



CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



Location: Plumas National Forest

Fire Start Date: June 22, 2008

Update: June 25, 2008 AM

California Incident Management Team # 3 (Incident Commander – Jeanne Pincha-Tulley)

Acres: approximately 4500 Acres **Resources:** 598 personnel

Current Situation: With additional crews arriving, 13 fires have been contained within the Complex. Several fires remain uncontained, ranging in size from 5 acres to over 100 acres. The Cold Fire is 3741 acres. In addition to the base camp in Quincy, crews will now be camped at Brush Creek and Challenge Work Centers.

Summary: With weather conditions forecasted to remain similar to the past couple of days, crews expect to make good progress with calm stable air holding the fires. While this stable weather will continue to hold smoke inversions in the valleys, it will also slow fire progression and keep flames close to the ground.

Crews kept the north flank of the Cold Fire from spreading for the second day in a row and are now starting to line the west flank near Nelson Creek with hand crews and the east flank along Eureka Ridge with dozer operations. Today, they will continue to progress in a southerly direction toward Zumwalt Flat. Crews worked yesterday on a spot fire outside the northeast corner of the main fire and hope to contain it today.

Staffing will continue on fires still burning in remote locations and difficult terrain. Helicopter bucket drops will be used where visibility permits. Crews are still finding isolated fires started by the initial lightning event. They continue to look for others that have been reported, including one in the Tobin area. No significant personal injuries have been reported among fire personnel.

The Plumas National Forest issued a Forest Order closing areas with active fire to protect visitors. The closure covers public land generally bounded by the North and Middle Forks of the Feather River toward the Pacific Crest, the Bucks Lake Wilderness and land surrounding the Cold Fire. Please refer to maps and descriptions posted on the Forest website. Please note that private businesses and resorts, including facilities around Bucks Lake, remain open along State and County highways and in communities.

Highway 70 remains closed by Caltrans from Pulga to the Greenville Wye. Changing conditions may require further road closures. Caltrans information: 1-800-427-7623

County health officials reported that the Air Quality Index in some areas of Plumas County has reached unhealthy levels and encouraged all residents to limit outdoor activities, particularly children and older adults. For an update of local air quality conditions, visit www.countyofplumas.com

No evacuations are currently in effect due to fires in the Canyon Complex.

Fire Behavior and Weather: The recent weather conditions are expected to hold for the next few days, with temperatures in the 80's, humidities in the 20% range and light southwesterly winds at 5 to 10 miles per hour. Fire growth will be primarily driven today by availability of dry fuels rather than weather conditions.

Fire information: internet www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas ; phone (530) 283-7882, -7883, or -7884

Fire protection information: <http://plumasfiresafe.org>

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