



NORTH COMPLEX WEST ZONE INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 9/16/2020 Time: 7:00 a.m.



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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: *77,479 acres	Containment: 30%	Expected Full Containment: TBA
Civilian Fatalities / Injuries: 15 Fatalities		First Responder Fatalities / Injuries: 1 Injury
Structures Threatened: 23,356	Structures Destroyed/Damaged: 865 Destroyed, 60 Damaged	

CURRENT SITUATION

Situation Summary:

On the afternoon of September 8th, 2020 the North Complex fire entered Butte County with a vengeance, driven by extreme winds, heavy dry fuels, and steep terrain.

The weather pattern over the fire today should be similar as yesterday with higher temperatures and fairly clear skies. The clearing of the smoke will have potential for increasing fire activity throughout the fire area.

Aircraft, will be available to assist the firefighters on the ground if there is good visibility over the fire area to be effective, and they are able to take off from the surrounding airports. Yesterday, a few times, smoke developed over the fire which hampered aircraft utilization.

Firefighters continue to fight to get into those areas of difficult access to make sure those areas of the fire are contained. Because of the dangerous and rugged terrain that the firefighters have been working in, there have been some injuries. The mild weather last night enabled the firefighters to be further successful in strengthening several existing containment lines, developing new containment lines and extinguishing several interior hot spots to prevent further spread. Several contingency fire lines have been completed.

CAL FIRE Damage Assessment Teams continue the documentation of destroyed and damaged structures within the fire area.

Total acreage of the North Complex is 273,335 acres @ 36% contained.
*77,479 acres included in the 273,335 acre total



Current Information

Evacuation Orders

Per the **Butte County** Sheriff's Office,
<https://www.facebook.com/bcsonews>, <https://tinyurl.com/yxbq5kgq>

The following areas are under an EVACUATION ORDER:

Communities of Berry Creek, Brush Creek, Big Bend and Feather Falls

- Upper Stringtown Rd., north of Mountain Oak Rd.
- Hwy 162 north of the Bidwell Bar Bridge
- Lumpkin Rd. above the Enterprise Bridge

Per the **Plumas County** Sheriff's Office,
<https://www.facebook.com/plumascountysheriff>,

The following areas are under an EVACUATION ORDER:

La Porte – Little Grass Valley Reservoir: All residents, campgrounds, and recreational facilities near Little Grass Valley Reservoir and the town of La Porte. Onion Valley south to the county line.

Bucks Lake – From Bucks Lake Rd (Highway 162) at the Plumas / Butte County Line east to Bucks Lake Rd at Big Creek Road (east intersection). This includes Bucklin Road from Mill Creek Campground south to Bucks Lake Road, all residents, recreational facilities, campgrounds in the Bucks Lake area.



Links to Evacuation and Road Closures

Per the **Yuba County** Sheriff's Office,
<https://www.facebook.com/yubacountysheriff>

The following areas are under an EVACUATION ORDER:

Yuba Zone 1- Area east New York Flat Rd, south of the County line, west of LaPorte Rd, and north of LaPorte Rd.

Yuba Zone 2- areas west of Bullards Bar Lake, east of La Porte Rd, south of the County line, and north Bullards Bar Rd and Fountainhouse Rd.

Yuba Zone 3C- Areas north of Caroline Rd., south of the County line, east of New York Flat Rd, and areas east of Forbestown Rd.

Yuba Zone 7- Area west of Bean Clipper Rd. and La Porte Rd., south of the county line, east of the county line, north of Moran Rd.

Communities north and east of Brownsville to the county border remain under an evacuation order at this time; including Challenge, Forbestown, Woodleaf, Clipper Mills, and Strawberry Valley.

Evacuation Warnings

Per the **Butte County** Sheriff's Office, <https://www.facebook.com/bcsonews>, <https://tinyurl.com/yxbq5kgq>

The following areas are under an EVACUATION WARNING:

Kelly Ridge, Bangor, Mt. Ida-

- The Kelly Ridge area
- Table Mountain Blvd., north of the Thermalito diversion pool, Coal Canyon Rd. and connecting roads along Hwy 70.
- Area enclosed by Highway 162 from Foothill Blvd to Forbestown Rd to the Butte County line on the north. Butte County line on the south. Foothill Blvd to Oro- Bangor Highway to Los Verjeles on the west perimeter. This includes the Old Olive Highway, Swedes Flat, Bangor and Robinson Mill areas.
- Highway 162 from Forbestown Rd, north to the Bidwell Bar bridge to include both sides of the roadway. All areas of upper Stringtown Rd north of Mountain Oak Rd. Lumpkin Rd from Faye Mar Dr. to the Enterprise Bridge. (only residents will be allowed to enter these areas until 9/16/2020 at 8:00 am and must show proof of residency)
- Areas north of Forbestown Rd. to Lumpkin Rd. including Lake Haven Way and Faye Mar Rd., including Stringdown Rd. just north of Mountain Oak Rd.

