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Moonlight Fire Update

The Moonlight Fire has grown to 28,000 acres. The fire is located in the Northeastern Sierra Nevada, along the boundary between Plumas and Lassen Counties, predominately on the Plumas National Forest. Containment is 8%.

Informational public meetings will be held this evening at Greenville High School Cafeteria at 6 pm, and at the Taylorsville Grange at 8 pm.

Fueled by winds from the north, the fire moved south yesterday, triggering mandatory and voluntary evacuations. Under the leadership of Plumas County Sheriff, evacuations have been instituted for the North Arm of Indian Valley and for small, isolated parcels to the east, including Taylor Lake, Wilcox Valley, and Franks Valley. Precautionary alerts have been delivered to residents of Taylorsville and Genesee Valley, and North Valley Rd. to Pecks Valley in Greenville.

Evacuation centers have been established at Greenville and Quincy High Schools. Livestock and large pets can be moved to the Plumas-Sierra County Fairgrounds. Small domestic animals can be moved to the animal shelter in Quincy. The American Red Cross, Greenville Indian Rancheria, and many individuals are volunteering to assist evacuees.

The fire has burned into residences along upper Lights Creek, which have all been evacuated. Structures are being protected by both ground and air firefighting resources. One structure, one travel trailer, and one storage shed have been lost.

A Forest Closure Order is now 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 now closed to access.

There are over 2270 firefighters on or en route to the fire and more are on order. Numerous air tankers and helicopters are assigned to the fire. A Type I unified command Fire Suppression Team of US Forest Service and CalFIRE officials is aggressively fighting this rapidly-evolving fire. Fire Camp is outside of Westwood in the community of Pine Town.

For details on evacuations, please contact Plumas County Sheriff at 530-283-6300.

Please check inciweb.org or the Plumas National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas> throughout the day. Maps are being updated to reflect the new acreage.

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