



FIRE SEASON 2008

# Battling California's Wildfires

## 2008 FIRE SIEGE

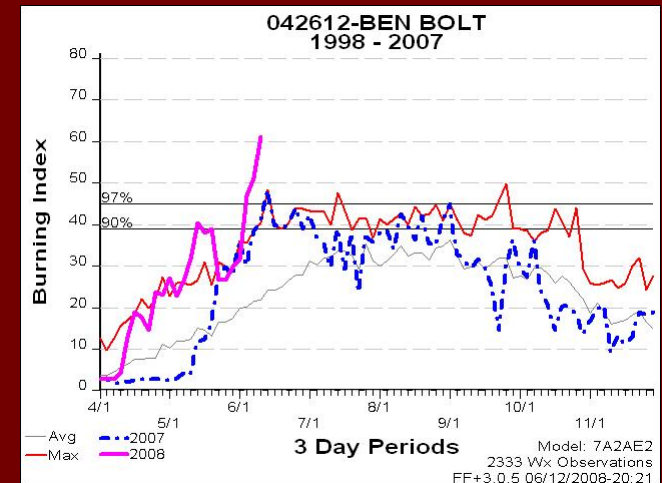
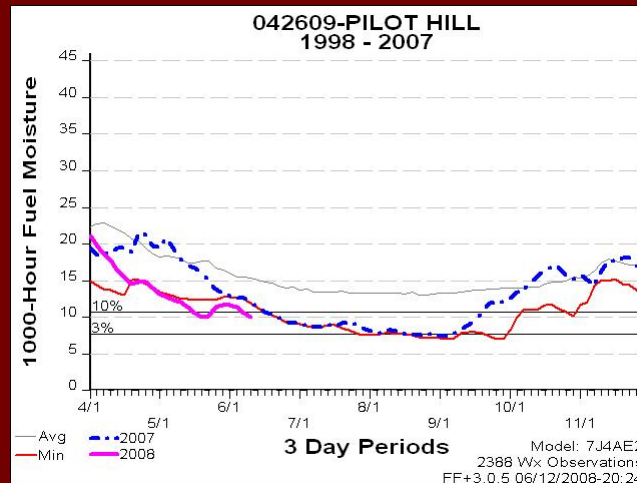


# FIRE SEASON OUTLOOK

## ■ LACK OF RAIN

- 2008 Driest Spring on Record (since 1894)
- 2007/2008 Two Seasons of Below Normal Rainfall

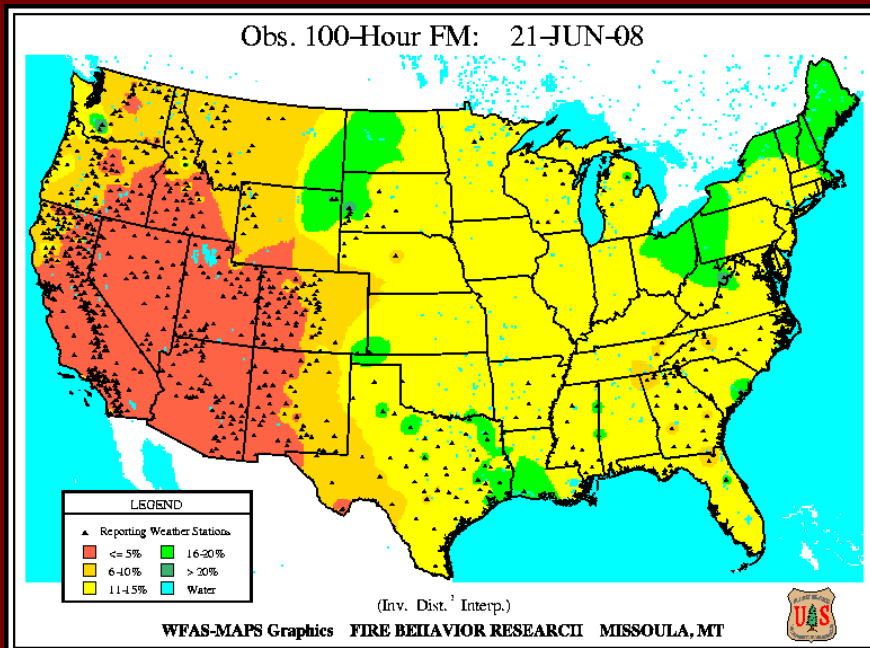
## ■ FUELS



JUNE 12, 2008 FIRE DANGER RATINGS

# GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- 2008 FIRE SEASON (S-03-08)
- DROUGHT PROCLAMATION (S-06-08)
  - Department of Water Resources



# EARLY ACTIVITY

- SUMMIT FIRE (May 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- BUTTE WIND EVENT (June 14<sup>th</sup>)
- LIGHTNING (June 21<sup>st</sup>)



# NON TRADITIONAL RESOURCES

## ■ NATIONAL GUARD

- COPTERS
- CREWS
- DOZERS



CNG HELICOPTERS AT FIRE TRAINING IN FRESNO MAY 2008

CNG HANDCREW TRAINING

# MILITARY

## ■ USMC HELICOPTERS

- Initiated process using 2007 negotiated operating plan.



