



JAWBONE COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE Monday, August 14, 2012 8 AM

For Immediate Release
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Fire Information

Fire Status:

Location: Fire is burning in the Jawbone Recreation Area...Approximately 10 miles West of the Jawbone Visitor Center and 8 miles northeast of Sand Canyon Road

Acres Burned: 12,191 acres

Percent Contained: 30%

Cause: Lightning

Date Started: August 10, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m.

Exp. Containment: August 18, 2012

Expected Controlled: No time given

Injuries: 1

Resources:

Hand crews 21 Engines 102 Helicopters 3 Dozers 30 Water Tenders 14

Total personnel assigned to fire: 999

Current Fire Situation:

Southern California Incident Team 2 assumed command of the Jawbone Complex at 6 am on August 12, 2012. Contingency planning, favorable fire behavior conditions and progress made in line construction have diminished but not completely alleviated the threat to structures and to residences. Improving weather conditions are expected to allow firefighters the ability to make significant progress in the next few days. Firefighters are on the line tonight taking advantage of light winds and cooler temperatures.

Incident Priorities:

- To provide for firefighter and public safety and protection of property*
- To keep local residents and the general public informed in a timely fashion*
- Fight fire aggressively while minimizing the impact of fire suppression*
- Protect cultural and biologically sensitive areas*

Concerns:

The Rim fire is still an area of concern; it is located in difficult terrain with poor direct access. Darkness complicates operations at night and safety is always our first priority.

Weather and Fire Behavior

Improving conditions are predicted: wind speeds between 5-10 mph, temperatures in the 90s and reduced thunderstorm activity for the remainder of the week.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERAGENCY INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM #2

John Truett Incident Commander