

CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



Incident Name: Canyon Complex Fire

Location: Plumas National Forest

California Incident Management Team # 3 (IC – Jeanne Pincha - Tulley)

Start Date & Report Time: June 22, 2008, PM

Significant Events: On the afternoon of June 21, a dry lightning storm moved across the western slopes of the Sierra from the southern Sierras to the Oregon border. This storm started 40 to 50 fires on the western half of the Plumas National Forest. Numerous small fires were quickly contained Saturday west of Quincy and along the South Fork of the Feather River. Fire crews continue to battle the remaining blazes. California Interagency Incident Command Team #3, Incident Commander Jeanne Pincha–Tulley, has assumed command of the fire.

Smoke columns were visible today. Fires ranging from spot fires to several acres are burning in the North and Middle Forks of the Feather River, Bucks Lake Wilderness and French Creek. The largest fire is the Cold Fire near Coldwater and Nelson Creeks in the south, central part of the Forest. The Cold Fire, estimated at over 150 acres, continues to burn to the northeast, on the western flank of Eureka Ridge, four miles south and parallel to State Highway 70. The Plumas County Sheriff and California Highway Patrol are in the Greenhorn and Spring Garden areas, contacting residents to raise awareness. Resources on the Cold Fire include the Plumas Hotshots, engines and supervisory personnel. No structures are threatened at this time.

Weather: Forecast for Monday is for temperatures in the mid 80's with humidity of 15% and winds SSW at 15 to 20mph. Smoke will settle into valleys with nighttime inversion. Fuel moistures are at historical lows.

Current Situation: Fires are being evaluated. Additional resources, including engines, crews and aircraft have been ordered. The Incident Command is being set up at the Feather River College in Quincy.

Current Forest and Road Closures: There are no road closures in effect at this time, though signs have been placed to warn drivers where fire traffic is heavy. Visitors and residents should be aware that conditions may change quickly and roads may need to be closed for public safety.

Plumas National Forest fire information and maps are available at www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas and www.inciweb.org. Plumas Fire Information phone numbers: (530) 283-7882, -7883, or -7884

Jeanne Pincha–Tulley
Incident Commander, CIMMT#3

Is Your Home Prepared to Live with Fire?

- Create defensible space around your home by removing, reducing and replacing flammable vegetation around your home, driveway and other structures such as barns, sheds and carports.
- Remove brush within 30 to 100 feet of your home. Control weeds and tall grass for at least 30 feet. Increase distances if your house is on a steep slope or side hill.
- Reduce vegetation by trimming away overhanging limbs on large trees and pruning the lower branches from the ground on smaller trees within 100 feet of your home.
- Replace flammable vegetation with less flammable vegetation. Maintain irrigated flower gardens and other "green-up" areas around your home.
- Replace shake roofs with approved non-flammable roofing.
- Screen the undersides of porches with at least 1/4-inch mesh hardware cloth.
- Keep rain gutters and your roof free of needles and dead leaves on a regular basis.
- Do not stack firewood next to your home or other buildings.