



Arizona Central West Zone Incident Management Team

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Canyon Complex

Acres: 37,750	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, 23 engines, 4 dozers, 17 water tenders
Total personnel: 792	Available air support: 5 helicopters.

Rich Fire

Acres: 3,955	Start date: July 29, 2008
Cause: Under investigation	Location: 20 miles west of Quincy, CA
Containment: 5 percent	Fuels: Timber, litter and understory
Terrain: Steep, rugged	Resources: 11 crews, 13 engines, 4 dozers
Total personnel: 284	Available air support: air tankers

The Rich Fire technically indicates a total of 284 personnel working the fire; however, approximately 200 additional people are assisting from the Canyon Complex Fire and the Plumas National Forest for a total of approximately 484 personnel. Resource sharing has been a tremendous advantage for the suppression activities on the Rich Fire. The assisting personnel have been invaluable during the first couple of days of the fire. Due to the availability of substantial resources close by, approximately 150 personnel were available for initial attack. This extra help was critical in the structure protection of the residences that were threatened by the fast moving fire.

Resource sharing is also an advantage when it comes to cost savings. Approximately 98% of all wildfires are caught during initial attack and utilizing local resources alleviates the necessity to order additional resources throughout the United States.

The Pacific Northwest Team 2, under the command of Chris Hoff, will be assuming command of the Rich Fire at 6 p.m. today. The Arizona Central West Zone Team will continue to manage the Canyon Complex Fire.

For more information see www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/ and 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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