



DIXIE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 09/09/2021 Time: 7:00 a.m.



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West Zone Information Line: (530) 592-0838
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Incident Website: www.fire.ca.gov
Email Sign-Up: tinyurl.com/dbdhsfd3

INCIDENT FACTS

Incident Start Date: 7/13/2021		Incident Start Time: 5:15 p.m.	
Incident Type: Vegetation		Cause: Under Investigation	
Incident Location: Feather River Canyon near Cresta Powerhouse			
CAL FIRE Unit: Butte, Lassen-Modoc, Tehama			
Unified Command Agencies: CAL FIRE, United States Forest Service, National Park Service			
Size: 927,320 acres	Containment: 59%	Expected Full Containment: TBD	
First Responder Fatalities: 1*		First Responder Injuries: 3	
Civilian Fatalities: 0		Civilian Injuries: 0	
Structures Threatened: 1,941	Single Residences Destroyed: 688		Single Residences Damaged: 52
	Multiple Residences Destroyed: 8		Multiple Residences Damaged: 4
	Non-residential Commercial Destroyed: 139		Non-residential Commercial Damaged: 10
	Other Minor Structures Destroyed: 439		Other Minor Structures Damaged: 26
Total Destroyed: 1,282	Mixed Commercial/Residential Destroyed: 8		Mixed Commercial/Residential Damaged: 0
Total Damaged: 92			

CURRENT SITUATION

Current Situation



Dixie Fire West Zone: Last night at 7PM Old Station was put under a Mandatory Evacuation Order. The wind continued into the evening increasing the fire activity. The northern portion continued to have active runs in the brush and ground fuels with occasional group torching. Interior islands continued to burn and smolder through the night. Heavy fuels continue to consume throughout the fire perimeter.

Additional resources assigned to the Shasta sector work to build and reinforce lines today due to the predicted fire activity in the area. Additional engines, hand crews, and fuels reduction projects are ongoing in the area. These additional resources will also help to strengthen lines on the fires edge and to prepare for the extreme weather event predicted for this Thursday and Friday.

Incident Videos



The California National Guard continue their efforts with West Zone crews in the Lassen Sector on north side of HWY 44. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe fire train continues to deliver 30,000 gallons of water, per load, to fill water tenders, allowing for a faster return to the fire today.

Current Situation

The West Zone is working in conjunction with the East Zone south of Janesville and Milford, along the 395 corridor and up to the escarpment. Fire crews have installed thousands of feet of hose, scrapped 10-blade-wide dozer lines, and reinforced containment lines with retardant from the mobile retardant base in Hurlong. Smoldering vegetation is still expected In the Lake Almanor area. Crews aggressively continue to reinforce the lines in very steep and rugged terrain in the Lassen Volcanic National Park.

A critical Fire Weather Watch is in effect for thunderstorms and frontal winds that begin today through Friday.

Residents will see smoke coming from trees and stumps for days following their return. Proceed with caution, burned out areas may have unseen hazards. Residents are encouraged to call 911 if they are concerned about any active flames near their homes or businesses. Damage assessment is ongoing. The changing count of threatened structures in the update is due to changes in fire status and the evacuation warnings in Lassen, Plumas and Shasta County.

***A firefighter assigned to the Dixie incident passed away, due to an illness on September 2.**

Dixie Fire East Zone: The National Weather Service in Reno has issued a Fire Weather Watch for the Dixie Fire area for late tonight through Friday, (9-9-21 at 11:00 PM through 9-10-21). Thunderstorms, strong outflow winds, and light rains are likely tonight, then gusty winds and low humidity are expected through the day tomorrow. Very little fire growth occurred yesterday and overnight in the East Zone of the Dixie Fire. Across the fire area, fire continued to consume isolated internal pockets of unburned fuel as well as rekindling fallen pine needles in places, occasionally creating areas of smoke, and embers thrown from the flare-ups threaten containment lines. Fire on the north of Grizzly Ridge has burned into light re-growth from the 2019 Walker Fire, and in the southeast corner, fire burned into the 2021 Sugar Fire scar and stopped.

