



Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests

Monument Fire Update

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Fire Information: 530-628-0039, 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Email: 2021.monument@firenet.gov

Monument Fire Website: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7750

Facebook: [@ShastaTrinityNF](https://www.facebook.com/ShastaTrinityNF) and [@SixRiversNF](https://www.facebook.com/SixRiversNF)

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People and Equipment: 486 personnel, 9 hand crews, 22 engines, 1 helicopter, 7 bulldozers, 8 water tenders, 2 masticators, 10 excavators, 2 skidders

Current Situation: The Monument Fire is 223,124 acres with 94% containment. The active Monument Fire threat has diminished. The main concerns now are the unstable slopes and hazard trees near homes and critical travel routes. Emergency suppression repair work is being done to stabilize areas that have been impacted by suppression activities and to return the land back to pre-fire conditions as much as possible. This includes mitigating the firelines that were built – dozerlines, handlines etc. by pulling brush over exposed ground, removing any berms that were built and adding water bars to reduce the erosion potential of future rain events. Hazard tree mitigation along major roads is also part of this work; dead trees are being cut down now to keep the roads open in the future.

Most of this work has been completed in the northern portion of the fire; the Willow Creek fire camp is being shut down today. Suppression repair and hazard tree mitigation will be finished by the end of today in this area. In the center of the burn area, near Big Bar, work is continuing along the 16 Road in the form of hazard tree removal. To the east, suppression repair efforts are focused on Felter's Gulch and Oregon Gulch near Junction City. Work is in progress in the southern part of the fire area east of Hayfork including Grassy Flats, the 07 Road, Indian Valley, Buck Gulch and the Tule area.

Weather and Fire Behavior: Warm and dry conditions will continue today with high temperatures in the 70's over the fire area and in the 80's in the lower elevation areas. Daytime humidity will be in the 15 – 25% range. South winds of 4 to 8 mph with gusts up to 12 mph along the upper slopes and ridgelines are expected. A cold front will be moving through the area tomorrow in mid-afternoon.

Forest Closure: The Shasta-Trinity National Forest issued a [superseding Forest closure order](#) with a [map](#) on October 2, 2021 that opens up areas on the western and northwestern flanks of the Monument Fire. Please see the order for specific roads and trails still closed. National Forest closures near the Monument and other fires remain in effect to keep local communities and the firefighters safe. All closure orders and maps are on the [Shasta-Trinity National Forest website home page](#). Before visiting the Forest, please check the order and avoid closed areas.

Road Closures and Restrictions (Trinity County):

Denny Road is closed at the intersection of Ziegler Point Road.

Forest Service Road 3N08 (Butter Creek) is closed.

Big Creek Road, Soldier Creek Road, Barker Valley Road and Barker Creek Road are closed.

Big French Creek Road and Big Mountain Road are closed.

Travel on Highway 299 from Mill Camp Road in Burnt Ranch to 0.7 miles west of Del Loma is restricted to one-way controlled traffic with pilot car escorts every 90 minutes from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. Monday through Friday and every 60 minutes Saturday and Sunday. Each night one-way traffic will be controlled with delays of 40 minutes. To check on current highway conditions, see <https://roads.dot.ca.gov/>.

A [temporary flight restriction](#) is in effect for the Monument Fire.

Disaster Loans Available: Business Physical Disaster Loans, Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Home Disaster Loans are available through the U.S. Small Business Administration for qualifying applicants in Trinity County affected by the Monument or other wildfires. You can find information and apply online at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov>, call the Small Business Administration's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email distastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

Other Fires: For questions about the River Complex Fire, please call the River Complex Fire Information Line at 707-596-6075 or email 2021.river@firenet.gov. Information about the River Complex can be found on InciWeb at www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7760.

For questions about the Fawn or Maxwell Fire, please call the Cal Fire Shasta-Trinity Unit at 530-225-2418. For the Fawn Fire, visit <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2021/9/22/fawn-fire/> and for the Maxwell Fire see <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2021/10/5/maxwell-fire/>.