



# CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



**Location:** Plumas National Forest

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

**Update:** June 29, 2008 AM

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

**Acres:** 9210 **Resources:** 866 personnel **Containment:** 5%

California Interagency Incident Management Team 3 continues to manage the Canyon Complex incident. The teams priority is providing for public and firefighter safety, and developing the most effective suppression strategies. Together with the Plumas National Forest and local cooperators they have prepared initial attack crews to be ready for any new starts. There has been one injury and no damage to structures.

**Current Situation:** Fifteen fires are now contained for a total of 387 acres. Fire crews continue to make progress on the remaining 30 fires. The Chips fire at 5 acres was detected on Thursday and rappellers are scheduled to begin hand line on the fire today. The Cold Fire is currently at 4,747 acres however erratic winds on Saturday pushed the fire towards Bell Bar Creek. A small spot fire across Nelson Creek was contained by firefighters. Two helicopters were utilized to assist firefighters on the ground and crews and dozers continue to strengthen lines on the north and east flanks. A fire fighter suffering from dehydration was evacuated from the fire and is recovering. The Keddie Fire is in mop up, and the 4 Mile, 4 Mile 2 and Fox fires have merged into one fire and are contained and in mop up at this time. Crews and dozers are scheduled to work Sunday on the Hartman Fire using direct dozer line and hand line.

**Summary:** An increase in fire activity was observed as a result of the inversion layer lifting and erratic wind patterns. Some cloud build up was observed in the east and west but produced no lightning over the complex. Residents in nearby areas should expect to see dense smoke during early morning and late afternoon through evening. As the inversion lifts and winds increase smoke columns may be observed. Crews will be on alert as fires become more active. A Red Flag Warning is in affect today for dry lightning and brings a slight possibility of afternoon and evening thunderstorms in the higher elevations. If conditions allow reconnaissance aircraft may also be able to find and size up fires. Resources continue to be stretched thin across northern California.

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

Fires across northern California have continued to affect air quality. 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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