



HAT CREEK COMPLEX

Lassen NF

Fire Information Number: 530-336-5521

www.fs.fed.us/r5/lassen/
www.inciweb.org/incident/1788



Tuesday, August 11, 2009 – 9:00 am

Today's Update: Today, Bovey's Type 3 Incident Management Team assumed command of the Hat Creek Complex and will continue suppression and repair operations throughout the week.

Please note that the fire information phone number has changed to the Hat Creek Ranger District office in Fall River Mills.

The Hat Creek Complex includes three large fires and 34 small fires, all on the Hat Creek Ranger District. The three large fires are the Butte Fire, Brown Fire, and the Sugarloaf Fire. The 34 smaller fires are all controlled or out. Demobilization of excess resources continues. Last week, the Brown Fire threatened 30 structures near Hat Creek and the Sugarloaf Fire threatened approximately 100 structures near Old Station.

Today, firefighters will continue to mop-up hot spots and strengthen containment lines. Additionally, fire suppression repair will continue on the Brown and Sugarloaf Fires along with patrol and mop-up of the 34 smaller fires.

Estimated Total Complex Size: 11,269 acres **Estimated Total Complex Containment:** 90%

Estimated Individual Fire Size / Containment:

Sugarloaf Fire: 9,356 acres / 90% **Brown Fire:** 1,865 acres / 100% **Butte Fire:** 48 acres / 100%

Estimated Complex Containment Date: 8/12/2009

Estimated Cost to Date: \$7,700,000 **Cause:** Lightning **Injuries:** 5

Resources: 6 crews, 2 helicopters, 6 engines, 1 dozer, 6 water tenders **Total Personnel:** 300

Evacuations: All evacuations lifted.

Closures: There are currently no campground closures in the Hat Creek Recreation Area. Please be advised that firefighters continue to extinguish hot spots and fall hazard trees within close proximity to local campgrounds.

The Lassen National Forest has closed a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail through the fire areas – between Twin Bridges and Baum Lake. For current trail conditions, go to www.pcta.org

Although all roads in the area are open, motorists are advised to use extreme caution as fire crews are still working in the area. Additionally, motorists will see some residual smoldering and smoke when driving through the fire area.

Remarks: All electric power and telephone services have been restored to the communities in the Hat Creek Valley affected by the fires. State Route highways 89 and 44, in Shasta and Lassen counties, are currently open.

By participating in the local fire safe council and taking responsibility to complete their defensible space requirements, local residents greatly assisted the firefighting efforts. Their pre-incident actions contributed to the success of structure protection on the Hat Creek Complex, and as a result no homes or outbuildings were destroyed.