

NorCal2
Type II
Interagency Incident Management Team
Mill Fire
Stonyford, California

Fire Info Line: 530-963-3128
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www.inciweb.org/incident/2998/



July 10, 2012, 8:00 pm

Mill Fire Update

Summary: Firefighters continue to build and reinforce containment lines around the fire perimeter. Mop up and "cold-trailing" (physically checked for residual heat) was started on the northwest end of the fire. Steep terrain and fire behavior pose challenges for firefighters, minimizing line construction opportunities on the south flank. While active fire behavior with short range spotting occurred on the south flank, the north flank continued to burn out in heavy fuels with minimal fire spread.

Tonight, the fire is predicted to burn actively at higher elevations, due to moderate humidity recovery and nighttime winds. While minimal fire spread is expected along the north flank of the fire, continued movement is expected on the south and east flanks of the fire where terrain and wind continue to influence fire behavior.

Efforts are being made to protect natural and cultural resources, and recreation opportunities by preventing damage to wet meadows, riparian areas, wildlife habitat and cultural properties.

The Mendocino County Air Quality Management District has issued an Air Quality Advisory for Covelo/Round Valley and the Mendocino County portion of the Mendocino National Forest due to smoke from the various fires in the region.

Time/Date Started: July 7, 2012

Location: Mendocino National Forest, north and east of Letts Lake

Cause: Under investigation

Containment: 30%

Fuels: Timber, brush

Structures Destroyed: 5 outbuildings

Size: 16,000 acres

Cost: \$2,200,000

Injuries: 2

Resources Committed: 15 Type 1 crews, 5 Type 2 crews, 7 helicopters, 91 engines, 20 dozers, 12 water tenders. Total personnel = 1,114.

Predicted Weather: Hot and dry conditions will persist through the next several days with moderate south to southwest winds and low humidity.

Closures:

- A closure order remains in effect for the Mendocino National Forest for all roads and trails in the recreation area outside Stonyford on the south central portion of the Grindstone Ranger District. The closure order can be found on the internet at: www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/mendocino/alerts-notices.

Evacuations:

- Evacuations are in effect for the communities of Fouts Springs, Bonnie View, and Board Camp Springs and campgrounds within the Upper Letts Lake area.
- Portions of the community of Stonyford are under voluntary evacuation,
- The Fouts Spring Road (The M10 Road) is closed at Stonyford.
- The Goat Mountain Road is closed at the Stonyford Lodoga Road.
- The Lake View Loop Road to the Goat Mountain Road is under voluntary evacuation.
- An Advisory has been issued to residents west of the Stonyford Lodoga Road between Stonyford and Goat Mountain Road to be prepared for a possible evacuation.

Public Meeting:

- A public meeting was held at the Stonyford Grange Hall today, July 10 at 7 p.m. Members of NorCal Team 2 and the Mendocino National Forest provided an operational update and smoke information at that time.

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