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Fork Complex Morning Update

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Date Started: July 30, 2015 **Cause:** Lightning **Size:** 36,473 acres **Containment:** 73%

Structures Destroyed: Residences 8, other buildings 4

Firefighter injuries to date: 12

Total Personnel: 1,970

Fire Resources: 54 crews, 6 helicopters, 130 engines, 28 bulldozers, 35 water tenders

Current Fire Situation:

There was little fire activity across the Fork Complex last night. Suppression repair activities have begun. Firefighters continue to make great progress on the south and southeast side of the Shiell Fire, where crews have been mopping up and holding containment lines.

East winds will provide clearer skies, allowing aircraft to make water drops on the east side of the Shiell Fire in the Chancelulla Wilderness. Existing containment lines are being reinforced along roads near the Wilderness' north and east boundaries. Additional containment lines are being constructed to contain the Fire within the Wilderness using Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST).

The Fork Complex went out of Unified Command with Cal Fire at 7:00 a.m. this morning. California Interagency Incident Management Team 1 (McGowan) is now in command of both the Fork and South complexes.

California National Guard soldiers trained to fight wildfires are assisting in firefighting efforts on the Fork and South complex fires through Sunday.

As many evacuations and road closures end, people returning to these areas are urged to be cautious. There is still a lot of fire equipment on roadways and there may be rocks and other hazards on the roads.

For a high quality map showing the Fork, South, River, Route, and Mad River complexes, visit: 1.usa.gov/1TrKXxc. Photographs of the Fork Complex incident and response are available on Flickr: [flic.kr/s/aHskijPhaN](https://www.flickr.com/photos/aHskijPhaN/).

Forest Closure Order #14-15-05 prohibits the public from going into or on National Forest System lands within the Fork Complex. Inquiries about the forest closure can be directed to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest at (530) 226-2500.

Evacuations and Road Closures:

The Trinity County Sheriff has updated evacuations and road closures. Among other changes, evacuations for Wildwood and Tule Creek areas have been changed from mandatory to advisory. For a complete list of evacuation and road closure information, visit: www.trinitycounty.org/.

Air Quality and Smoke Information:

Detailed air quality and smoke information is available at: ncuaqmd.org/index.php?page=wildfire%20 or californiasmokeinfo.blogspot.com.

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