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Summary of fires in Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests

Summary: There was minimal growth of fires within the complexes yesterday and containment continues to slowly increase. The current 28 fires within the six complexes have burned approximately 133,168 acres since the late July lightning event. The hard work by firefighters is showing success even with recent gusty winds, drought-influenced fuels, challenging terrain and many fires to fight.

Firefighting resources assigned to the fires have increased in the past week. Total personnel have increased from 4,400 to a current 5,200. Fire resources have increased as follows: 74 crews to 90 with an increase of 19 Hotshot Crews (currently 44); 320 engines to 520; six helicopters to 12; and 72 dozers to 83. Management of the complexes by Incident Management Teams (IMT) is undergoing transition with the arrival of new IMTs. That process involves detailed in-briefings, shadowing with the current IMTs, and then assuming command of the incidents. Normally IMTs rotate every 14 days, take two days for rest and recuperation, and then become available for new assignments, either in California or potentially across the nation.

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest has a Forest closure for the following fire areas: River, Fork, South, Route and Mad River Complexes. The Six Rivers National Forest has issued an area closure for the Gasquet Complex. There are also a number of road and trail closures on the four complexes within the forest. For specific descriptions, refer to the specific incident page on inciweb <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/state/5/> or www.fs.usda.gov/stnf/ or www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/srnf/alerts-notices.

The Joint Information Center provides information for the fires being managed by Incident Management Teams for the Shasta-Trinity and Six Rivers National Forests. Information is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. by calling 530-628-0039.

Detailed fire information is available by calling the respective Incident Management Teams information numbers or at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov>. Smoke information is available at www.ncuaqmd.org or www.airnow.gov.

River Complex (530) 276-8559 Acres: 32,880 Containment: 18% Personnel: 736

There are currently three fires in the complex. The Great Basin Incident Management Team #2 led by Incident Commander Chris Ourada assumed command today. The IMT will join the South Complex fire managers at a public meeting at Burnt Ranch School today at 6 p.m. The fire has continued to burn at a low intensity, while consuming surface fuels in the Denny area. Fire weakened trees and rolling boulders continue to impact Denny Road. Today, firefighters will assess trails and natural barriers on the northwest flank along the wilderness boundary and tie those barriers into fire lines created during the 2013 Corral Complex. Detailed road and evacuation information is at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4431>.

South Complex (530) 628-0093 Acres: 17,234 Containment: 20% Personnel: 969

The complex consists of five fires. A public meeting will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, August 14, at the Hyampom VFD. Another public meeting also will be held Friday, August 14 at 6 p.m. at the Burnt Ranch School. Moderate fire activity was observed last night. Crews will continue work on proposed containment and contingency lines in the Corral Creek area today. The north edge of the fire held well last night and crews burned out around structures in Corral Bottom. The York and Mill fires still have considerable unburned vegetation inside containment lines and today's hotter temperatures may result in increased fire activity. Detailed road and evacuation information is also at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4428>.

Gasquet Complex (707) 925-3172 Acres: 3,069 Containment: 29% Personnel: 634

There are currently six fires being managed within the complex. A Six Rivers National Forest Area Closure is now in effect. It will likely remain in effect until the fires are fully suppressed. Details of the area boundary can be found on the Inciweb site listed below. Two base camp tours will be offered on Saturday, August 15 at 10 am and noon. Those interested in attending should call (707) 925-3172. Burnout is planned on the Coon Fire this afternoon, which will increase visible smoke. Steep terrain and heavy fuel loading make fireline construction very slow. All fires continue to back downslope into the drainages. Detailed information is available at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4444>.

Mad River Complex (707) 574-6289 Acres: 21,955 Containment: 50% Personnel: 1,243

There are currently three fires being managed within the complex. On the Lassic Fire, crews held the firelines last night. The goal is to limit fire growth to the northwest and the populated Swayback Ridge area. Crews on the Gobbler Fire are mopping up in preparation for the road closures and evacuations being lifted. Fire weakened trees falling on roads continue to be a safety concern. On the Pickett Fire, crews held the firelines last night on the northeast flank near Forest Glen. The fire spotted across Highway 36 yesterday but was successfully mopped up last night. Structure protection

engines and hose lays are in place for the Forest Glen area. Detailed information on road closures and evacuations is available at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4436>.

Route Complex (707) 574-6865 Acres: 26,910 Containment: 27% Personnel: 915

There are currently three fires being managed within the complex (Johnson, Buck, Chance). On the Johnson Fire last night, firefighters continued a burnout along the southern and eastern edges. Dozer lines were improved on the west flank. The Chance and Buck Fires have complete containment lines and crews will continue to monitor any remaining fire activity. The Northern Rockies Type 1 Incident Management Team will assume command of the complex on Saturday. They will work with the current IMT today to ensure a smooth transition. Detailed road closure information is available at: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4447>.

Fork Complex (530) 324-5145 Acres: 30,154 Containment: 32% Personnel: 2,411

There are currently eight fires being managed within the complex under Unified Command with CAL FIRE and the U.S. Forest Service. The fires remained active last night as forecasted. The Shiehl Fire had low fire activity on the east but remained active on all other perimeters. Crews were able to burn out approximately a mile and a half of new line along Wildwood Road and contained slopover in the Gemmill Gulch area. Winds are predicted to come from the northwest today and may prompt flare-ups and increased smoke. The Tule Creek area is still under a mandatory evacuation and road closure. Specific evacuation and road closure information is available at www.trinitycounty.org or <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4428>.