

Daily Morning Update for the Park Fire, Thursday, 08-01-2024

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On July 24th, 2024, the Park Fire started near Bidwell Municipal Park in Chico, California. During the rapid growth of the Park Fire over the last two days, the fire spread quickly through the Ishi Wilderness in the Lassen National Forest. The fire is within the boundaries of the City of Chico, CAL FIRE Butte County, and the Lassen National Forest on the Ishi Wilderness.

The current acreage is 392,480 total:

- Butte County: 52,999 acres
- Tehama County: 339,481 acres

CAL FIRE: The fire has been active in the northeast portion of the incident. Additional resources have arrived to assist in our efforts from Utah and Texas.

Today will mark the first of several days where fire weather will become increasingly critical. Temperatures will rise from the upper 90s to the lower 100s. Daytime humidity will fall to upper teens today. Winds will be drier out of the south, but speeds will be close to previous days. There is increased instability in the north where we will see columns and plumes of smoke.

A warm air mass is predicted to enter the area Friday through Saturday with the potential for thunderstorms and erratic winds.

Lassen National Forest: Winds are anticipated to increase today ahead of predicted thunderstorms on Friday and Saturday. This could impact the well-established fire activity in the Deer Creek and Mill Creek Canyons. Preparations have been completed around the community of Mill Creek. The Turner Mountain Lookout has also been enhanced in the event the fire approaches that area.

Crews continue to work in areas of lava rock, steep drainages, and other difficult terrain.

Damage Inspection Teams are at 85% completion of their assessments. These numbers are updated twice daily.

Between both counties, there are *483 destroyed structures and *47 damaged structures. *The total number destroyed and damaged includes infrastructure.

Butte County

- No damage: 752 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)

- Damaged: 43 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)
- Destroyed: 356 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)

Tehama County

- No damage: 244 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)
- Damaged: 4 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)
- Destroyed: 127 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)