

Shingle Fire Update
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Special Announcements:

Kane County Sheriff has lifted the evacuation order for communities north of Highway 14 at 6:00 AM this morning, July 6th. Highway 14 is now open for full public access. Because of heavy traffic on this road and fire operations immediately south of the highway, please do not stop along the highway within the fire area. The Swain Creek subdivision evacuation order will be lifted at 6:00 AM on Saturday, July 7th.

A community meeting will be held at 6:00 PM tonight, July 6th, in the Alton Town Hall to provide information regarding the current fire situation.

General Information:

35% to 40% relative humidity was recorded over the fire yesterday. Firefighters took advantage of humidity to tie together and strengthen fire lines on the north, west, and east sides of the fire, and mop up hot spots near the lines. They continue to hold the fire at 8200 acres. Humidity is expected to drop back into the mid-teens and winds are likely to increase by Saturday, testing newly constructed lines.

Steep cliffs and rock bluffs make it difficult for firefighters to construct fireline along the south and southeast flanks of the fire above Stout Canyon. Helicopter water drops have been critical in holding the fire in check along this portion of the line.

Helicopters will be used throughout the day dropping water to assist firefighters by cooling areas, allowing firefighters on the ground to safely construct line adjacent to burning areas.

Evacuations:

Evacuations orders remain in effect for Swains, Stout Canyon, and Ponderosa Village subdivisions, and portions of Harris Flats subdivision south of Highway 14. Highways 14 and 89 are open. Road closures and evacuation requirements are assessed daily with the primary concern for public safety.

Location: Kane County
Date Started: 07/01/12
Cause: Human
Size: 8,200 acres
Containment: 25%
Injuries: 1
Total Personnel: 760
Resources: Crews: 20, Helicopters: 2-light, 1-medium, 4-heavy lift; Engines: 28, Dozers: 1, Water tenders: 7 and Overhead: 138

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