

Shirley Fire 85 percent contained

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Despite windy conditions the Shirley Fire was 85 percent contained Tuesday evening.

Fire officials lifted all evacuation orders, but kept portions of Old State Road closed to all but local traffic as firefighters continued working.

According to Richard Hadley, a fire information officer with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, afternoon winds did cause burning inside the fire perimeter, but did not threaten containment lines.

The fire, centered about a mile from Wofford Heights, was reported to be at 2,646 acres. It has cost \$7.2 million to fight.

About 1,430 personnel are still working on the fire, and its cause remains under investigation.

The evacuation shelter managed by American Red Cross volunteers and open since Saturday evening, closed Tuesday afternoon. Volunteers will continue to monitor the needs of evacuees, according to a news release from the American Red Cross.

Portions of the following Sequoia National Forest roads remain closed to all but residents, owners and lessees of property, including Rancheria Road, Waggy Flat Road, Sawmill Road, Alder Creek Road and Highway 155 at the intersection with Wofford Heights Boulevard.