

**With Steve LaNore, CBM
Carr Fire Update / 29 July 2018**

“Carr Fire” Explodes out of Control

It began on July 23 as a northern California wildfire in mainly remote areas east of Redding, affecting few people but certainly something to “keep an eye on”. The situation morphed quickly into a full-blown inferno out of control on the night of July 26 as high winds fanned the flames westward across the Sacramento River and into Redding, a city of nearly 100,000 inhabitants. Known as the Carr Fire, over 850 structures have already been destroyed, including some 650 homes. Fire officials said they were able to stabilize the fire within the city on Sunday, with containment near 20 percent, up from only five percent earlier in the day.

This blaze started as a result of a vehicle malfunction and it grew steadily, but not explosively, during the 24th through the 26th. However, no structures were reported destroyed during this period and only a few were evacuated. A sudden deterioration in the weather allowed strong winds to radically change the situation, so much that the fire doubled in size in just 24 hours and thousands were seen fleeing an expanded threat zone by the 27th.

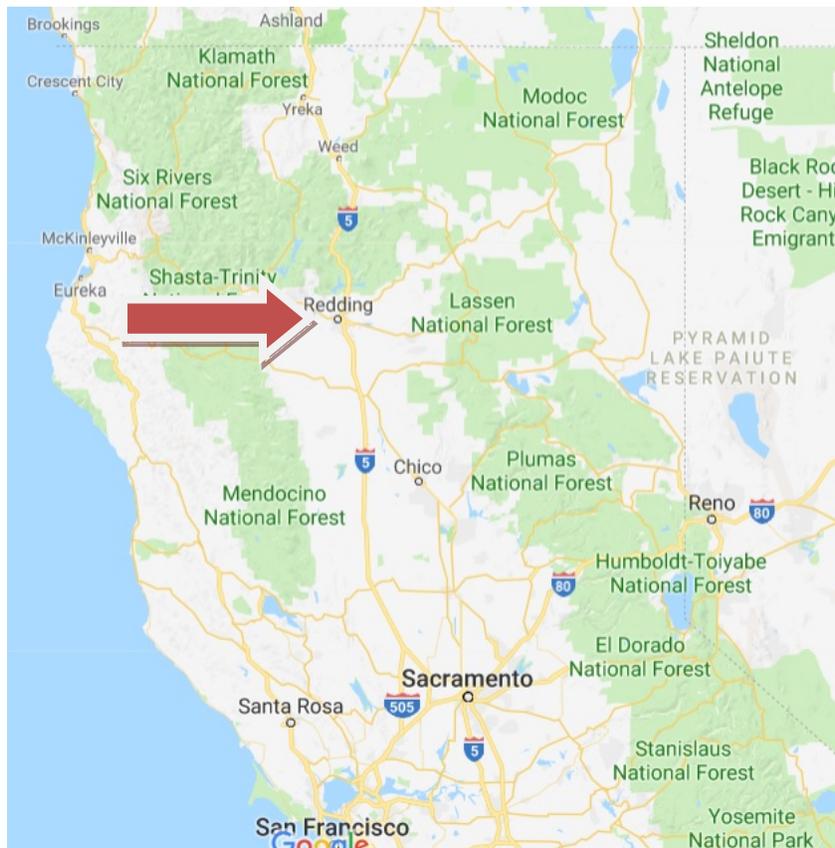
The Carr Fire now surpasses both Colorado’s Spring Creek Fire and Utah’s Dollar Ridge Fire to become the worst fire disaster thus far in 2018. So far seven people have died in the fire including two firefighters.



Fire consumes a home in Redding / Associated Press



Smoke hangs over the Sacramento River from the Carr Fire / Photo: Hung T. Vu, Hung T. Vu)



Redding (see arrow) is located in northern California about 100 miles south of the Oregon border / Google Maps

The weather outlook for the region through August 4th shows very hot weather, 100+ degrees each day, continuing but the good news that this will be with far less wind. The heat is really taking its toll on the firefighters with new crews being rotated in as often as possible, However, this is a huge fire at nearly 90,000 acres involving over 3,000 firefighters and 344 fire engines in the fight, a lot of manpower and equipment is tied up and resources are stretched thin with another large fire to deal with as well.

The second complex of fires near the Mendocino National Forest (see map above) has burned 30,000 acres and still threatens several towns....the story is not over on that fire either as its containment is only around 10 percent. The intense heat and persistent drought just adds to the volatility. A change in the wind forecast...which currently indicates less wind in the days ahead...would be really bad news right now.

Take Care,

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