



Incident Update

August Complex

8/24/20



Mendocino National Forest

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Fire Information Line:	530-685-0536	Release Date:	8/24/20
Media Line:	530-685-0536	Incident Name:	August Complex
Type of Incident:	Wildland	Communities:	East of Mendocino NF
Incident Location:	Mendocino NF	Incident Report Date:	8/17/2020
Fire Cause:	Lightning	Incident Report Time:	15:29
Acres:	177,750	% Contained:	11%
Structures Damaged:	0	Habitable Structures Destroyed:	10
Injuries/ Illnesses:	0	Outbuildings Destroyed:	0

Resources Assigned

Engines:	32	Helicopters:	3	Bulldozers:	7
Water Tenders:	11	Air Tankers:	0	Overhead Personnel:	153
Crews:	7	Total Personnel:	433		

Current Situation

The August Complex was initially 37 different lightning-started fires on the Mendocino National Forest that started on August 17, 2020. Many have been contained or have merged to form larger fires. The largest fires are detailed below. The acreage of specific fires in the complex may shift as firefighters are able to adequately ground truth the Infrared Reconnaissance (IR) flights and other aviation data.

A Red Flag Warning continues to be in effect through 11pm tonight due to continuing risk of thunderstorms. Gusty outflow winds with speeds of more than 40 mph remain possible. These winds have the potential to produce extreme and erratic fire behavior with a high rate of spread. Crews are continuing to use preexisting fuel breaks and roads to get around the South edge of the **Doe fire** (153,083 acres) with available resources. Structure protection continues on the west side of the fire when fire behavior allows. Structure protection and preparation consists of firefighters removing fuels around structures and improving defensible space. Firefighters are continuing to construct dozer lines on **Tatham fire** (7,958 acres) and are working with CAL FIRE resources to contain the eastern flank. Crews are continuing to go direct on the northern and western flanks of the **Glade fire** (13,888 acres). The Incident Management Team is assessing wilderness fires, such as the **Hopkins fire** (2, 153 acres), for long term fire behavior and expected growth.

Smoke impacts to communities are expected to improve towards the afternoon or evening. The predicted increase in fire activity may increase the smoke coming into the area. Air Quality Index (AQI) conditions will remain unhealthy. Individuals can expect greater movement and dispersion of smoke with incoming thunderstorms.

Cooperators

Shasta Trinity and Six Rivers NF; CalFire Tehama, Mendocino, and Napa Units; Glenn, Tehama and Mendocino Sheriffs; Glenn, Tehama, and Mendocino Counties; CHP Redding and Ukiah; Glenn, Tehama and Mendocino AQMD; PG&E; Crane Mills Timber; Orland Heliport

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