



CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



Location: Plumas National Forest

Fire Start Date: June 22, 2008

Update: June 25, 2008 PM

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

Acres: 5291 **Resources:** 886 personnel **Containment:** 5%

Current Situation: It was a day of slow but steady progress across the complex. Crews finished lining a 100 acre spot fire on the 4079 acre Cold Fire and progressed on the east and west flanks. Crews began lining the Hartman Fire, about 2 miles northeast of Mountain House, one of the most difficult fires in the complex due to steep terrain and heavy fuels.

Summary: There was a lot of focus today on coordination, both locally and among teams that are managing the different fire complexes throughout northern California. The Incident Commander, Jeanne Pincha-Tulley and the Forest Supervisor, Alice Carlton, held a meeting in Quincy this afternoon that was attended by state and local agencies, County Supervisors, health and emergency services, law enforcement, road departments, utility providers and others to discuss progress on the fire and establish communications among all participants. The meeting provided community leaders with fire status, objectives and updates while providing Fire Team leadership valuable information on community concerns and operations.

Preparedness was an important topic as the forecast for unstable weather this weekend may bring more lightning. Team and Forest resources have contingency plans to provide for initial attack and alert local agencies of possible new starts while continuing to fight existing fires.

Jeanne Pincha-Tulley and Plumas NF Fire Chief Allan Setzer attended a meeting in Chico earlier in the day with the Incident Commander of CalFire Team 9 on the Butte Complex and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Jeanne informed the Quincy meeting that the fires in Butte County that are threatening Magalia and Paradise are the number one priority in the State and she discussed how fire teams will coordinate resources as necessary to combat new threats or take advantage of local opportunities to share resources.

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 in forest communities, including facilities around Bucks Lake, remain open. All county highways, including the Oroville-Quincy Road and the Quincy-LaPorte Road remain open along their entire lengths. Highway 70 remains closed by Caltrans from Pulga to the Greenville Wye. Changing conditions may require further road closures. Drivers should check road conditions prior to travel. 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 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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