

NorCal 2 Type II  
Interagency Incident Management Team  
Rush Fire  
CA-BLM-NOD  
Ravendale, California

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



For Immediate Release: August 16, 2012 @ 8:00 am

## RUSH FIRE UPDATE

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

**Cause:** Lightning

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

**Estimated Size:** 140,949 acres

**Containment:** 25%

**Expected Containment:** 8/19/2012

**Committed Resources:** Approximately 424 people

**Structures Threatened:** 36 (30 residences; 1 commercial; 5 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.

**Summary:** The fire is active on the northwest and southern edges and is expected to continue to spread in these areas. Firefighters continue to work with dozers to secure the southern and western edges of the fire. Today, fire crews will focus on securing the northwestern edge of the fire by utilizing burnouts operations, as conditions permit, in an effort to secure the line. Fire crews continue to mop-up hot spots along the east and west flanks of the fire perimeter.

Voluntary evacuations of structures along eastern side of Highway 395 continue. Structure protection is being implemented by fire crews. Residents along Mail Route/County Road 502 and Garate Road were notified that voluntary evacuations for that area are in effect. The fire is currently within ½ mile of US Route (Highway) 395.

**Area and Road Closures in Effect:** Effective today, Rye Patch Road is closed to the public due to active fire activity. On August 14, 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, Shinn Ranch, Stoney, Deep Cut, Smoke Creek, Skedaddle Ranch, Dry Valley, and Brubeck roads. The Ramhorn Springs Campground also is closed.

Travelers along the Highway 395 corridor, please use caution near the fire crews and equipment working in the fire area. Highway 395 may be closed due to fire activity. Please check for current road conditions with CalTrans at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/cgi-bin/roads.cgi> or 800-427-7623.

**Notice:** This evening, there will be a community meeting for fire area residents, at 7:00pm at the Mormon LDS Church of Standish located at 710-045 Highway 395 in Standish.



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