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Moonlight Fire Update

A favorable shift in wind patterns has allowed firefighters to make progress on the Moonlight Fire. While containment is still 8%, growth was kept to a minimum overnight. The fire is currently 28,520 acres.

Evacuations remain in place 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 have volunteered to assist evacuees.

Prevailing light winds coming from the southwest are expected for the next 3-4 days and will provide some fire stability. Residents in Susanville, Janesville, and the Doyle areas should expect to be inundated with smoke. However, residents in Greenville, Taylorsville and the North Arm area should see significant smoke leaving the valley during the day with some settling in the evening.

Over 1900 firefighters continue efforts to secure the west boundary of the fire near Moonlight and Cooks Creeks. Construction of dozer line continues along the north and northeast sides of the fire. Numerous air tankers and helicopters will continue to assist ground support.

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.

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

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