

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

For more information, please visit: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/7/24/park-fire>

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 as of 5:00 pm on August 1, 2024 is 393,012 total:

- Butte County: 52,999 acres
- Tehama County: 340,013 acres

CAL FIRE: Fire activity will continue into overnight hours with potential of spotting and moderate fire behavior. Heavy fuels continue to exhibit near record-level low moistures and are very receptive to fire. The potential of thunderstorms nearby can cause outflow winds, with the potential for erratic fire behavior.

The primary carrier of this fire are the annual grasses and brush, with mixed timber. Fire in deep drainages, lava rock, and heavy fuels continue to make suppression difficult. Fixed wing aircraft have been prevented from operating in some drainages due to limited visibility from the thick smoke. Crews continue to build containment lines and conduct structure defense in affected areas.

Lassen National Forest: As of 5:00 pm on August 1, 2024 the total Forest Service acres involved in the Park Fire is 92,435. The remaining 300,578 acres are on state and private lands. The Park Fire is extensive and has impacted a variety of vegetation and ecosystems. The fire, which originated in lower elevations with thick grass and oak trees, burned rapidly. As the fire progresses towards Lassen National Forest the elevation increases, leading to a change in vegetation with a higher concentration of trees and brush. This change requires different firefighting tactics and tools.

Damage Inspection Teams are at 88% completion of their assessments. These numbers are updated twice daily.

Between both counties, there are *540 destroyed structures and *50 damaged structures. *The total number destroyed and damaged includes infrastructure.

Butte County

- No damage: 864 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)
- Damaged: 45 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)
- Destroyed: 411 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)

Tehama County

- No damage: 246 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)
- Damaged: 5 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)

- Destroyed: 129 (Residential, Comm, Minor, other structures)