



Arizona Central West Zone Incident Management Team

Canyon Complex NEWS RELEASE

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Acres: 37,753	Start date: June 21, 2008
Cause: Lightning	Location: Feather River, Mount Hough & Beckwourth Ranger Districts
Containment: 90 percent	Fuels: Timber, logging slash, brush and grass
Terrain: Steep, rugged	Resources: 16 crews, 34 engines, 6 dozers, 21 water tenders
Total personnel: 837	Available air support: 5 helicopters.

As expected yesterday, strong winds in the afternoon brought increased fire activity to the Canyon Complex. Smoke was very noticeable throughout the area, mostly due to the continued burning of fuels within the interior of the fires. The Little Fire became active on the eastside with group torching of trees. It crossed the existing fireline. Firefighters, with the assistance of aerial resources, were able to contain this slopover.

On the Scotch Fire, firefighters continued to improve existing line and complete contingency lines. Hand crews worked along the flanks of the Belden Fire to complete the containment. On the Cold Fire, operations began to rehabilitate those areas disturbed by suppression efforts. On all other active fires, firefighters continued to mop-up hot spots and patrol.

Firefighters and air resources from the Canyon Complex assisted on an initial attack and were able to secure the McRae Fire on the Beckwourth Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest in the vicinity of Eureka Ridge. For information on that fire, please contact the Beckwourth Ranger District, (530) 836-2575.

For more information see www.inciweb.org.

Other contacts: Air Quality Info www.countyofplumas.com; Fire Protection Info <http://plumasfiresafe.org>; Butte County Fire Info www.buttecounty.net; Cal Fire Website www.fire.ca.gov;

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