

Robbers Fire at 2,400+ acres, 30% containment

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The Robbers Fire, which consumed one home and four outbuildings in Placer County, grew to 2,400 acres Sunday and is now 30 percent contained, the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection reported.

More than 2,100 firefighters from San Diego to Siskiyou County battled the blaze, which is burning in areas that are remote, steep and overgrown with heavy brush and timber.

“Every afternoon when the temperatures heat up and get to their peak, the fire becomes very active,” Cal Fire spokesman Daniel Berlant said. “That’s when we see it making its run through some of these steep areas.”

Berlant said firefighters are working hard to overtake the blaze “because there is so much potential for this fire to grow.”

On Sunday the fire threatened a small community known as Brush Creek, with a few dozen homes, Berlant said. Crews were still protecting homes late Sunday, according to officials.

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