



Tahoe National Forest American Fire Update

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 – 9 a.m.

For further information visit:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/tahoe/> or <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3624/>

Info Center: 530-367-8020 (new number) 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Fire Name: American

Location: The fire is approximately 10 air miles northeast of Foresthill, CA, in steep, rugged terrain. While the fire is predominantly burning on the Tahoe National Forest within the North Fork of the Middle Fork American River drainage, there is a potential, given changes in weather or fire behavior, for the fire to threaten areas near Foresthill.

Current Size: 14,990 acres **Containment:** 54 percent **Structures Destroyed:** 3 outbuildings

Resources: 51 hand crews, 71 engines, 42 water tenders, 40 dozers, 13 helicopters, and air tankers as available. Total personnel: 1,813

Start Date: 8/10/2013 **Cause:** Under Investigation

Current Information:

Active fire behavior continues on the eastern and southern flanks of the fire. Overnight, crews continued to build hand and dozer line to contain the active fire while evaluating future containment options. Firefighters will mop up and patrol containment line along Deadwood Road and Foresthill Divide Road south to the dozer line. Indirect line construction and mop up will continue down Deadwood Ridge. On the east side near Antoine, Manila, and Screwauger canyons, direct and indirect line construction will continue, with support of retardant drops.

Active fire behavior and rollout of burning material continue to be of concern and will be closely monitored. Strong, erratic outflow winds and lightning may occur today, as the National Weather Service's Red Flag Warning remains in effect until 11 p.m. Wednesday.

Active fire behavior in very steep, inaccessible terrain makes preparation of contingency lines critical. Indirect attack is the safest way to manage fire in areas of steep and difficult terrain.

Advisories:

Duncan Peak Lookout and Robinson Flat Campground remain closed. The Placer County Sheriff has closed the Foresthill Divide Road beginning past the turnoff to Christmas Tree Lodge, which is northeast of Foresthill. The Tahoe National Forest has issued a closure order for the fire area that is posted on the Forest web site at <http://tinyurl.com/mvx4w3c>.

Smoke continues to adversely affect air quality. People with respiratory problems should avoid exposure to smoke and minimize outdoor activity. For more smoke information, go to www.placer.ca/apcd.

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