



Sheering Fire

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Sunday July 7th @ 1000

LOCATION: Stanislaus National Forest

ACRES: 494

INJURIES/ACCIDENTS: 2 (minor)

DATE STARTED: June 24, 2024

PERCENT CONTAINED: 12%

TOTAL PERSONNEL: 154

Fire Resources include: 6 Hand Crews, 1 Helicopter, 6 Engines, 1 Dozer, 1 Water Tender

CURRENT SITUATION: The northeastern flank of the fire adjacent to Forest Road 3N01 continues to be the most active area of the fire, experiencing creeping, smoldering and some isolated torching. As the fire moved north, firefighters burned from Forest Road 3N01 back into the fire, widening the containment line and burning out some of the remaining interior pockets of fuels. The fire is burning between Forest Roads 2N85 and 3N01.

Most of the fire area continues to experience low to moderate fire behavior and a slow rate of spread. Dozer line has been completed on the southeast side of the fire and crews worked yesterday putting in a hose lay along this line. The line is connected all the way to Forest Road 2N29, above Bourland Creek. The fire is still hung up in the Lost Creek drainage with little forward progression. The high amount of large down woody material and snags in this area is still holding a lot of heat and has potential for additional fire activity. An Unmanned Aerial System (UAS or drone) is being used to detect areas of high intensity heat and to ensure no fire has moved outside the fire perimeter.

The high numbers of standing dead trees remains a threat to fire lines and firefighters. Fuel consumption in the burn area is highly variable. Many of the brushy areas (white thorn and greenleaf manzanita) remain unburned.

Today firefighters will continue to hold and improve the fire lines, including felling snags and mopping up to widen the lines. A hose lay is also being placed along Forest Road 2N85. To mitigate active fire behavior and secure the fire lines along the northeastern edge of the fire. If conditions allow, crews will utilize firing operations to consume unburned fuels within the fire perimeter. Felling crews have arrived on the fire and will begin work on the numerous snags adjacent to the fire lines.

Red Flag warnings remain in place for locations north of the fire area, but the fire itself has only experienced light winds to date. Above average temperatures will continue for the next few days. Poor humidity recovery across the fire area.

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