

Park Fire Update: Friday, August 30, 2024

Southwest Area Complex Incident Management Team TEAM 2—Incident Commander John Truett

Size: 429,603 acresStart Date: July 24, 2024Containment: 94 percentTotal Personnel: 1,521Resources: 38 engines, 59 dozers, 98 water tenders, 17 masticators, 82 excavators, 11 skid steers

CURRENT SITUATION: CAL FIRE Incident Management Team (IMT) 6 has been managing the firesuppression effort of the Park Fire, which impacted both state and Lassen National Forest lands. Today at 7 a.m., CAL FIRE Team 6 transferred command of fire-affected state lands to CAL FIRE Tehama-Glenn Unit's local Type 3 IMT. Information about can be found at <u>fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/7/24/park-fire</u> or by calling 530-529-9233.

Southwest Area Complex IMT (CIMT) 2 assumed command Friday morning of the fire area that is on Lassen National Forest lands. Lassen National Forest is grateful to CAL FIRE for their successful suppression efforts and positive collaboration. While fire-suppression and mopup operations have been largely completed, much work around the fire perimeter remains. Numerous resources, including firefighters and heavy equipment, are assigned to the fire to implement the Lassen National Forest's suppression-repair plan. The priority is to protect and rehabilitate natural and cultural resources, reduce soil erosion, and repair areas damaged by fire-suppression activities.

Work being done by resources in the roads group consists of using water tenders for dust abatement, grading roads that became washboarded with heavy use, and clearing clogged culverts. The hazard-tree group—consisting of tree-felling crews and a lot of heavy equipment—is working off roads within the forest closure. We ask the public to observe the closure (see below) and not attempt to access closed roads, allowing firefighters to focus on their work and not be further endangered by vehicle traffic. The suppression repair groups are, for example, repairing miles of dozer-constructed fireline, currently along Hogback Road and Ponderosa Way.

WEATHER & FIRE BEHAVIOR: Hot, dry conditions at all elevations will persist through the weekend, but winds will remain light. All vegetation in the fire's vicinity is very dry and no precipitation is expected. Smoke from stump holes, berm piles, and other scattered heat sources in the fire's interior could produce visible smoke. However, these hotspots do not pose a threat to containment lines.

CLOSURES & FIRE RESTRICTIONS: Lassen National Forest lands, roads, and trails near the fire are temporarily closed under Forest Order No. 06-24-07. Fire restrictions are also in effect within the Lassen National Forest under Forest Order No. 06-24-04. Both orders and supplemental information can be viewed on the Lassen National Forest's website: <u>fs.usda.gov/alerts/lassen/alerts-notices</u>.

Park Fire Information: 530-414-9298, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. | <u>2024.park@firenet.gov</u> Park Fire InciWeb: <u>inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/calnf-park-fire</u> Lassen National Forest Facebook: <u>facebook.com/LassenNF</u>