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Plumas National Forest

IMT PNW Team 3



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Pacific Northwest National Incident Management Team 3 assumed the management of the Canyon Complex at 6 a.m. Thursday, July 10, 2008.

Yesterday's Activities: Firefighters made significant progress constructing containment lines around the Friend-Darnell Fire northeast of Lake Oroville. A spot fire was contained on the north side of the 2,877 acre blaze. It is 0 percent contained. The Belden Fire, northwest of Bucks Lake Wilderness, was held between Indian and Chips Creeks. It is 459 acres and 50 percent contained. Precautionary and advisory evacuations for the community of Belden remain in effect. Crews on the Frey Fire contained two spot fires on the southwest corner. It is 2,912 acres and 43 percent contained. Yesterday, extreme fire behavior on the Scotch Fire produced a large smoke column. The Little, Scotch, Bear and Fox fires are being patrolled due to limited resources. Lines continue to hold on the Cold Fire, which is 95 percent contained.

Weather and Fire Behavior: A red flag warning for dangerous fire activity remains in effect through Friday morning. The Friend-Darnell, South and Frey fires retain potential for significant fire spread. Winds will continue from the west, with temperatures above 96 degrees and humidity around 17 percent. For local air quality conditions, visit www.countyofplumas.com or, for Butte County, www.bcaqmd.org.

Today's Planned Actions: Line construction and structure protection continue on the north and south perimeters of the Friend-Darnell Fire. Frey Fire crews continue strengthening fire lines on the north side by burning them out while patrolling line on the south side. Patrol and mop-up will take place on the South Fire. The Scotch, Little, Bear and Belden Fires will be patrolled while awaiting more resources.

Restrictions: Highway 70 remains closed to the public from Highway 70/89 Greenville Y to Yankee Hill Road, but is open to residents from the junction of Greenville Y to the Indian Creek Junction west of Belden. Call CalTrans for road information at 1-800-427-7623.

Private businesses and resorts in forest communities, including facilities around Bucks Lake, are open. Forest closures remain in effect to protect visitors in areas of active fire.

The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) is closed from the Plumas National Forest northern boundary to the LaPorte-Quincy Highway (to the northeast of Little Grass Valley Reservoir). For additional information please visit www.pcta.org.

Quick Facts	
Canyon Complex Summary	
Location	West of Quincy, CA
Approximate Size:	25,019 acres
Increase since last update	2,714 acres
Complex Containment:	57% 9 fires uncontained
Start Date	June 22, 2008 1:30pm
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	28 crews 5 helicopters 67 engines 13 dozers 18 water tenders
Total Personnel	1,231
Estimated Containment Date:	July 31, 2008
Cooperating Agencies	USFS, Plumas County Sheriff's Office, CAL Fire, California Highway Patrol, Union Pacific Railroad, CAL Trans and PG&E.

Also closed is Forest Road 22N94 at its intersections with 22N27 (west of Little Grass Valley Reservoir). This area closure covers public land, including trails, bounded by (1) the North and Middle Forks of the Feather River toward the PCT, the Bucks Lake Wilderness; and (2) areas surrounding the Cold Fire in eastern Plumas County. Specific campground closures include: Milsap Bar, Little North Fork, Rogers Cow Camp, Feather Falls and Hartman Bar. The forest website – www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas has additional information. Wood cutting and fire restrictions are still in place across the entire Plumas National Forest.

This Fire Update was produced by the Canyon Complex Information Center staffed by PNW Team 3 Incident Management Team.

FOR ADDITIONAL AND UPDATED LOCAL AND NATIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.InciWeb.org, Plumas NF : www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/, Plumas National Forest

Additional Sources of
Wildland Fire Information

Local Air Quality Conditions
www.countyofplumas.com

Fire Protection Info
<http://plumasfiresafe.org>

Butte County Fire Info
www.bcaqmd.org

CalFire Website
www.fire.ca.gov

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