



# Helena-Fork Fire Update

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Fire Information: 530-628-0039 8am to 8pm / helenafireinfo@gmail.com

Helena and Fork Fire <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5564>



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The Helena Fire continues to burn near Junction City and Weaverville, CA. The Fork Fire is located north of Monument Peak and southwest of East Fork Lakes in the Trinity Alps Wilderness.

**Helena Fire – Size:** 17,927 acres      **Cause:** Human - under investigation

**Fork Fire – Size:** 3,532 acres      **Cause:** Lightning

**Helena-Fork Resources:**      **Engines:** 14      **Crews:** 16      **Dozers:** 8      **Water Tenders:** 5  
**Helicopters:** 2      **Total Personnel:** 582

**Containment-** 85%

**Status:** NorCal Team 2 will transition command of the Helena and Fork Fires to a Type 3 Team as of 7am on Monday, September 25, 2017. Today will be the last update for the Helena and Fork Fires. However, information will be updated as needed at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5564> and on Facebook and Twitter. Please contact the fire information line at 530-628-0039 if you would like to be added to the update distribution list. (Updates will be provided only as conditions change.) The fire information line will continue to be staffed as needed.

The fire showed only a very few isolated hot spots yesterday well inside the current perimeter. However, residents should expect to see smoke inside the fire area as unburned islands of vegetation continue to ignite. Today, crews will keep watching for rolling material which can threaten lines, and for any other hot spots. They will improve and mop up lines as needed. The fire will be continuously staffed through the team transition and into the future.

**Weather and Smoke:** The current weather pattern, with cool mornings and warm afternoons will continue for the next few days. Winds are expected to be light and terrain-driven.

**Other Area Fires:** Buck Fire Information is available on InciWeb at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/unit/3/>.

**Forest Closure Order:** A [Forest Closure Order](#) remains in effect for National Forest Lands impacted by the Helena and Fork Fires on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. This order is for firefighter and public safety and will remain in effect until the Helena and Fork Fires are declared out. **The forest closure order also applies to hunters.**

**Wilderness/Recreation Access:** The BLM Junction City Campground and Bagdad River Access on Highway 299, as well as the Grapevine Swimming Hole on East Fork Road, are closed. A complete [list of roads and trails](#) affected by the forest closure is available on <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov>. The Shasta-Trinity National Forest website lists [all recreation sites](#) on the Forest to provide alternative recreational opportunities. Please note: Pigeon Point Campground and River Access are open.

**Fire Restrictions:** Despite recent weather changes, fire restrictions remain in effect on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Please check <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/stnf/alerts-notice> for alerts and notices.