



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERAGENCY

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 1

Sherwin Fire Update **August 6, 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: | 57% | Structures Destroyed: | 0 |
| Fire Started: | August 3, 2008 11:45 a.m. | Injuries: | 1 |
| Cause: | Human, remains under investigation | | |
| Total personnel assigned to the Fire: 625 | | | |

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 has caused the fire to spread in a north east direction away from the town of Mammoth Lakes.

The fire was human caused and remains 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.

Evacuations remain in effect for the Sherwin Creek Campground, Laurel Springs Camp, and the YMCA camp. Sherwin Creek Road remains closed as well as wilderness trailheads at Convict Lake, Sherwin Lakes, Valentine Lake and Laurel Pass. No wilderness permits are being issued for these trailheads.

No new fire spread is expected. Crews continue to make progress constructing and reinforcing the containment line around the fire. Mop-up operations have begun. Weather is a concern as thunderstorms remain in the area. Thunderstorms to the fire area would bring wind gusts, increased chances of lightning strikes and very little rain.

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