



Gold Complex Update

July 24, 2024—7:00 a.m.

Quick Facts

Acres: Mill, 2,802; Smith, 56	Crews: 15	Helicopters: 8
Containment: Mill 0%; Smith 0%	Engines: 40	
Total resources: 491	Dozers: 13	

Official Fire Information

- Join us for an **Ask-the-Incident Commander meeting** live starting tomorrow, July 25, at 2 p.m. daily at facebook.com/USFSPlumas.
- **Maps and operational updates will be available at:** inciweb.wildfire.gov/
- **LIVE map-based information is available at:** maps.wildfire.gov/sa/
- **Evacuation Information:** www.facebook.com/plumascountysheriff; www.facebook.com/sierracosheriff
- **Fire Information:** 530-638-0456

Headlines

California Complex Interagency Incident Management Team 10 (CCIIMT) took command of the Gold Complex (Smith and Mill Fires) at 0600 on July 24, 2024.

Operational update

Smith Fire: Line around the Smith Fire held overnight, and crews will focus today on improving those lines and holding them through today’s predicted stronger winds.

Mill Fire: Aggressive 24-hour suppression activities continued, with crews focusing on building dozer and handline to protect structures and critical power lines. Night-capable helicopters were utilized overnight to help cool spot fires. As of this morning, much of the fire has line around it. However, these lines need considerable improvement and work before the fire will be considered contained. Winds are anticipated to test lines today, and evacuations are expected to be held through the day.

Engines will be pre-positioned around buildings in the communities of Gold Mountain and Portola throughout the day in case structures become threatened. A considerable influx of resources arrived to the fire this morning.

Weather

A cooling trend is anticipated to begin today and is expected to persist through the weekend. A chance of thunderstorms remains across the fire area, with gusty, erratic winds which can cause unpredictable fire spread. Typical afternoon winds on Wednesday are expected to increase, with gusts up to 30 mph expected. Temperatures are expected to remain above 90 degrees, with minimum relative humidities between 27 and 32 percent.