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Plumas National Forest

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Crews make good progress on Canyon Complex Fires despite challenging terrain and weather.

Yesterday's Activities:

Friend-Darnell Fire: Firefighters are holding and improving containment lines around the north and west flanks. Fire line is being constructed on the south and east flanks into Feather River Canyon. The fire is located south of Bald Rock Dome and Big Bald Rock, and west of Bald Rock Road. The fire size remains at 3,657 acres, with 50 percent containment.

Frey Fire: Crews are actively constructing line on the southwest corner to check fire spread toward Feather Falls. The Frey Fire is located south of Mountain Spring House Ridge and north of Little Frey Creek. It is 3,003 acres in size and 43 percent contained.

Scotch Fire: The Scotch Fire continued to spread outside the perimeter in several locations with intense surface fire. It is 4,077 acres in size and is 5 percent contained.

Little, Bear and Fox Fires are being patrolled due to limited resources.

Belden Fire: Low humidity caused interior islands of vegetation to burn within the fire perimeter. The fire is located northwest of Bucks Lake Wilderness; it is 459 acres in size and 50 percent contained. Precautionary and advisory evacuations for the community of Belden remain in effect.

Cold Fire: Lines continue to hold, it is 95 percent contained.

The hot dry conditions will cause interior islands of vegetation to continue burning within fire perimeters

Weather and Fire Behavior: A red flag warning for high fire danger due to very high temperatures, low humidity and very dry conditions remains in effect through Friday morning. The Friend-Darnell, Frey, and nearby South 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: On the Friend-Darnell Fire: Construct fire line to Bald Rock Dome on the north perimeter and complete fire line on the south side. Structure protection will continue. Frey Fire crews will continue strengthening fire lines on the north side by burning them out while patrolling line on the south side. Belden Fire crews will continue to improve contingency lines on Long Ranch Ridge.

Quick Facts Canyon Complex Summary	
Location	West of Quincy, CA
Approximate Size:	26,833 acres
Increase since last update	1,714
Complex Containment:	55% 9 fires uncontained
Start Date	June 22, 2008 1:30pm
Cause	Lightning
Incident Commander	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	25 crews 8 helicopters 72 engines 16 dozers 23 water tenders
Total Personnel	1,193
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.

Limited line construction and holding operations are underway at the Scotch and Little Fires. Patrol and mop-up will take place on the South Fire. The Bear, Four Mile, Rock and Chico Fires will be patrolled while awaiting more resources.

Restrictions: Current evacuations remain in place. 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.

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.

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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