



Arizona Central West Zone Incident Management Team

Canyon Complex NEWS RELEASE

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Acres: 37,357	Start date: June 21, 2008
Cause: Lightning	Location: Feather River, Mount Hough & Beckwourth Ranger Districts
Containment: 93 percent	Fuels: Timber, logging slash, brush and grass
Terrain: Steep, rugged	Resources: 4 crews, 12 engines, 3 dozers, 11 water tenders
Total personnel: 420	Available air support: 3 helicopters.

Finish the Shift

In the last seven years, 109 firefighters in the wildland fire community died in the line of duty. Each was a special person, important to others. Yesterday, in remembrance of these fallen brothers and sisters, the firefighters working the Canyon Complex set out to “finish the shift.” On a list of the names posted at the morning briefing, firefighters signed their names beside those of the fallen, dedicating their day’s work to the memory of that firefighter. In some cases, it was personal, the deceased firefighter being a friend or crew member. In others, the deceased was unknown. It didn’t matter. They were all family. It is easy to wear a remembrance ribbon. Giving a name to the memory makes it personal. The firefighters of the Canyon Complex went out to finish the last shift of those who went before.

The Little Fire and the Fox Fire were contained today. Patrol continues on these and the remaining fires of the Canyon Complex. Firefighters continue with their efforts on suppression rehabilitation.

The status of the uncontained fires is as follows:

Scotch Fire:	13,009 acres	Containment 85%.
South Frey Fire:	9,061 acres	Containment 95%
French-Bear Fire:	1,066 acres	Containment 95%

For more information see www.fs.fed.us/r5/plumas/ and www.inciweb.org.

Other contacts: Air Quality Info www.countyofplumas.com; Fire Protection Info <http://plumasfiresafe.org>; Butte County Fire Info www.buttecounty.net; Cal Fire Website www.fire.ca.gov;

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