

# MOONLIGHT FIRE UPDATE



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Monday, September 17, 2007 8:00 AM Fire Information Line - (530) 283-7882 / 3 or 4

**Incident Name:** Moonlight Fire **Location:** 6 miles Northeast of Greenville

**California Interagency Incident Management Team # 2 (IC - Bill Molumby)**

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

**Acres:** 65,000 Acres **Percent Containment:** 100 percent **Containment:** 9/15/2007

**Resources: Hand Crews: 42; Dozers: 17; Engines: 74; Water Tenders: 37; Helicopters: 11; Injuries: 36; Structures Threatened: 35; Structures burned: 8; Estimated Cost to Date: \$28.5 million; Total personnel assigned to the incident: 1,546**

**Significant Events:** The fire was declared contained on September 15

Today is incident command transition day. California Interagency Incident Management Team # 2 (Molumby), in charge of the fire since Sept. 4, turns the fire over to Northern California Team # 1 (Swartzlander) at 0600 Sept. 18.

**Weather:** Mostly sunny today, slightly warmer with high temperatures 74-79. The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy and a slight chance of scattered showers.

**Current Situation:** No forward fire progression is expected. Fire crews continue to patrol and mop up to within 500 feet of the fireline. Fire suppression repair and rehabilitation has been initiated and will be ongoing for some time. A BAER (burned Area Emergency Response) team is assigned to the fire. The heli-base has been moved to Chester Air Base.

**Evacuation Status:** All mandatory evacuations have been lifted, but many roads and access routes near and into the fire area are hazardous due to the heavy movement of fire personnel and equipment.

## Current Forest and Road Closures:

- To provide for firefighter safety, only residents will be allowed on the Diamond Mtn and North Arm Indian Valley Road.
- Road closures will also continue for the upper Genesse Valley at the junction of the Flournoy Bridge / Genesse Valley Road and at the junction of 28N01 / 28N03 Roads.
- 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 National Forest Closure information and map are available at [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org).

## Is Your Home Prepared to Live with Fire?

- Create defensible space around your home by removing, reducing and replacing flammable vegetation around your home, driveway and other structures such as barns, sheds and carports.
- Remove brush within 30 to 100 feet of your home. Control weeds and tall grass for at least 30 feet. Increase distances if your house is on a steep slope or side hill.
- Reduce vegetation by trimming away overhanging limbs on large trees and pruning the lower branches from the ground on smaller trees within 100 feet of your home.
- Replace flammable vegetation with less flammable vegetation. Maintain irrigated flower gardens and other "green-up" areas around your home.
- Replace shake roofs with approved non-flammable roofing.
- Screen the undersides of porches with at least 1/4-inch mesh hardware cloth.
- Keep rain gutters and your roof free of needles and dead leaves on a regular basis.
- Do not stack firewood next to your home or other buildings.

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