



CANYON COMPLEX FIRE UPDATE



Location: Plumas National Forest Fire **Start Date:** June 22, 2008 **Update:** July 3, 2008 PM
California Incident Management Team # 3 (Incident Commander – Jeanne Pincha-Tulley)
Acres: 14,703 **Resources:** 982 personnel **Containment:** 61%

Current Situation: Hand crews initiated work from Highway 70 on the Belden Fire dealing with rough, steep terrain, and many dangerous snag trees. Fire fighters partially used the Pacific Crest Trail as a fire line on the west flank, and began clearing brush on the east side along Indian Creek in an indirect attack. Structure protection engines are in place to protect the town. The Belden Fire remains the #1 priority on the Canyon Complex. A voluntary evacuation remains in place for the west end of Belden in the vicinity of Indian Creek RV Park and the immediate area surrounding Maggie's Maple Leaf. A Sheriff's advisement is in place for the Belden community area south of Highway 70. The fire remains about ¼ mile above town.

Containment lines continue to hold on the Cold Fire and mop up operations are underway. Mop-up continues on the Fox and Rock 2 fires. Twenty two fires are contained and eight fires are uncontained on the Complex. Helicopters supported ground forces on the Frey and South fire this afternoon. The plan for tomorrow is to move several crews to the Frey and South Fires. Crews on the Frey Fire were working on an estimated 40 acre spot fire late this afternoon.

Closures: 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. Campgrounds currently closed due to wildfires include Milsap Bar, Little North Fork, Rogers Cow Camp, Feather Falls, and Hartman Bar. Trails, including the Pacific Crest Trail, are closed in these areas. Please refer to maps and descriptions posted on the Forest website <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/>. Temporary flight restrictions are in place over the fire complex.

Road Closure: Highway 70 is closed to the public, but open to residents from the junction of Highways 89/70 (Greenville Wye) to the Indian Creek RV Park in Belden. No through traffic is permitted from west of Belden to Big Bend Road. For more information on State road closures, call CalTrans information: 1-800-427-7623.

Weather: Lower temperatures and higher humidity overnight is expected to reduce fire activity. Smoke may settle into the valleys, reducing air quality and visibility. As the weather becomes warmer and drier tomorrow, increased fire activity is expected.

For an update of local air quality conditions, visit www.countyofplumas.com, for Butte County: www.bcaqmd.org.

Events: Private businesses and resorts in forest communities, including facilities around Bucks Lake, remain open. The High Sierra Music Festival, rodeo in Taylorsville, and the Graeagle fire works display are expected to take place as scheduled. Contact event organizers for current information.

Fire information: internet 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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