

News Release

Susanville Interagency Fire Center

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FIRE CREWS BATTLING BLAZE SOUTHEAST OF FALL RIVER MILLS

Approximately 800 firefighters this morning are battling a 600-acre timber fire about 20 miles southeast of the eastern Shasta County community of Fall River Mills.

The Straylor Fire is burning near Straylor Lake. There are no structures threatened or damaged.

The fire broke out Thursday afternoon on private land and has burned onto a part of the Lassen National Forest.

As of this morning, 30 hand crews were being assisted by three air tankers, five helicopters, 40 fire engines, nine water tenders and nine bulldozers.

Officials at the Susanville Interagency Fire Center said there is no estimate of containment or control.

Crews will contend with hot temperatures and low humidity as they work to complete fire lines around the blaze.

Fire officials reminded area residents and visitors that fire dangers are high and increasing. Fire restrictions will go into effect on National Forest and BLM-managed public lands on Sunday, Aug. 1. Under the restrictions, campfires will be allowed only in developed campgrounds or posted recreation sites and use of internal combustion engines will be allowed only on established roads and trails.

Chainsaw use for firewood cutting will be suspended on the Lassen National Forest beginning Aug. 1. On BLM-managed lands in northeast California, chainsaw use will be allowed until 1 p.m. daily.

All permits for outdoor burning have been suspended.

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