



## Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests

# Monument Fire Update

Monday, October 18, 2021

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

P.M. Email: [2021.monument@firenet.gov](mailto:2021.monument@firenet.gov)

Monument Fire Website:

[inciweb.nwecg.gov/incident/7750](http://inciweb.nwecg.gov/incident/7750) Facebook:

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

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**People and Equipment:** 497 personnel, 10 hand crews, 22 engines, 1 helicopter, 6 bulldozers, 8 water tenders, 1 masticators, 11 excavators, 2 skidders

**Current Situation:** The Monument Fire is holding steady at 94% containment and 223,124 acres. No additional fire growth is expected; the 6% of uncontained line is in the Trinity Alps Wilderness along a rocky ridge and there has been no movement in this area for at least a week. Emergency suppression repair work continues to stabilize areas that have been impacted by firefighting efforts. The intent is to return the land back to pre-fire conditions as much as possible. Crews will typically place brush over exposed ground of the firelines, remove berms and piles that were built by heavy equipment and create erosion reducing features like water bars to better protect the land from upcoming rain events and the winter season. Trees damaged by the fire along roads are being cut now so they won't fall and block roads later.

Suppression repair work on the north side will be completed today and repair efforts will be focused on the south and eastern areas of the fire footprint. For this reason, Willow Creek Spike Camp has been closed and Weaverville Spike Camp will close in a few days. All remaining resources will eventually move to Hayfork Spike Camp until all work is completed or is halted by rain and winter weather.

Hazard tree removal will continue along the 16 Road south of Big Bar and along Big Creek and Soldier Creek roads. Suppression repair work will continue in the Indian Valley and Tule area. Suppression repair along Slattery Ridge near Junction City will be completed today along with the Sims Gap area in the southern part of the fire footprint.

**Weather and Fire Behavior:** Today and at least the first half of Tuesday will remain dry and cool. A second stronger front is then forecast to move across the area later on Tuesday with some light rain possible Tuesday afternoon. Regardless, this front looks to be quite wet, with rain possible in the southern part of the area. In addition, southerlies are forecast to be stronger with this front. Current guidance suggests that winds will remain sub-advisory, but some gusts in the 40s will be possible over area ridges. Little to no increase in fire behavior is expected across the fire area.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:2021.river@firenet.gov). Information about the River Complex can be found in InciWeb at [www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7760](http://www.inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7760).

For questions about the Fawn or Maxwell Fires, 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/>.