



CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



Location: Plumas National Forest Fire

Start Date: June 22, 2008

Update: July 1, 2008 AM

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

Acres: 13,050

Resources: 856 personnel

Containment: 38%

Current Situation: Yesterday was a key day for efforts on the 5302 acre Cold Fire; the corner has been turned but there is still more work to be done. Dozer line from Nelson Creek to Eureka Ridge was completed, while there was excellent air support. Air tankers dropped 15 loads of retardant and helicopters performed water drops supporting ground suppression efforts on the south side of the Cold Fire. Crews and engines focused their efforts on keeping the Cold Fire within existing hand lines. Contingency lines are also being improved.

The Pit and South fires remained active with the warm temperatures and afternoon winds. Five dozers worked to clear vegetation on two roads on the South Fire. Mop up continues on the Keddie, Chino, Rock II, Hartman, Fox, Four Mile and Four Mile 2 fires.

Management of the Frey and Rim fires have been transferred from CalFire to the Canyon Complex and the Quarry/Island and Pitt fires have been transferred to CalFire.

Summary: Progress made on several of the fires allowed crews to begin work on other fires in the Complex including the South, Scotch, Little and Sky fires. Suppression priorities continue to be the Cold Fire 5319 acres, South Fire 1251 acres, Pit Fire 1293 acres, Little Fire 736 acres, and the Hartman Fire (contained) at 227 acres. At this time 19 fires are contained and 17 fires are uncontained. As fires continue to be contained, additional resources become available to work in other areas on the complex.

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/>.

Hwy 70 opened yesterday with escorted one-way controls; expect up to ½ delays.

No evacuations are currently in effect due to fires in the Canyon Complex and there has been no damage to structures only one firefighter injury. The Sierra Music Festival and the Graeagle fire works display 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. 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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