

# Rush Fire Update

Wednesday, August 22, 2012 8 am

Northern Rockies Incident Management Team – Doug Turman, IC

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:** 313,911 acres  
**Containment:** 60%  
**Expected Containment:** 8/28/2012  
**Committed Resources:** Approximately 832 people  
**Structures Threatened:** 39 (20 residences; 1 commercial; 18 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. The fire started approximately 15 miles southeast of Ravendale, California and is now measured to be about 42 miles long and 16 miles wide and is completely east of Highway 395.

**Summary:** Last night firefighters made excellent progress in the northeast part of the fire near the SOB/Burnt Lake areas. They completed fireline from Buckhorn Road to Burnt Lake. Today's efforts will focus on constructing fireline between Burnt Lake and Painter Flat. Aircraft (small air tankers and helicopters) will be used to help firefighters in this effort. Suppression repair will begin today on the southeast end of the Rush Fire.

**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. On August 21<sup>st</sup> Washoe County closed the Buffalo Meadows Road to public use. This will allow firefighters better access and help protect firefighter and public safety.

Travelers along the Highway 395 corridor, please use caution where fire crews and equipment are working. Travelers along all open routes close to the fire area should be very watchful for wildlife and livestock that has been displaced due to the fire. Reduce your speeds and stay alert, especially while driving during dusk, dawn and night time hours.

**Remarks:** NOTE: Use of chainsaws on public lands managed by BLM in NE California and far northwest Nevada is suspended effective Monday, Aug. 20, due to extreme fire danger. Fire officials remind residents and visitors that fire restrictions are in effect for public lands and national forests in northeast California and far northwest Nevada. Campfires are permitted only in posted recreation sites.



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