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North Complex Fire Morning Update September 14, 2020

Incident Start Date: 8/17/2020 **Size:** 264,374 acres **Containment:** 38% **Fatalities:** 14
Resources Assigned: Engines: 239 **Handcrews:** 76 **Dozers:** 81 **Helicopters:** 48 **Water Tenders:** 105
Total Personnel: 3,351

Current Situation

Firefighters made great progress last night and were able to increase containment to 38% despite the overall acreage increasing approximately 2,900 acres.

North Zone: Firefighters were able to conduct night firing operations near Four Trees, and will continue to prep contingency lines off of roads in the area and on Red Mountain. Priority for firefighting resources remains the areas south of Bucks Lake where firefighters will work to secure all the progress made by night firing operations. Structure protection groups are in place surrounding the fire's perimeter to protect nearby communities.

South Zone: Containment lines remained secure, while some interior islands of fuel burned in the steep terrain of the McCarthy's Bar area. Firefighters were successful in working the fire's edge along Mooreville Ridge to Sly Creek Reservoir.

West Zone: Please see CAL FIRE Team 4 updates at: www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2020/8/18/north-complex-fire/

Video operational updates and live broadcasts can be viewed on Plumas National Forest's Facebook page.

Evacuations and Road Closures

Mandatory evacuation orders and advisories are in place for Butte, Plumas, and Yuba Counties. Please check your respective county's Facebook page for the latest on evacuations and road closures.

Weather and Air Quality

A Red Flag Warning is in effect today from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. due to a combination of gusty southwest winds up to 35 mph with humidity in the teens. Significant smoke will remain in the region, but may decrease throughout the afternoon. Smoke outlook: fires.airfire.org/outlooks/EasternSierra or www.airnow.gov/

Forest Closures

Due to unprecedented and historic fire conditions throughout the state, the USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region has closed all eighteen National Forests in California, including the Plumas National Forest.

https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd801413.pdf

Meetings are being broadcast daily through Zoom:

- Cooperators Meeting daily at 10 a.m. <https://usfs.zoomgov.com/j/1602646317>
- Planning Meeting daily at 7 p.m. <https://usfs.zoomgov.com/j/1600484186>

California Interagency Incident Management Team 4 is implementing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in both the fire area and surrounding communities.

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