



# DIXIE FIRE INCIDENT UPDATE

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



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Email Sign-Up: [tinyurl.com/dbdhsfd3](http://tinyurl.com/dbdhsfd3)

## INCIDENT FACTS

<b>Incident Start Date:</b> 7/13/2021		<b>Incident Start Time:</b> 5:15 p.m.	
<b>Incident Type:</b> Vegetation		<b>Cause:</b> Under Investigation	
<b>Incident Location:</b> Feather River Canyon near Cresta Powerhouse			
<b>CAL FIRE Unit:</b> Butte, Lassen-Modoc, Tehama			
<b>Unified Command Agencies:</b> CAL FIRE, United States Forest Service, National Park Service			
<b>Size:</b> 928,741 acres	<b>Containment:</b> 59%	<b>Expected Full Containment:</b> TBD	
<b>First Responder Fatalities:</b> 1*		<b>First Responder Injuries:</b> 3	
<b>Civilian Fatalities:</b> 0		<b>Civilian Injuries:</b> 0	
<b>Structures Threatened:</b> 2,155	<b>Single Residences Destroyed:</b> 728		<b>Single Residences Damaged:</b> 52
	<b>Multiple Residences Destroyed:</b> 8		<b>Multiple Residences Damaged:</b> 4
	<b>Non-residential Commercial Destroyed:</b> 139		<b>Non-residential Commercial Damaged:</b> 10
	<b>Other Minor Structures Destroyed:</b> 446		<b>Other Minor Structures Damaged:</b> 29
<b>Total Destroyed:</b> 1,329	<b>Mixed Commercial/Residential Destroyed:</b> 8		<b>Mixed Commercial/Residential Damaged:</b> 0
<b>Total Damaged:</b> 95			

## CURRENT SITUATION

**Current Evacuation Status:** <https://tinyurl.com/2whbc9xn>

### Current Situation



**Dixie Fire West Zone:** Fire conditions continued to worsen today in the Shasta Sector due to dry fuels, a cold front entering the area which brought heavy winds and erratic fire behavior. The cold front in the area also brought unstable air to the region which promoted tall column development. This area is the number one priority of the management team. Additional hand crews and engines have been moved into the area to aggressively build and reinforce lines to protect the communities of Hat Creek and Old Station.

### Incident Videos



Efforts in the northern regions of the fire have been enhanced using the Burlington Northern Santa Fe fire train. The train can deliver 30,000 gallons of water, per load, to fill water tenders, allowing for a faster return to the fire. Firefighting forces in the branch were reinforced by the addition of troops from the California National Guard.

**Current Situation**

As the area of Lake Almanor has been repopulated, service calls continue to come in, as expected. Residents have been reporting smoke from smoldering vegetation.

In the Janesville and Milford area, high winds blew off the escarpment this afternoon with gusts up to 46 mph. However, all the lines held. Winds are expected to continue through the evening. The potential for increased fire activity in the unburned area between the fire and the Walker Burn scar is high. West Zone crews are working cooperatively with the East Zone crews up to the escarpment, mopping up and strengthening the line to keep the fire south of Janesville and Milford.

Resources in the Lassen Volcanic National Park continued to use fire retardant, mechanical equipment and all firefighting resources and techniques available to complete line in the steep and rugged terrain and extinguish the fire.

A Red Flag Warning is in effect for thunderstorms and frontal winds that begin today through Friday. The forecast is for overnight winds from the southwest 10-20 MPH with gusts up to 40 mph.

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 issued a Red Flag Warning for gusty winds and low humidity, in effect from 11 PM this evening to 11 PM PDT Friday. Critical fire weather conditions will develop this evening and last through Friday. Thunderstorms with potential dry lightning are possible, and gusty southwest winds will develop tonight and continue tomorrow. The forest is extremely dry, fuels on the forest floor are exceptionally receptive to sparks, and dry lightning could easily ignite new fires. Erratic outflow winds from thunderstorms tonight and continuing gusty winds will test containment lines and could cause new fires to rapidly grow in size and intensity.

On the steep slopes of the escarpment above Highway 395 south of Milford, hand crews were successful securing the edge and mopping up heat of the fire on and near the fire's edge. Pockets of fire continue to burn in a series of timber stringers north of Dixie Mountain. Hand crews improved and added depth to containment lines successfully holding the fire north of the mountain's west ridge. Task forces, made up of groups of engines, used water to mop up around structures in Dixie Valley, while hand crews reinforced containment lines wrapping around the southside of Horton Ridge. Heavy equipment crews continue building contingency lines in Dotta Valley, tying into the recent Sugar Fire, and using masticators to thin fuels along the Beckwourth-Genesee Road.

Twenty-five miles of recently built containment line around Turner Ridge, north of Davis Lake, along Grizzly Ridge, and north towards Tower Rock, all held with no issues. In the inaccessible Devil's Punchbowl area south of Taylorsville, hand crews actively engaged the fire with assistance from helicopters again today, wetting down hot spots with water drops and scouted the area for opportunities to attack the fire directly.