Last night's night shift included over 250 firefighters, which is a significant increase in fresh personnel over previous shifts. Crews are patrolling the entire fire area day and night, providing structure protection, responding to smoke reports, and closely monitoring containment lines. Fire continues to burn in the very steep terrain of the Devil's Punchbowl south of Taylorsville. Moderate fire activity in the area involves backing and short flanking runs in ground fuels occurring in the heat of the day. Today, hotshot crews are going direct with the help of water drops from helicopters, piecing together areas of open rock scree in the avalanche chutes, and constructing direct handline around the uncontained perimeter. Working with resources from the West Zone, two type 1 hotshot hand-crews had success yesterday and overnight building direct containment line and putting out hot spots on the steep slopes of the escarpment above Highway 395 south of Milford. Today, hand-crews continue to hold the fire in the very steep terrain northwest of Dixie Peak, and crews and heavy equipment are building contingency lines along the Beckwourth-Genesee Road.

<p>Dixie Fire Resources</p>	<p>For more information on the Dixie Fire, click the following links: Dixie Fire Structure Status Map (CAL FIRE) https://tinyurl.com/2m9en9t4 CAL FIRE Website- https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents USFS Information- https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7690/</p>
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Evacuation Information
*****Refer to the County’s Evacuation Map for up-to-date information*****
All evacuation zones may not be listed on this fact sheet.

<p>Plumas County Evacuation Orders</p>	<p><u>PLUMAS COUNTY EVACUATION ORDERS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beckwourth Genesee Road east through Dixie Valley Rd to the Plumas County line and north to the Plumas County line. This includes Dixie Valley and Frenchman Lake. [PLU 34, PLU 37, PLU 43-A and 43-B] • Long Valley and north of Seneca areas [PLU Zone 004B] • Humbug Humboldt Cross Rd. at SR89, south along Humbug Humboldt Rd. to the intersection with Humboldt Rd., west to the Round Valley Creek and Deer Creek intersect, north along the Tehama County Line to the intersection SR36, east along SR36 to the intersection of SR89, south along SR89 to the intersection with Humbug Humboldt Cross Rd. [PLU Zone 6B] • East side of Mt. Hough, east to Tower Rock and the south edge of Genesee. Includes Emigrant Rd. Zone [PLU Zone 16A] • Grizzly/Tower: Beckwourth Genesee Rd south of Antelope Lake Rd to Grizzly Ridge and North of Argentine Lookout [PLU Zone 21] • Antelope, includes the area surrounding Antelope Lake, North to the Plumas/Lassen Line, East to the Plumas Lassen Line, including Fruit Growers Blvd USFS Road 28N32, Indian Creek Road, Diamond Mountain Way, and the area of Thompson Creek & Boulder Creek. [PLU Zone 30] • The unpopulated area of Babcock Crossing, Elephants Playground, and Murdock Crossing areas. This includes Beckwourth-Genesee at Clover Creek Loop, North to area of Drum Bridge, North to area of Babcock crossing. East to Big Flat Spring, South to 25N05, West to Beckwourth Genesee Road [PLU Zone 31] • Ingalis: South of Beckwourth Genesee Road to the NW side of Lake Davis along Grizzly Ridge to the west and including the Walker Mine [PLU Zone 33] • North of Lake Davis from the intersection of Beckwourth-Taylorville Road and the Bagley pass Road, north to Zone 31 [PLU 35-A] • Lake Davis, north of Lake Davis Road to Gate Place, includes all sides of Lake Davis [PLU 35-B]
<p>Plumas County Evacuation Warning</p>	<p><u>PLUMAS COUNTY EVACUATION WARNINGS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL OF GENESEE VALLEY, southeast of Taylorville up the Genesee Rd to just south of Babcock Crossing, Walker • Mine Road, north portion of Beckwourth Genesee Road. [PLU Zone 28] • Taylorville [PLU Zone 15A] • Harkness and Warner Valley, Kelly Mountain [PLU Zone 041] • Greenville area [PLU Zone 014]

