

MOONLIGHT FIRE UPDATE



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Incident Name: Moonlight Fire

Location: 6 miles Northeast of Greenville

Unified Command: California Interagency Incident Management Team (Molumby) and CAL FIRE Incident Command Team (Waterman)

Start Date & Report Time: September 3, 2007 at 2:25 PM

Acres: 64,997 acres

Percent Containment: 77 percent

Estimated Containment: Undetermined

Resources: Hand Crews: 103; Dozers: 43; Engines: 201; Water Tenders: 36; Helicopters: 17; Air Tankers: 6; Lead Planes 2; Injuries: 23; Structures Threatened: 2600; Structures burned: 4; Estimated Cost-to-Date: \$19 million; Total personnel assigned to the incident: 3,364

Significant Events: Due to the successful suppression efforts on critical portions of the fire, mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders have been lifted for North Arm Indian Valley, Taylorsville, Genesee Valley, and North Valley Road to Pecks Valley in Greenville. A mandatory evacuation order continues for Antelope Lake, Franks Valley, Wilcox Valley and Taylor Lake. To provide for firefighter safety, only residents will be allowed on the Diamond Mtn and North Arm Indian Valley roads. Road closures will continue for the upper Genesee Valley at the junction of the Flournoy Bridge / Genesee Valley Road and at the junction of 28N01 / 28N03 Roads.

Most fire activity yesterday was in interior portions of the southern flank with no major flare ups. Fire fighters made significant progress improving and constructing fireline, and holding established line.

Current Situation: A "red flag" warning has been issued for today due to high winds, low humidity, and extremely low live and dead fuel moisture levels. Winds from the SW are expected 10-20 mph with gusts up to 35 mph and could challenge the eastern flank of the fire. Fire suppression strategies have been planned accordingly for these conditions and air support will continue to be available. Structure protection will continue in the North Arm Indian Valley areas, Taylorsville and Genesee Valley.

Additional Information:

- A historic structure was burned on Tuesday when a flare up occurred at the Lucky S Mine site.
- A Forest Closure Order is in place to ensure safety in the vicinity of the fire. All major highways remain open, however most Forest Roads in the area of the fire are closed to access. Plumas and Lassen National Forest Closure information and map are available at www.inciweb.org.