



# CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



**Location:** Plumas National Forest

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

**Update:** June 27, 2008 AM

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

**Acres:** 7664 **Resources:** 938 personnel **Containment:** 5%

**Current Situation:** There's a lot of progress to report from yesterday. The 40 acre Crest Fire in Bucks Lake Wilderness is now contained and smokejumpers have hiked out of that remote backcountry. One smokejumper stated the ground was so steep they had had to trench in at night to keep from rolling down the mountain in their sleep. The Four Mile and Four Mile II fires in French Creek have grown together at 250 acres and are now 80% contained. The Island and Quarry Fires have burned together at 150 acres. Crews, working in rough terrain, expect to contain the Hartman Fire this weekend.

The Cold Fire remains at 4079 acres as crews strengthened lines and closed in on Zumwalt Flat along the east and west flanks. The Keddie Fire near Greenville was contained at 77 acres. There are now 15 fires contained for a total of 362 acres, 17 fires uncontained and six reported fires that still cannot be located.

**Summary:** The dense smoke, hanging in the valleys since Monday, should be carried from the area by light east winds as the day develops. Crews will be on alert as fires become more active with air movement. An unstable air mass brings the possibility of afternoon and evening thunderstorms through the weekend, with chance for dry lightning increasing on Saturday. Sunday's storms may carry some isolated rain showers.

With higher temperatures, lower humidity and better visibility, crews will be looking for previously reported fires that could not be located in the dense smoke of previous days. There will be more use of helicopter bucket drops today and reconnaissance aircraft will also be able to find and size fires.

The Incident Management Team and Forest are preparing initial attack crews to be ready for any new starts. Two strike teams of 5 engines each will be staged for fast deployment. One will be staged in the Sloat area and another at the Mount Hough Ranger District.

A Forest Order has closed some 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.

**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), for Butte County: [www.bcaqmd.org](http://www.bcaqmd.org)

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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