CH-46 SEA KNIGHT MARINE HELICOPTER

# MILITARY

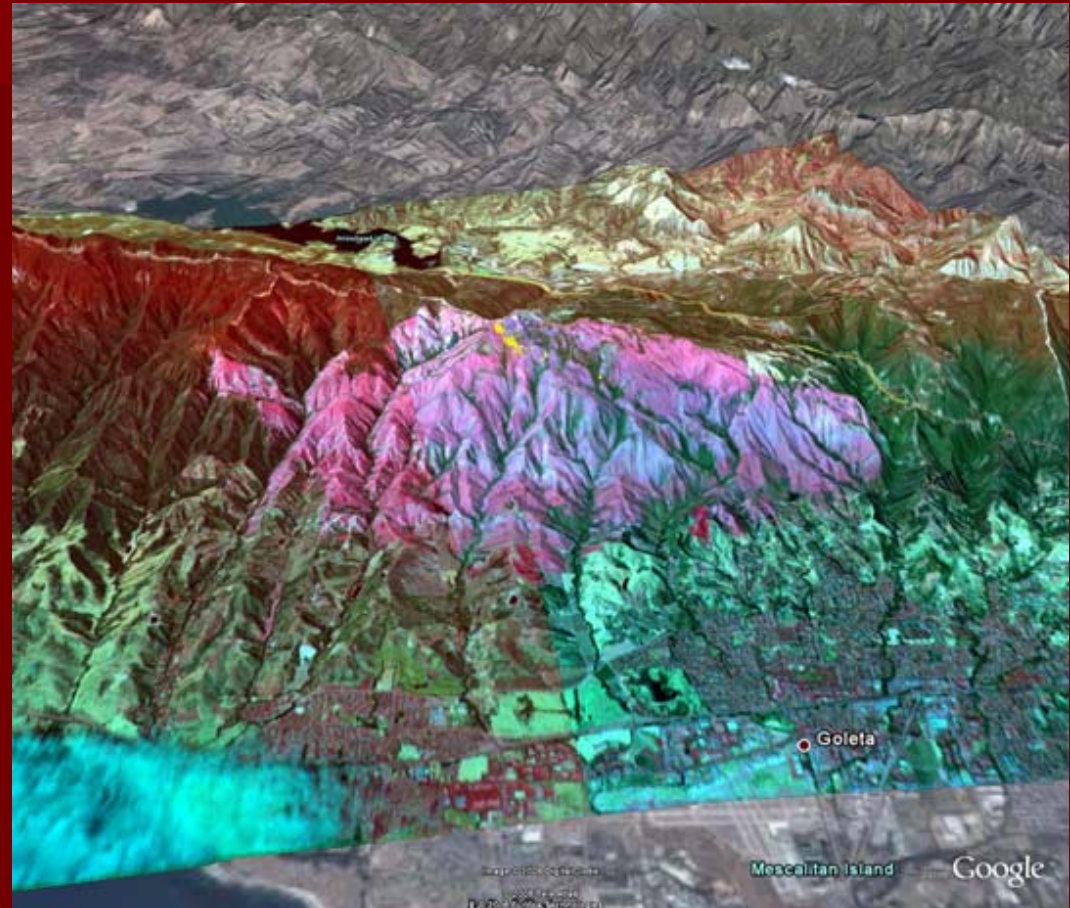
- MODULAR AIRBORNE FIREFIGHTING SYSTEM (MAFFS)



C-130 NATIONAL AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED WITH MAFFS

# REMOTE SENSING

- NASA
  - Ikhana Drone
- MILITARY
  - Global Hawk
  - RC-26
  - Eagle Vision
- PRIVATE
  - Geo-referenced Infrared



GAP FIRE - NASA IKHANA DRONE – JULY 8, 2008

# INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

## ■ OVERHEAD

- Samoa
- Canada
- New Zealand
- Australia
- Greece
- Marianas
- Mexico



SAMOAN FIREFIGHTERS ON  
THE MENDOCINO N.F.

## ■ AIRCRAFT

- British Columbia



CONVAIR 580A

# PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

AIR FORCE 1 ARRIVES AT REDDING AIRPORT



# COORDINATION

- GACC
- MAC
- CAL MAC
- NMAC
- FEMA
  - ESF4
- SEATS



# LESSONS LEARNED

## ■ INTEL

- Consistent Accurate Information Needed
  - State and Federal Executive Office and Elected Officials Interest
  - National Media Interest (JIC Coordination)
- Complex Process to Assimilate Statewide Information and Prepare Custom Intel Reports

## ■ APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION

- Assure Agency Reps (SOC, EOC, MAC) have Decision Making Authority

# SUMMARY

- TOTAL ACRES BURNED
  - 1,281,703 Acres
- STRUCTURES
  - 364 Destroyed
  - 15 Damaged
  - 7,426 Threatened
- FIREFIGHTER INJURIES
  - 489 Injuries
  - 13 Deaths



