



CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



Location: Plumas National Forest Fire

Start Date: June 22, 2008

Update: July 1, 2008 PM

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

Acres: 12,243

Resources: 945 personnel

Containment: 40%

Current Situation: Good progress continued on the 5,391 acre Cold Fire today as firefighters reinforced containment lines. Air support continued with 4 helicopters.

A fire fighter working on the Cold Fire was injured today when he fell. Incident EMTs and paramedics responded. The firefighter was air lifted to Reno for medical evaluation. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

This afternoon a contract dozer operator was involved in an accident while working on the Cold Fire. The operator was flown to Enloe Hospital in Chico and is being treated. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

The Belden Fire, located yesterday about 2 miles northwest of Belden, is approximately 6-8 acres in size. Rappellers assisted by helicopters are being used in fighting this fire. Progress was made on the Frey Fire and clearing brush was done on access roads into the South Fire. Mop-up continues on the Fox Fire.

Management of the Frey fire has been transferred from CalFire to the Canyon Complex. The Quarry/Island and Pit fires have been transferred to CalFire. The Rim Fire remains under the command of CalFire.

Summary: Progress continues on other fires in the Complex including the South, Scotch, and Little Fire. Suppression priorities are the Cold Fire 5,391 acres, South Fire 1,251 acres, Frey 1,250 acres, Little Fire 736 acres, and the Scotch at 260 acres. At this time, 20 fires are contained and 9 fires are uncontained. As fires continue to be contained, resources become available to work in other areas of 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. Temporary flight restrictions are in place over the fires. Please refer to maps and descriptions posted on the Forest website <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/>.

Currently, no evacuations are in effect due to fires in the Canyon Complex and there has been no damage to structures. 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. Highway 70 is under traffic control with multiple pilot cars. The control is in place near Belden in Plumas County and Big Bend Road in Butte County. Changing conditions may cause delays or 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 effect 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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