



## Plumas and Lassen National Forests

Fire Update - August 4, 2012 8:00 am

# Chips Fire Information

Fire Information Phones: (530)283-7882/-7883/-7884

InciWeb: <http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3052/>

### Fire Facts:

Date started: **July 29, 2012**

Location: **20 Miles Northwest of Quincy, CA**

Size: **6,034**

Percent Contained: **5%**

Estimated Containment Date: **August 18, 2012**

Cause: **Under Investigation**

Cost to Date: **\$ 2,700,000**

Structures Threatened: **25 Residence; 4 Commercial**

Number of Personnel: **502**

Crews: **15**

Engines: **15**

Dozers: **3**

Water Tenders: **6**

Helicopters: **4 Type 1, 2 Type 2 and 2 Type 3**

Injuries to Date: **4**

### Today's Update:

Firefighters will continue indirect line construction around the Chips fire today. Due to the safety considerations related to the extremely steep, rocky, and inaccessible terrain, fire crews are not able to safely construct direct fire line. Indirect line will continue near Rogers Flat, to the southwest of the main fire, as well as northeast of the main fire and spot fire off of Caribou Road. The objective is to suppress the fire. Crews are doing everything they can to safely suppress the fire as quickly and efficiently as possible. Crews will also be available to assist the Plumas and Lassen National Forests with initial attack for any new fire starts around the fire area. Firefighters continued to provide structure protection for residences and businesses around and near Belden.

### Fire Behavior:

A Red Flag Warning has been issued for the area from 5pm today to 5pm Sunday for thunderstorms and dry lightning. These thunderstorms are capable of producing new fire starts and gusty outflow winds of up to 50 mph. Weather will be much like previous days this week with hot and dry conditions expected over the fire. The fire is expected to continue spreading northeast across ridgelines between Indian and Yellow Creek. The spot fire continues to creep down to the southeast toward Caribou Road. It has grown to around 400 acres and is expected to merge with the main fire.

### Closures and Evacuations:

Butt Valley Reservoir recreation facilities (Ponderosa Flat Campground, Cool Springs Campground, Ray Adams Day Use and Boat Launch as well as Yellow Creek Campground) are closed due to the fire.

Maggie's Trailer Park and Little Haven remain under a precautionary evacuation notice. A hard closure remains in place along Caribou Road from Highway 70 to Butt Lake. Gansner Bar, North Fork, and Queen Lily USFS campgrounds remain closed. Communities of Meadow Valley, Chester, Canyon Dam, Greenville, and Susanville area are not threatened nor are those to the far west including Paradise, Jarbo Gap, Concow, etc.

A fire closure area has been established for both the Plumas and Lassen National Forests and will be in place until the area is safe. Please see the Forest Orders and closure maps on InciWeb (address above). Pacific Crest Trail hikers may bypass the area by hiking Highway 70/89 or catching a bus with Plumas Transit to Chester, CA (weekdays only). Travelers should check Highway 70 conditions regularly (800-427-ROAD / [www.dot.ca.gov](http://www.dot.ca.gov)). Motorists need to anticipate firefighting personnel and apparatus on the road in the vicinity of the fire.

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