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Hull Fire spreading on Hull Mountain on Upper Lake Ranger District

WILLOWS, Calif. — Aug. 22, 2020 — The lightning-caused Hull Fire is located five miles north of Lake Pillsbury on the Upper Lake District of the Mendocino National Forest. It was detected on Wednesday, Aug. 19 after several rounds of thunderstorms occurred across the forest last week. The fire is estimated at 2,000 acres.

There are 47 personnel committed to the incident including seven engine crews, one hand crew and operations managers. On Saturday, fire personnel will use direct suppression tactics and construct handline where possible.

The fire is burning in timber on the north and east aspects of Hull Mountain and is active in Hull Creek, backing down into Rattlesnake Creek and spreading north along Panther Ridge. The fire is threatening cabins to the south and other private property may become threatened as the fire progresses northward.

Air Quality: Smoke in the community of Potter Valley and the Pillsbury Subdivision has degraded air quality. A known sensitive air quality area is located east of the fire in the Snow Mountain Wilderness.

Weather: The forecast shows hot and dry conditions continuing with a chance of lightning again for Sunday through Tuesday. Temperatures will range from 75 to 80 degrees on the ridges.

Closures: There is an area closure in place due to the fire activity in the August Complex. The Forest Order and map are posted on the forest website: <https://tinyurl.com/yxnh2lkt>. Incident information is posted on InciWeb at <https://tinyurl.com/y2temre4>.

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