



# Tahoe National Forest American Fire Statistics

Wednesday, August 14, 2013 – 9 p.m.

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Info Center: 530-367-6223

Hours of Operation: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Fire Name:** American

**Location:** Approximately 17 miles northeast of Foresthill in the Tahoe National Forest in a remote area with steep and rugged terrain.

**Start/Reported Date:** 8/10/2013 in the afternoon and reported via the Duncan Peak Lookout Tower.

**Current Size:** 3,950 acres

**Containment:** 10 percent

**Resources:** Approximately 875 personnel including 37 hand crews, 22 engines, 7 water tenders, five helicopters, five dozers, and air tankers as available.

#### **Advisories:**

- Smoke continues to affect air quality in a wide area surrounding the fire area: the Highway 80 corridor, Lake Tahoe Basin, the Sacramento Valley, and surrounding foothills. Officials advise people to take appropriate precautions concerning smoke. Several counties have issued air quality advisories.
- Those planning to visit area campgrounds and other recreation sites may also experience intermittent heavy smoke, especially in the evening and early morning hours.
- People are being asked to stay out of the fire area for their own safety and the safety of firefighting personnel.
- The Foresthill community is not in danger.

#### **Other Information:**

- Today the fire was active on both the north and south ends, burning north up the drainage and south to the Grouse Creek Trail. The hotter and drier weather contributed to increased fire activity today.
- Tonight firefighters will prepare the line for defensive firing operations along the north end of Deadwood Road.
- On the southeast side of the fire, firefighters continue to protect historic mining structures.
- Firefighters continue to make progress in establishing anchor points and improving lines.
- The fire is burning in steep terrain in dense timber in an area that has not burned in several decades, which is contributing to the heavy smoke.
- The Forest, the timber industry, local agencies, and private landowners are collaborating to establish a strategy and tactics to minimize impacts on resources under contract, special uses under permit, and local communities.
- Full suppression efforts are in progress. Firefighter and public safety are the first priorities.