



CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



Location: Plumas National Forest Fire

Start Date: June 22, 2008

Update: June 30, 2008 AM

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

Acres: 12,158 **Resources:** 856 personnel **Containment:** 5%

Current Situation: Crews on the Cold Fire will continue to construct dozer line from Eureka Ridge to Nelson Creek and along the western edge of the fire. Air tankers and helicopters will support suppression efforts on the southside of the Cold Fire. Crews and engines will focus their efforts on keeping the Cold Fire within existing handlines. Contingency lines are also being improved. Crews were assisted yesterday by air tankers and helicopters to keep the fire well within the contingency lines.

Initial attack crews responded yesterday to a new fire near Sloat Mill. The fire was quickly contained by crews staged in the area.

The Pit and South fires remained active with the warm temperatures and afternoon winds. Mop up continues on the Keddie, Chino, Rock II, Hartman, Fox, Four Mile and Four Mile 2 fires.

Summary: Progress made on several of the fires will allow crews to begin work on other fires in the Complex. More stable conditions will be present today; skies will clear somewhat later, but winds will be higher. Today the weather is expected to be warm with slightly higher relative humidity. Stronger winds in the higher elevations are likely. With the expected weather, fire behavior will likely increase today in later afternoon.

Suppression priorities continue to be the Cold Fire 4,983 acres, South Fire 1,224 acres, Pit Fire 1,108 acres, Little Fire 660 acres, and the Hartman Fire at 227 acres

A Forest Order has closed some areas with active fire to protect visitors. The closure covers public land generally bounded by the North and Middle Forks of the Feather River toward the Pacific Crest, the Bucks Lake Wilderness and land surrounding the Cold Fire. Please refer to maps and descriptions posted on the Forest website.

No evacuations are currently in effect due to fires in the Canyon Complex. There has been no damage to structures only one firefighter injury.

Private businesses and resorts in forest communities, including facilities around Bucks Lake, remain open. All county highways, including the Oroville-Quincy Road and the Quincy-LaPorte Road remain open along their entire lengths. Highway 70 remains closed by Caltrans from Pulga to the Greenville Wye. Changing conditions may require further road closures. Drivers should check road conditions prior to travel. Caltrans information: 1-800-427-7623

Fires across northern California have continued to affect air quality. For an update of local air quality conditions, visit www.countyofplumas.com, for Butte County: www.bcaqmd.org.

Fire information: internet www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas; phone (530) 283-7882, 7883, or 7884 (hours 6am to 10pm)

Fire protection information: <http://plumasfiresafe.org>

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