



CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



Location: Plumas National Forest Fire

Start Date: June 22, 2008

Update: June 30, 2008 PM

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

Acres: 12,921 **Resources:** 862 personnel **Containment:** 38%

Current Situation: Today was critical for containment of the 5200 acre Cold Fire – described by the Operations Chief as a make, or break day. Even with predicted gusty winds, air tankers and helicopter water drops successfully helped firefighters hold the fire lines on the critical south side of the fire. A National Guard Chinook heavy lift helicopter carried water to cool many hot spots helping crews on ground. The fire made no gains elsewhere. The north flank remained cool and is considered contained.

Dozers and hand crews are working on the north and west flanks of the Pit Fire south of the Rock Creek Dam, and on roads on the south end of the South Fire. Mop up continues on the Keddie, Chino, Rock II, Hartman, Fox, Four Mile and Four Mile 2 fires.

Highway 70 was reopened by Caltrans at 3 PM today. Traffic will be escorted by pilot car and restricted to one-way traffic. Traffic control points will be in place on Highway 70 between Jarbo Gap and Rock Creek Dam. Caltrans estimates the wait for pilot cars to be no more than 20-30 minutes.

Summary: Progress is slowly being made on several fires, allowing crews to begin work on other fires in the Complex including the South, Scotch, Little and Sky fires. Suppression priorities are the Cold Fire (5191 acres,) South Fire (1,224 acres), Pit Fire (1,108 acres), Little Fire (660 acres), and the Hartman Fire (227 acres). At this time 15 fires are contained and 17 fires are uncontained.

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. Trails including the Pacific Crest Trail are closed in these areas. Please refer to maps and descriptions posted on the Forest website <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/>

No evacuations are currently in effect due to fires in the Canyon Complex and there has been no damage to structures and only one firefighter injury. **The High Sierra Music Festival and other 4th of July festivities in nearby communities will take place as scheduled.**

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. 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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