

CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



Location: Plumas National Forest

Fire Start Date: June 22, 2008

Update: June 24, 2008 AM

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

Acres: approximately 4000 Acres **Resources:** 423 personnel

Summary: The highest priority today remains the Cold Fire, a 3727 acre blaze four miles south of the communities of Greenhorn and Spring Garden. Crews were successful in preventing fire from spreading north to the Middle Fork of the Feather River, though the fire expanded south toward Nelson Creek and east towards White Cap Peak. Crews will strengthen the northern fire line along Forest Service Roads today and begin fire lines on other flanks of the fire. Significant additions of personnel and resources should bring great progress today.

The Spanish Fire in the Bucks Lake Wilderness has been contained along with numerous smaller fires east of the wilderness and west of Quincy. The Crest Fire, also in the Wilderness, is expected to be contained today by smokejumpers and helicopter rappel crews. Over 30 fires continue to burn further west, in remote areas between the Middle Fork of the Feather River and the Feather River Canyon (Highway 70). While several smaller fires have been contained or lined by crews, others continue to burn in steep terrain.

No evacuations are currently in effect, although residents of Spring Garden and Greenhorn have been contacted. County Sheriff Departments are working with the Forest Service to coordinate any potential evacuations. A town meeting was held last night at the Long Valley Fire Station to provide residents with a fire status update.

Fire Behavior: Fuels have potential to burn rapidly and intensely due to historically low moisture levels. Fire intensity is expected to pick up in late morning as valley inversion layers lift. Concerns are wind gusts that may carry fire beyond fire lines and flaming debris rolling down steep slopes.

Weather: Forecast for today is temperatures in the upper 80's with humidity of 12-22% and winds SSW and upslope at 6 to 12mph. Heavy smoke will settle into valleys with night time inversion.

Current Situation: Fire fighters are prepared to locate and attack new starts during the day. Additional resources, including engines, crews and aircraft have been ordered. The Incident Command at Feather River College in Quincy has become fully operational.

Current Forest and Road Closures: 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

Fire information: internet www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas ; <http://plumasfiresafe.org>
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