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Shasta-Trinity
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Fire Update

For Immediate Release

General Area Fire Information: 530/628-0039, 8am-8pm

South Complex Fire: 530/628-0093, 7am to 10pm

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SOUTH COMPLEX August 18, 2015, 8 P.M. Update

SOUTH COMPLEX STATISTICS

Acres Burned: estimated 22,037
Cause: Lightning
Date Started: July 29-31, 2015
Percent Contained: 35%
Firefighter injuries to date: 0

Resources

Crews: 15	Water Tenders: 28
Engines: 135	Dozers: 23
Helicopters: 2	
Air Tankers: 1	
Total Resources: 1,181	

Current fire situation:

A heavy inversion stayed over the fire again today, moderating fire behavior and diminishing visibility.

Crews continued today to hold and mop up the line along Forest Road 5N60 on the west side of the Castle Fire. The west edge of the Castle Fire downriver from Salmon Rock continued to back slowly toward the river. Some good consumption has been observed in the vegetation on the steep slopes, but potential for rollout and re-ignition is high, and crews will continue to be stationed up and down the Lower South Fork Road to watch for spot fires across the river and provide point protection structures should it become necessary. The northwestern and northern lines of the Castle Fire continued to hold well, and crews were in the area today cold trailing the perimeter (feeling the edge of a burning area with the hand and digging out or trenching round burning spots) to make sure that the fire is completely out.

Firefighters south of Forest Road 3N47 west of Corral Bottom got some good work done reinforcing line with firing operations until conditions became too hot and dry. They held the line for the afternoon and will continue burning in there tonight as cooler temperatures set in.

The thick smoke in the area made most aerial firefighting impossible, but air attack was able to get into the sky briefly over the Pattison Fire, which is still moving southward and is now believed to be on both sides of Gates Creek. Engines were in place at the Bar 717 Ranch today (along with the property across the river) to do point protection if necessary. Containment line from the leading western edge of the Pattison Fire (north of Rays Peak) down to Forest Road 5N60 was completed today.

Fires by Acre:

Castle: 14,550

Pattison: 7175

York (includes the Mill Fire): 300

Evacuations and Closures

A **NEW Forest Closure (Order No. 14-15-05) (which includes areas inside the South Complex) is currently in effect.** The closure prohibits going into or being upon National Forest System lands within the Fork, South, Route and Mad River Complex Fire Closure Areas on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. For more information on the Forest Closure, please visit the [Shasta Trinity National Forest](#).

THE FOLLOWING LIST INCLUDES ALL CURRENT HYAMPOM AREA EVACUATIONS AND CLOSURES*

Evacuations current 8pm, August 18, 2015

- Garrett Road to the Hyampom Air Strip (REDUCED TO VOLUNTARY)
- Skunk Ranch area
- Corral Bottom Road west of the intersection with the 16 continuing onto the 60 road to the Four Corners area.
- Castle Rock Area-residences in the area of Underwood Mountain Road, Castle Rock and Hog Ranch including 5N40 Road, 5N07 Road, 5N09 Road, Big Lake, Hidden Lake, to 5N60 Road to Mill Creek Road.

Road Closures:

Hyampom Area: (In case of evacuation, these routes will not be accessible.)

- Corral Bottom Road west of the 16
- On the Underwood Mountain Road, Four Corners area
- 60 Road north of Hyampom (closed past the school)

**Subject to change.*

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