<p>Road Closures</p> <p>Road Closures</p>	<p><i>Public traveling in or near evacuated areas should follow egress route directions identified in the evacuation notifications. Directions provided by mobile devices and GPS units could lead drivers into hazardous areas. Motorists are encouraged to call 1-800-427-7623 for highway information as roadway conditions remain dynamic.</i></p> <p><u>Shasta County</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic is being diverted to northbound Highway 89 to Burney • All roads between the park entrance and Wilcox Rd at HWY 89 • Highway 44 is closed through old station • Road closures are at the intersection of Highway 89 and 44 at the entrance of Lassen National Park and at the intersection of Highway 89 at Wilcox Road to the north of Old Station. • Highway 44 is closed at Road A21 on the Lassen County side. • Lassen Volcanic National Park (LVNP) is closed. <p><u>Lassen County</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janesville Grade @ “Granite Lookout.” <p><u>Plumas County</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Falls Road @ SR-89. No westbound Indian Falls Road traffic. • Greenville Wolf Creek Road just west of SR-89. No westbound Greenville Wolf Creek Road traffic. • Pecks Valley Road northbound @ North Valley Road eastbound. • North Valley Road northbound @ North Arm Road. • Dixie Valley Road @ SR-89. No northbound Dixie Valley Road traffic. • Arlington Road eastbound at Viacava Ranch Road. No eastbound Arlington Road traffic. • Main Street both directions @ SR-89 • Beckwourth Genesee Road westbound @ Antelope Road
<p>California Department of Fish and Wildlife</p>	<p>The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will close seven of its properties that lie within or immediately adjacent to USDA Forest Service boundaries during this same period to support emergency response routes, firefighting efforts and protect public safety.</p> <p>Link to all the closed areas: https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=194978&inline</p>
<p>National Forest Closures</p>	<p>The Pacific Southwest Region is temporarily closing all R5 National Forests to provide better public and firefighter safety due to extreme fire conditions throughout the state and strained firefighting resources throughout the country. This closure will be effective on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. through September 17, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. This Order does not affect the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, which is not in the Pacific Southwest Region. (See Regional Order No. 21-07: Emergency Forest Closure link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd949149.pdf).</p> <p>The Lassen National Forest's Order No. 06-21-08: Expanded Dixie Fire Closure Order prohibits the public from entering within the Dixie Fire Closure Area or any National Forest System Roads or trails described in Exhibits A &</p>

	<p>B. (https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd940211.pdf). This Order is in effect until November 30, 2021.</p> <p>The Plumas National Forest's Order No. 05-11-00-21-21: Dixie Fire Phases 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Expanded Closure Order prohibits the public from entering within the Dixie Fire Closure Area or any National Forest System road or trail described in Exhibit A and B.</p> <p>(https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd940207.pdf). This Order is in effect until September 30, 2021.</p>			
Bureau of Land Management	<p>The Bizz Johnson National Recreation Trail near Susanville, as the Bureau of Land Management has rescinded a temporary emergency closure associated with the Dixie Fire. Also reopened are the Hobo Camp and Devil's Corral trailheads and all other BLM-managed lands that were affected by the emergency closure that went into effect Aug. 16. This includes BLM-managed lands south of California Highway 36, west of U. S. 395. and north and east of the Lassen National Forest boundary.</p>			
Lassen Evacuee Campsites	<p>The Lassen National Forest has the Christine Campground on Eagle Lake Ranger District and the Bridge Campground on the Hat Creek Ranger District available for evacuees. Evacuee's primary residence must be under mandatory evacuation and need to check in with the campsite's hosts. Before you go, make sure the campgrounds are not under any evacuation warnings.</p> <p>Contact Brian.newman@usda.gov or call 530-338-8745.</p>			
Plumas Evacuee Campsites	<p>Plumas National Forest - Campgrounds available to evacuees include Meadow Camp, Rock Creek, and Deanes Valley Campgrounds in the Meadow Valley area, in addition to Red Bridge Campground off La Porte Road, and Lakes Basin Campground off of Gold Lake Highway.</p> <p>Contact the Plumas National Forest Supervisors Office at (530) 283-2050 or the Mt. Hough Ranger District at (530) 283-0555 or the Beckwourth Ranger District (530) 836-2575 for more information.</p>			
Lassen Volcanic National Park	<p>All of Lassen National Park is closed to all access due to the Dixie Fire. For current information regarding the Lassen Volcanic National Park: https://www.nps.gov/lavo/learn/nature/dixie-fire.htm</p>			
ASSIGNED RESOURCES				
Engines: 364	Water Tenders: 178	Helicopters: 25	Hand Crews: 81	Dozers: 132
Other: 1,504		Total Personnel: 4,846		
Air Tankers:	<p>Numerous firefighting air tankers from throughout the State are flying fire suppression missions as conditions allow.</p>			
<p>Cooperating Agencies: Butte County Sheriff's Office, Plumas County Sheriff's Office, Lassen County Sheriff's Office, Tehama County Sheriff's Office, Shasta County Sheriff's Office, CHP, PG&E, CAL OES, CAL-EMSA, California National Guard, California Conservation Corps, CAL TRANS, Sierra Pacific Industries, W.M. Beaty and Associates, Collins Pine, California Department of Corrections, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad, Union Pacific Railroad</p>				

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