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Dixie Fire Update for July 29, 2021

Lassen and Plumas National Forests, July 29, 2021 — The forecast calls for high temperatures and low humidities today and throughout the week. Smoke will vary in elevation and density over the fire area. Fire behavior is expected to remain active with this week's forecast, and the incident management teams are watching for spotting and aggressive movement. The Dixie Fire remains in Unified Command, with two teams overseeing the fire: CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 1 on the West Zone and California Interagency Incident Command Team 2 on the East Zone.

The Dixie Fire is 221,504 acres with 23% containment. There are over 5,931 fire personnel fighting the fire.

On the East Zone, dry conditions in the afternoon allowed for some firing operations along containment lines. Smoke levels varied over the fire yesterday evening, with the smoke clearing but remaining persistent in some drainages and valleys. Crews focused on strengthening and securing containment lines. These containment lines include a line along the southern perimeter in the Bucks Lake region, the Mount Hough Road, Emigrant Road, and a northern, direct line in the Long Valley and Round Valley Reservoir area. A spot fire ignited off the southeast perimeter, and firefighters quickly mobilized to address the new concern. Crews plan on strategically using firing operations and air support today when and where possible. They will continue strengthening containment lines with dozers and handlines when conditions are less favorable for tactical firing and air operations. The hot and dry forecasted weather indicates an increase in fire activity, and firefighters will be on the lookout for spotting and other aggressive fire behavior.

On the West Zone, fire activity was active during the evening with spotting and rollout. Fire behavior on the Dixie Fire is expected to increase due to drying conditions. Fire continues to move towards control lines burning unburned interior islands and ridges. Most expected growth will be to the West towards Butte Meadows. Strong upper level ridging will bring warm and dry conditions to the area through Friday with well above normal temperatures and worsening overnight relative humidity recovery. Isolated thunderstorms today should stay well east of the fire area over the Sierra Nevada. Crews will continue to construct direct and indirect line to secure the fire perimeter, construct contingency lines in both zones, and provide structure defense in communities at risk.

Current Forest Closure information can be found at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/7690/>

Current Evacuation information can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/4nm69873>

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