**Dixie Fire Resources**  
 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/>


**Evacuation Information**  
 All evacuation zones may not be listed on this fact sheet.  
**Current Evacuation Status:** <https://tinyurl.com/2whbc9xn>

**Plumas County Evacuation Orders**

**Plumas County Evacuation Warning**

- PLUMAS COUNTY EVACUATION ORDERS**
- 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-Taylorsville 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]
- PLUMAS COUNTY EVACUATION WARNINGS**
- ALL OF GENESEE VALLEY, southeast of Taylorsville up the Genesee Rd to just south of Babcock Crossing, Walker



<p><b>Lassen County Resources</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milford area west (mountain side) of Hwy 395 from Raker Place south to Milford Grade – Zone LAS-E010-A</li> <li>• North of Hwy 44 from A21 intersection east to Hog Flat Reservoir and north to Antelope Mountain and Campbell Mountain area east of County Rd A21 and west of County Rd A1 –Zone LAS-E035-B and E035-I</li> <li>• Bogard area north of Hwy 44 from Pittville Rd east to Forest Services Route 32NO2 and to County Rd A21 and north to Blacks Mountain, Harvey Mountain and south of Ashurst Lake –Zones LAS-E035-D,E,G</li> <li>• West of County Rd A1 from Forest Services Route 32NO2 north to Spalding Rd East to County Rd A21– Zone LAS-E035-C</li> </ul> <p>Lassen County Damage Inspection Map: <a href="https://arcg.is/0GvCeX">https://arcg.is/0GvCeX</a>  Lassen County Web site: <a href="http://www.co.lassen.ca.us">http://www.co.lassen.ca.us</a>  Sheriff Website: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/sy9frpx6">https://tinyurl.com/sy9frpx6</a>  Sheriff Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LassenSheriff">https://www.facebook.com/LassenSheriff</a>  Lassen National Forest: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/lassen">https://www.fs.usda.gov/lassen</a></p>
<p><b>Shasta County Evacuation Orders</b></p> <p><b>Evacuation Warnings</b></p> <p><b>Shasta County Resources</b></p>	<p><b><u>SHASTA COUNTY EVACUATION ORDERS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all residents in Old Station Zone SCU-003. This includes the area east of Highway 89 just north of Black Angus Lane, and north to the intersection of Highway 89 at Doty Road following Bidwell Road east to the Pacific Crest Trail.</li> <li>• Residents of all roads between the Lassen National Park entrance and the Bridge Campground.</li> <li>• Any residences on Highway 44 from the Lassen County line.</li> <li>• Hat Creek Rim east to the Shasta County Line and south of SR-44</li> </ul> <p><b>**A temporary evacuation point is being set up at the Safeway in Burney.</b></p> <p><b><u>SHASTA COUNTY EVACUATION WARNINGS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The areas of Hat Creek and Old Station for both sides of SR-44 from Big Pines Road north of Brians Way</li> <li>• SCU-255. This area is a forested area east of Zone SCU-003 that extends to the Shasta/Lassen County line.</li> </ul> <p>Shasta County Website: <a href="https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index.aspx">https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index.aspx</a>  Sheriff Website: <a href="https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/sheriff">https://www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/sheriff</a>  Shasta 2-1-1 Dixie Info: <a href="https://www.211disasterupdate.com/dixie-fire">https://www.211disasterupdate.com/dixie-fire</a>  Wildfire Info Map: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/fpsamrwr">https://tinyurl.com/fpsamrwr</a>  Code Red Sign Up: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/26ufjhn3">https://tinyurl.com/26ufjhn3</a></p> <p><b>**Residents are encouraged to sign up for the Code Red Emergency Alert System to receive important time-sensitive messages regarding critical local emergencies.</b></p>
<p><b>Shelter Locations</b></p>	<p>Shasta County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Word of Life Assembly of God Church 37341 Main Street off HWY 299 Burney, CA 96013</li> </ul> <p>Plumas County/Lassen County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Family Catholic Church 108 Taylor Ave. Portola, CA (<b>At Capacity</b>)</li> <li>• Sparks Convention Center Hall #5, 4590 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV</li> </ul>



<p><b>California Department of Fish and Wildlife</b></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:  <a href="https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=194978&amp;inline">https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=194978&amp;inline</a></p>
<p><b>National Forest Closures</b></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: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd949149.pdf">https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd949149.pdf</a>).</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 &amp; B. (<a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd940211.pdf">https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd940211.pdf</a>). 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. (<a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd940207.pdf">https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd940207.pdf</a>). This Order is in effect until September 30, 2021.</p>
<p><b>Bureau of Land Management</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Lassen Evacuee Campsites</b></p>	<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 <a href="mailto:Brian.newman@usda.gov">Brian.newman@usda.gov</a> or call 530-338-8745.</p>
<p><b>Plumas Evacuee Campsites</b></p>	<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>

<b>Lassen Volcanic National Park</b>	All of Lassen National Park is closed to all access due to the Dixie Fire. For current information regarding the Lassen Volcanic National Park: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/lavo/learn/nature/dixie-fire.htm">https://www.nps.gov/lavo/learn/nature/dixie-fire.htm</a>			
<b>ASSIGNED RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Engines: 357</b>	<b>Water Tenders: 174</b>	<b>Helicopters: 36</b>	<b>Hand Crews: 78</b>	<b>Dozers: 130</b>
<b>Other: 1,496</b>		<b>Total Personnel: 4,809</b>		
<b>Air Tankers:</b>	Numerous firefighting air tankers from throughout the State are flying fire suppression missions as conditions allow.			
<b>Cooperating Agencies:</b> 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				

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