

LOYALTON Fire Update



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LOYALTON FIRE Morning Update: 8/19/2020

Loyalton Fire Summary		Resources	
Acres Burned:	46,386	Hand Crews:	13
Total Containment:	35%	Engines:	79
Cause:	Lightning	Aircraft:	9
Structures destroyed	5 homes, 6 outbuildings	Water Tenders:	15
Total Personnel	788	Bulldozers & Masticators	23

Current Situation: As of 6:30am, no additional structures have been damaged or destroyed by the fire.

The fire was considerably quieter overnight than it has been for the last few days. Activity was visible behind Bug Station on the east side of Highway 395, but the flare up was within the burn perimeter, and firefighters quickly extinguished it. While line along the top of the fire continues to hold well, unburned islands of vegetation continue to ignite and burn.

Crews worked overnight to attack the fire directly on its southeastern edge, working into Balls Canyon as possible with dozers and hand crews. They continued to build and strengthen indirect line (built away from the fire) on the southern edge. The priority today is to complete this line in advance of today's predicted winds. The fire remained active in this area overnight.

At 8 p.m. yesterday evening, the nationwide Planning Level was increased to Planning Level 5, indicating that Potential for emerging significant wildland fires is high and expected to remain high in multiple geographic areas. With multiple fires in California and nationwide, this means that firefighting resources are in high demand across the country.

Weather: A Red Flag Warning is in effect today for high temperatures and strong, gusty, winds.

A downloadable version of this update and maps are available at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6975>.

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Evacuations

- All evacuations for Sierra Brooks have been lifted
- All evacuations for the areas of Cold Springs and Bordertown have been lifted.
- Mandatory Evacuation Orders remain in effect for Balls Canyon Road, Long Valley Road, and Copperfield.
- Evacuation Advisory for the City of Loyalton and homes on the south side of Highway 49 west of Loyalton to Lombardi Point
- Evacuation advisories remain in effect for the areas of Chilcoot and Vinton.
- Evacuation advisories remain in effect for the area of Hwy 49 and 70 south to Loyalton, and to the east side of Hwy 49.
- All Evacuation in Lassen County have been lifted. Residents are allowed to return to their homes.

Road Closures

- Hwy 49 is currently open.
- Hwy 395 is currently open.
- Hwy 70 is currently open.

Forest Closures

A Forest Closure for the Dog Valley area was issued on the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest due to the fire's southern spread. Find the closure order at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/6975/53327/>

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