



Shasta-Trinity National Forest
Fire Update – September 15, 2012 9:00 AM

Ward Fire Update

Ward Fire Information Phone Number: (800) 923-7316

InciWeb: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3260>

Fire Facts:

Date started: **September 11, 2012 @ 12:50 am**

Location: **1 mile northeast of Sims, CA**

Size: **550 acres**

Percent Contained: **100**

Estimated Containment Date: **09/14/2012**

Cause: **Under investigation**

Cost to Date: **\$1,500,000**

Structures Threatened: **0**

Injuries to Date: **1**

Number of Personnel: **276**

Hand Crews: **6**

Engines: **5**

Dozers: **3**

Water Tenders: **7**

Helicopters: **0**

Air Tankers: **Available as needed**

The fire is 100% contained. Fire crews will continue to mop up the fire 300' into the perimeter and focus on fire line rehabilitation. Fire suppression rehabilitation is critical in the protection of watershed areas. The fire resulted in the loss of vegetation, exposing soil to erosion and increased water runoff that may lead to flooding and high levels of sedimentation of waterways.

The forecasted weather over the fire today is predicted to have some southwesterly winds as a weather system moves over the Pacific Northwest. Temperatures will be in the high 90's, possibly into the 100-degree mark in the lower elevations of the fire area. Relative humidity is expected to be in the low teens. Crews will monitor the winds and its influence on the fire area and patrol the perimeter to make sure the fire remains within its containment lines. Smoke from the fire may be visible from Interstate 5 and local communities.

A forest road closure is being implemented to protect public and firefighter safety during the Ward Fire. The area will be closed to ensure that the public does not enter into an area that is currently threatened by fire or where suppression rehabilitation efforts may be ongoing. The roads will be closed due to hazardous conditions, such as low visibility, dust, narrow and windy road conditions and increased fire operations traffic. These closures will remain in place until the area is safe for the public. Please see the Forest Orders and closure maps at <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3260>.

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