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Fire-fighters continue to hold existing lines and are making good progress on Canyon Complex Fires.

Below are details on selected individual fires in the Canyon Complex: Note: ac= acres: C= contained

Friend-Darnell Fire 3,842 ac : 60% C	South-Frey Fire 11,591 ac : 55% C	Scotch Fire 4,645 ac : 5% C	Little Fire 897 ac : 30% C	Belden Fire 478 ac : 50% C
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Yesterday's Activities:

Friend-Darnell Fire: Containment lines held with additional line constructed on the south and east sides into Feather River Canyon. Minimal growth occurred despite the potential for significant spread. Fire behavior remains very high with the potential for spotting and tree torching. This fire remains the priority.

South-Frey Fire: Crews completed containment lines on the northern and eastern perimeters increasing containment. The fire continued to spread into and along the Middle Fork Feather River and downhill to the southwest. Firefighters are contending with very steep terrain and challenging places to build effective line.

Scotch Fire: Little fire movement occurred despite extreme burning conditions, high temperatures, and low humidity.

Little, Bear and Fox Fires: Crews worked to construct line on the Little Fire. Bear and Fox fires were patrolled with active interior burning fire. No additional fire spread is projected.

Belden Fire: The fire was held between Indian and Chips Creek despite increased humidity.

Cold Fire: Crews continue to patrol and mop-up lines. The fire remains 95% contained.

Weather and Fire Behavior: The existing high pressure that has produced hot and dry weather is expected to begin breaking down. Later in the week gradual cooling is predicted. Extreme fire activity will remain. Hot dry conditions will cause interior islands of vegetation to continue burning within fire perimeters. For local air quality conditions visit www.countyofplumas.com or Butte County at www.bcaqmd.org

Today's Planned Actions: On the **Friend-Darnell Fire:** Fire managers will assess conditions today and evaluate the current evacuation order. Mop-up will continue on containment lines with contingency lines placed from Frey Creek south and west to Feather River. Containment strategies are to construct line south of the South-Frey fire tying into the southern tip of the Friend Darnell Fire.

Quick Facts Canyon Complex Summary	
Location:	West of Quincy, CA
Approx. Size:	30,812 acres
Increase since last update:	0 acres (data unavailable)
Complex Containment	60% 8 fires uncontained
Start date:	June 22, 2008
Cause:	Lightning
Incident Commander:	Jeff Pendleton, PNW Team 3
Resources on the Fire:	32 crews 6 helicopters 81 engines 15 dozers 31 water tenders
Personnel:	1,479
Estimated Containment	July 31, 2008
Cooperating Agencies:	USFS, Plumas County Sheriff's Office, CAL Fire, California Highway Patrol, Union Pacific Railroad, CAL Trans and PG&E.

South-Frey Fire crews will construct line on the southwest corner, holding the fire north of Frey Creek. Patrol and mop-up activities will continue on constructed line. Structure engines will be available if needed for structure protection.

Belden Fire: Engines will be in the area to provide structure protection in the event it is needed. Mop-up on the edges will continue with air resources available to assist in keeping the fire between Chips and Indian Creeks.

Little and Scotch Fires: Crews are searching for containment line locations on the Little Fire and Scotch Fire. Due to steep terrain and inaccessibility existing road systems will be used to prevent spread. **French/Bear, Four Mile, Rock, and Chico Fires** will be patrolled.

Restrictions: Evacuations are in effect for Berry Creek and Brush Creek. Highway 70 remains closed to the public from Highway 70/89 Greenville Y on the east to Milepost 3.1 just west of the Feather River Bridge. Locals with ID may access Hwy. 70 from the Greenville Y at S.R. 89 to the Town of Storrie. For road formation call CalTrans at 1-800-427-7623 or visit www.caltrans2.info.

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.

Forest Road 22N94 is closed 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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