Cherokee area- Community of Cherokee, including Cherokee Rd. and all connecting roads, from Thompson Flat Rd. north to Hwy 70. All areas east of Cherokee Rd. to Lake Oroville. All areas west of Cherokee Rd. to Hwy 70. (Cherokee Rd. closed from Thompson Flat Rd. north to Hwy 70.)

Communities of Concow area- area east of Pentz, west of Hwy 70, and south of Pulga.

Community of Oroville- As of 5:00 pm Saturday, 9/12/2020 all of the Evacuation Warnings have been lifted for the community of Oroville.

Communities of Palermo and Honcut- As of 5:00 pm Saturday, 9/12/2020 the Evacuation Warning in the following areas has been lifted: South of Oro Dam Blvd, Olive Hwy and Foothill Blvd, west of Oro Bangor Hwy to Bangor, La Porte from Bangor to Hwy 70 and Hwy 70 north to the Feather River in Oroville.



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<p>Evacuation Warnings</p>	<p>Per the Plumas County Sheriff's Office, https://www.facebook.com/plumascountysheriff</p> <p>The following areas are under an EVACUATION WARNING:</p> <p>Quincy La Porte Rd.-From Hwy 70 south to Red Bridge (Middle Fork of Feather River).</p> <p>Meadow Valley – From Bucks Lake Rd. at Big CreekRd.,east of Snake Lake Rd.</p> <p>Feather River Canyon (Hwy 70)- from Plumas/Butte County line east to Belden, this includes the community of Belden.</p>
<div data-bbox="159 877 332 1052" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Links to Evacuation and Road Closures</p>	<p>Per the Yuba County Sheriff's Office, (https://www.facebook.com/yubacountysheriff)</p> <p>The following areas are under an EVACUATION WARNING:</p> <p>Yuba Co Zone 3A has been reduced to an Evacuation Warning- Consisting of the areas of East of Willow Glenn Rd., South of La Porte Rd., West of the intersection of Martin Way and LaPorte Rd. , areas of Wescott way and Willow Glen Rd.</p> <p>Yuba Co Zone 3B has been reduced to an Evacuation Warning- from the area south of Wetmore Rd, west of LaPorte Rd., north of LaPorte Rd.</p> <p>Yuba Co Zone 4- Repopulate areas east and west Willow Glen Rd from south of Frenchtown Rd south to Marysville Rd. This area will be in a evacuation warning.</p> <p>Yuba Co Zone 5- Repopulate areas east of Willow Glenn Ridge, west of Forsythe Rd, south of Forsythe Rd, and north of Marysville Rd. This area will be in a evacuation warning.</p> <p>Yuba Co Zone 6- Repopulate the areas of south of Sugarloaf, north of North Willow Glenn Rd, east of the County Line, and west of Sugarloaf Ridge. This area will be in a evacuation warning.</p>
<p>Road Closures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Access to Lake Oroville is closed • Quincy La Porte Road from SR-70 to Red Bridge is open to essential travel ONLY. • Peppard Flat Road (the dirt portion). • Quincy LaPorte Rd. from Red Bridge (Middle Fork of Feather River) south to the Plumas County Line • Bucks Lake Rd. between the Plumas / Butte County Line and Bucks Lake Big Creek Rd. (east intersection) and all roads in between. • New York House Rd. at LaPorte N/B. • La Porte Rd. @ New York Flat Rd.

Road Closures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Porte Rd. @ Challenge Cut-Off Rd. • Oregon Hill Rd. at Yuba Feather School. • Hwy162 @ Forbestown Rd. • Stringtown Rd. @ Mountain Oak Rd. • Lumkin Rd. north of Faye Mar Dr. • Forbestown Rd @ Lower Forbestown Rd. • Forbestown Rd @ Westar Crt. • Cherokee Rd. @ Thompson Flat Rd. • Hwy 70 @ Big Bend Rd. / Deton Rd. • Hwy 70 @ Four Trees Rd. <p>Comprehensive evacuation and road closure information can be found at the following locations:</p> <p>Butte County Sheriff's Office: www.buttecounty.net/sheriffcoroner Plumas County Sheriff's Office: www.facebook.com/plumascountysheriff Yuba County Sheriff's Office: www.facebook.com/yubacountysheriff</p>			
Evacuation Centers:	Butte County Fairgrounds, 199 E. Hazel St. Gridley (Temporary Evacuation Point)			
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>Yuba County Animal Services</p> <p>Yuba County Fairgrounds, 442 Franklin Ave, Yuba City, Chico Yuba County Mounted Sheriff's Posse Arena, 5396 Marysville Rd., Brownsville, CA</p>			
ASSIGNED RESOURCES				
Engines: 133	Water Tenders: 64	Helicopters: 15	Hand Crews: 68	Dozers: 68
Other: 13 Masticators		Total Personnel: 2123		
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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