

*News Release*

# Susanville Interagency Fire Center

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**STRAYLOR FIRE CONTAINED AT 3,422 ACRES**  
*Fire Crews Being Released; Mop Up and Fire Line Repairs Continuing*

The Straylor Fire, which has burned 3,422 acres of timber and rangeland in northwest Lassen County, is now fully contained. Fire crews are continuing to mop up hot spots and repair fire line scars.

Fire officials said the bulk of the 1,145 fire fighters and support personnel assigned to the fire this morning will be released today, returning to their home units or to other fires.

Loren Snell, incident commander for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Incident Management Team Four, thanked the Intermountain community for their patience and understanding during the fire.

"We know that setting up an incident base in the community can cause some inconvenience," he said. "The people of McArthur, Fall River Mills and the surrounding areas welcomed us, and we appreciate their kindness."

The fire incident base was established at the Intermountain Fairgrounds in McArthur, and supported up to 2,000 fire fighters, support personnel and their equipment.

The fire broke out Thursday, July 23, from sparks caused when a power saw hit rocks during a logging operation on private land about 20 miles southeast of Fall River Mills. The blaze moved on to the Lassen National Forest and burned a small area (15 to 30 acres) of public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

No structures were threatened or damaged. There were 10 fire fighter injuries.

Because of heavy fire traffic, the Lassen National Forest 22 Road remains closed to the public between Davis Creek and Russell Dairy Creek.

Officials at the Susanville Interagency Fire Center remind local residents and visitors that fire dangers are high and increasing in northeast California. They urged all back country visitors to be careful with fire. Restrictions on use of campfires, firewood cutting and off-highway vehicle driving go into effect Sunday, Aug. 1 on the Lassen National Forest and BLM-managed public land.

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