



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERAGENCY

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 1

Sherwin Fire Update **August 7, 2008 (8:00 AM)**

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| Sherwin Fire | Location: Mammoth Lakes, California – 2 miles southeast of town | | |
| Acres Burned: | 347 | Structures Threatened: | 30 |
| Containment: | 78% | Structures Destroyed: | 0 |
| Fire Started: | August 3, 2008 11:45 a.m. | Injuries: | 2 |
| Cause: | Human, remains under investigation | | |
| Total personnel assigned to the Fire: | | 603 | |

Summary

On Sunday August 3rd at approximately 1145 AM, the Sherwin Fire started in the Sherwin Lakes area 2 miles southeast of Mammoth Lakes. Firefighters on the ground from multiple agencies went into action with support from fixed-wing and rotary wing aircraft to suppress the fire. Wind caused the fire to spread in a north east direction away from the town of Mammoth Lakes.

The fire was human caused. The details are under investigation. If anyone was in the Sherwin Lakes area on Saturday, August 2nd or Sunday, August 3rd and has any information, you're asked to call the U.S. Forest Service fire investigator Paul Meyers at (760) 924-5536.

Last night firefighters continued their efforts to construct and reinforce fire lines around the fire. Weather is expected to be favorable today allowing firefighters to capitalize on the yesterdays good progress. Firefighters will continue to complete a fire line around the fire while extending hose lines further into the fire to mop-up and extinguish hot spots near the fires perimeter. Full containment is expected at 6 pm on Friday August 8th.

Evacuations remain in effect for the Sherwin Creek Campground, Laurel Springs Camp, and the YMCA camp. Sherwin Creek Road is closed from Old mammoth Road to Laurel Creek Truck trail. Wilderness trailheads at Sherwin Lakes and Valentine Lake remain closed. No wilderness permits are being issued for these trailheads.

The incident command post is located at Mammoth High School. Agencies assisting the USFS on the fire include CAL FIRE, Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District, Long Valley Fire Department Protection District, Mono County Sheriffs Department, Mammoth Lakes Police Department, CHP, and the city of Mammoth Lakes.

Contact: Fire Information (760) 934- 8054

Information is also available at www.inciweb.org reference Sherwin Fire