



NORTH COMPLEX WEST ZONE INCIDENT UPDATE

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INCIDENT FACTS

Incident Start Date: August 17, 2020		Incident Start Time: 9:00 am
Incident Type: Vegetation Fire		Cause: Lightning
Incident Location: Plumas, Butte, and Yuba Counties		
CAL FIRE Unit: Butte Unit		
Size: *84,500 acres	Containment: 69%	Expected Full Containment: TBA
Civilian Fatalities / Injuries: 15 Fatalities		First Responder Fatalities / Injuries: 2 Injuries
Structures Threatened: 10,000	Structures Destroyed/Damaged: 2139 Destroyed, 109 Damaged	

CURRENT SITUATION

Situation Summary:



Current Information


The North Complex Fire entered Butte County on September 8, 2020. The North Complex Fire is broken into three zones; North, South, and West. The North and South Zone are managed by the United States Forest Service. The West Zone is managed by CAL FIRE Incident Management Team 4.

Weather conditions are beginning to slowly change ahead of a front expected to reach the fire area today. General winds are expected to be southwesterly around 10 mph, mainly above 6,000 feet. Humidity is on the rise as an upper level feature brings in additional moisture from the northwest. Upslope and then upvalley winds will continue to be the theme during the day, with stronger downslope and then downvalley winds at night. After the front passes, conditions will get hotter and drier with strengthening winds. A fire weather watch is in effect from Saturday through Monday. The critically dry fuel moistures make the vegetation extremely receptive to fire. [Click here](#) to learn more about Fire Weather Watches and Red Flag Warnings.



Morning
Operational Briefing

Yesterday the firing operation northwest along Old Forbestown Rd. to Squaw Flat Rd. down to the Ponderosa Reservoir was successful. It did not cross any of the fire lines. The burning operation was successful in removing fuel from in front of the fire front to the north and south of the Ponderosa Reservoir which mitigated any further spread. Firefighters continued to reinforce the primary, alternate, and contingency fire lines throughout the night. Firefighters will also be aggressively mopping up hotspots within the fire perimeter to prevent any chance of spot fires crossing the fire line in the next few days. [Click here](#) to see the dozer work that was being done off of Forbestown Rd. and Old Forbestown Rd.

	<p>Total acreage of the North Complex is 304,492 acres @ 78% contained. *84,500 acres included in the 304,492 acres total.</p> <p>California historically experiences some of the most devastating wildfires in the months of September and October. Do Not Let Your Guard Down! To learn how to prevent sparking a wildfire visit www.readyforwildfire.org.</p>
<p>Evacuation Orders / Warnings</p>  <p>Links to Evacuation and Road Closures</p>	<p>For Evacuation Orders, Warnings and Road Closures go to:</p> <p>Per the Butte County Sheriff's Office,</p> <p>Butte County Sheriff Website: http://www.buttecounty.net/sheriffcoroner Butte County Sheriff Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/bcsonews Butte County Website: http://www.buttecounty.net/ Butte County Sheriff Twitter: @ButteSheriff Butte County Sheriff's Call Center: (530) 552-3010 Evacuation Map: https://tinyurl.com/y3d9umwr</p> <p>Per the Plumas County Sheriff's Office,</p> <p>Plumas County Sheriff Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/plumascountysheriff,</p> <p>Per the Yuba County Sheriff's Office,</p> <p>Yuba County Sheriff Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/yubacountysheriff Yuba County Sheriff Twitter: @YubaSheriff Yuba County Emergency Information Page: https://www.yuba.org/emergency/</p>
<p>Road Closures</p>	<p>For Evacuation Orders, Warnings and Road Closures go to:</p> <p>Butte County Sheriff Website: http://www.buttecounty.net/sheriffcoroner Butte County Sheriff Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/bcsonews Butte County Website: http://www.buttecounty.net/ Butte County Sheriff Twitter: @ButteSheriff Butte County Sheriff's Call Center: (530) 552-3010</p> <p>Plumas County Sheriff Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/plumascountysheriff</p> <p>Yuba County Sheriff Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/yubacountysheriff Yuba County Sheriff Twitter: @YubaSheriff Yuba County OES: www.yuba.org/emergency</p>

Evacuation Centers:	Plumas County: Springs of Hope Church located at 59 Bell Lane Quincy.			
Animal Evacuation Centers:	<p>Butte County Animal Services:</p> <p>Small Animals: 2279 Del Oro Ave. Oroville (FULL) 521 Cal Oak Rd., Oroville</p> <p>Large Animals: Camelot Equestrian Center, 1985 Clark Road, Butte Valley</p> <p>North Valley Animal Disaster Group: (530) 895-0000</p> <p>Plumas County Animal Services: (530) 283-3673</p> <p>Yuba County Animal Services:</p> <p>Small Animals: Yuba County Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave, Yuba City</p> <p>Large Animals: Yuba County Mounted Sheriff's Posse Arena, 5396 Marysville Rd., Brownsville, CA</p> <p>Wildlife Disaster Network. If you discover any injured wildlife contact the veterinarians on call with the Wildlife Disaster Network at (800) 942-6459.</p>			
Local Assistance Center	<p>The LAC (Local Assistance Center) is now open.</p> <p>The LAC is located at: Feather River Parks and Recreation Gymnastics Academy 1875 Feather River Blvd. Oroville, CA</p> <p>LAC Hours: 10AM – 6PM Monday – Friday, 10AM – 4PM Saturday, Closed Sunday</p> <p>Estimated to Remain Open for Three Weeks</p> <p>Click here for information about the LAC.</p>			
ASSIGNED RESOURCES				
Engines: 119	Water Tenders: 44	Helicopters: 16	Hand Crews: 54	Dozers: 57
Other: 20		Total Personnel: 1924		
Air Tankers:	Numerous firefighting air tankers from throughout the State are flying fire suppression missions as conditions allow.			
<p>Cooperating Agencies: Butte, Plumas, and Yuba County Sheriff's Offices, California Highway Patrol, Sierra Pacific Industries, W.M. Beaty, PG&E, California Conservation Corps, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, North Valley Animal Disaster Group, Out of State Resources from, Michigan, Utah, New Mexico, and Out of Country from Canada, California State Parks and Recreation, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, KonKow Valley Band of Maidu, Berry Creek Rancheria, Mooretown Rancheria, Soper-Wheeler and Union Pacific Railroad, CAL Trans, Cal OES and Butte County OES.</p>				

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