.

Today at 0600 the Northern Rockies Incident Management Team assumed command from NorCal Team 2. Transitions of this sort are common, and operations should remain seamless.

**Area and Road Closures in Effect:** On August 17, the BLM issued a closure order for public lands in the fire area to protect public health and safety. The closed area is bounded by Highway 395 on the west, the Sand Pass Road on the east, and the Wendel Road on the south. The new northern boundary for the public land closure is the Juniper Ridge, Tuledad, Stage Road, Marr Road, and Buckhorn Road extending to Nevada Highway 447 in Washoe County. Routes closed within this closure area include the Ramhorn Springs, Rye Patch Road, Buckhorn, Shinn Ranch, Stoney, Deep Cut, Smoke Creek, Skedaddle Ranch, Dry Valley, and Brubeck roads. The Ramhorn Springs Campground and the Dodge Reservoir Campground also is closed.

Travelers along the Highway 395 corridor, please use caution where fire crews and equipment are working in the fire area.

**Remarks:** Fire officials remind residents and visitors that fire restrictions are in effect for public lands and national forests in northeast California. Campfires are permitted only in posted recreation sites. Chainsaws may not be used after 1:00pm daily.



For additional fire information, please go to InciWeb @ <http://inciweb.org/incident/3151/>

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