



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

Shaded by its own smoke and affected by lighter winds than Tuesday, the Rich Fire grew less than expected. It grew less than 1600 acres yesterday. Fire behavior was high to extreme, characterized by group torching, short duration crown runs and long distance spotting.

Firefighters took the opportunity to improve structure protection in Rush Creek and along the Highway 70 corridor. Rocky terrain and helicopter water drops slowed the growth to the west. Crews and engines from the Canyon Complex assisted those assigned to the Rich Fire.

Firefighters working on the fires of the Canyon Complex continued to monitor, patrol and mop-up the fires as needed. Rehabilitation of the Fox-Four Mile Fire continues. Crews are improving contingency lines on the Scotch Fire at the remaining portion of open line to complete the containment.

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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