



# CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



**Location:** Plumas National Forest

**Fire Start Date:** June 22, 2008

**Update:** June 26, 2008 AM

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

**Acres:** 5396 **Resources:** 886 personnel **Containment:** 5%

**Current Situation:** 14 fires are now contained in the following areas:

Buck's Lake Wilderness: Spanish (.75 acre)

Storrie to Belden vicinity of the North Fork of the Feather River Canyon: Big (69 acres), Granite (1 acre),

Rock 1 (.25 acre)

North and Middle Forks of the Feather River: Chino (158 acres), Griz (.1 acre), Hungary (40 acres),

Rody (18 acres)

South of the Middle Fork of the Feather River: Forbestown (24 acres), Lewis (1.5 acres), Lost (.1 acre), Scales (3 acres),

Sly (1.5 acres), Sugar (3 acres)

Hand crews, engines and dozers today will continue to strengthen the east and west flanks of the 4079 acre Cold Fire. The northeast spot fire is lined and tied back to the main fire. Crews expect good progress using roads and dozers to build secure fire lines. This fire is the highest priority within the fire complex.

On the second priority fire, the 120 acre Hartman Fire, hand crews will extend fire lines from the anchor point established yesterday. This fire, located about 2 miles northeast of Mountain House, is one of the most difficult fires in the complex due to steep terrain and heavy fuels. With the personnel buildup of the past few days, more crews are available to continue scouting and lining other fires within the complex. A new fire was discovered near the Greenville Rancheria. The Fire Team is assisting District crews by providing a hand crew and two engines on the estimated 75 acre fire.

**Summary:** Steady progress and preparedness for new fires are the objectives for today. The week's calm weather will begin to change on Friday, bringing easterly winds that may strengthen in canyons and lead to weekend thunderstorms. Established fire lines must be strengthened against possible wind gusts. As the smoke inversion lifts, flames may increase as fires receive more air circulation.

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](http://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](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas) ; phone (530) 283-7882, -7883, or -7884 (hours 6am to 10pm)

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

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