\*Per Fire ICS-209's as of 09/11/08

# SUMMARY

## ■ Peak Resources (as of 7/13/08)

- 21,244 Personnel
- 1,520 Engines
- 231 Dozers
- 489 Handcrews
- 391 Water Tenders
- 121 Helicopters



GAP FIRE – JULY 3, 2008

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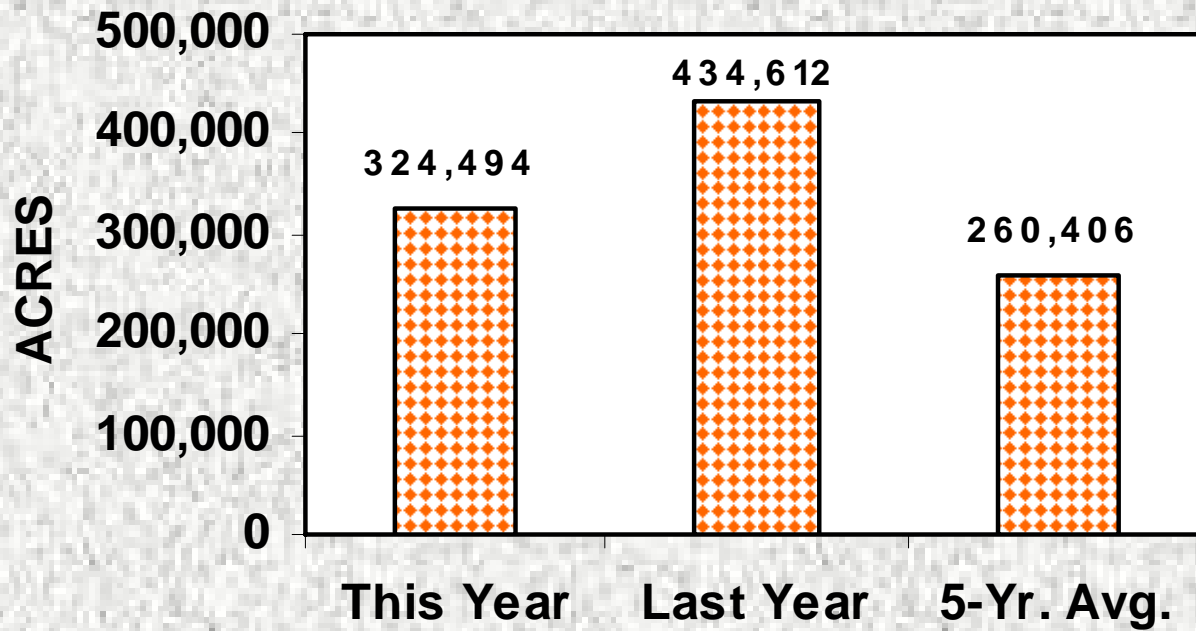
# SUMMARY

- IT'S NOT OVER UNTIL IT'S OVER
- Fuels Continue to be at Critical Levels
- Entering Traditional Santa Ana Season



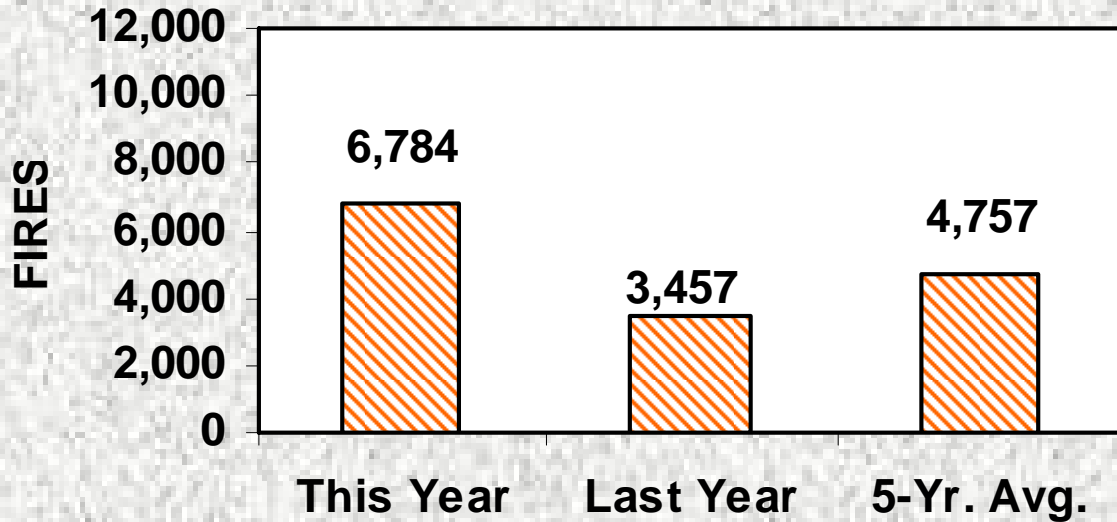
As of 11/15/08

## STATE ACRES BURNED



As of 11/15/08

### STATE NUMBER OF FIRES



# QUESTIONS

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