

Park Fire Update: Thursday, September 5, 2024

Southwest Complex Incident Management Team 2 Incident Commander John Truett

Size: 429,603 acres

Containment: 99 percent

Start Date: July 24, 2024

Total Personnel: 743

Resources: 1 helicopter, 14 crews, 13 engines, 15 dozers, 31 water tenders, 6 masticators, 7 chippers, 22 excavators, 9 feller bunchers, 12 skidsteers, 3 log loaders, 1 processor, 1 backhoe, 5 road graders

CURRENT SITUATION: During fire suppression, the size, weight and quantity of vehicles traveling forest roads can cause damage to the road surface. Part of the repair process involves resurfacing these roads so they do not pose a risk to people using them when the forest closure is lifted. The roads group is also improving Ponderosa Way and adjacent roads to facilitate the movement of mechanical harvesting equipment that is part of the hazard-tree group. That group is using equipment and tree-felling crews to cut dead trees along roadsides, and they are either chipping, lopping and scattering branches; creating piles to be burned later; or decking logs to remove heavy fuels. View photos and videos of firefighters and equipment doing repair work on the Lassen National Forest Facebook page: facebook.com/LassenNF.

WEATHER & FIRE SAFETY: Temperatures will continue to rise into the weekend. A heat advisory below 3,500 feet exists through Friday. No significant precipitation is forecast, and humidities remain extremely low. Isolated stump holes, logs and snags in the fire boundary will continue to produce visible smoke until a season-ending weather event. This minimal smoldering does not pose a threat to containment lines. A local fire crew is assigned to the incident and specifically tasked with locating and extinguishing isolated hotspots. Outside the fire perimeter, fuel load, including grass, brush and timber, is very dry and ready to burn. Any new fires would be difficult to control. Continue to be diligent as you work and recreate outside, and be aware of current fire restrictions.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS: Know before you go! Fire restrictions are in effect within the Lassen National Forest. For details, view Forest Order No. 06-24-04 here: fs.usda.gov/alerts/lassen/alerts-notices. Find links to other land management agencies' fire restrictions in the Park Fire Information Linktree (URL and QR code below).

FOREST CLOSURE: Lassen National Forest lands, roads, and trails near the fire are temporarily closed. Individuals are responsible for knowing where they are in relation to the closure area. Keep our firefighters and yourselves safe by abiding by the closure order. If you are recreating on your public lands, be prepared and view Forest Order No. 06-24-07 and map here: fs.usda.gov/alerts/lassen/alerts-notices.

Park Fire Information (Southwest CIMT 2): 530-414-9298 | 2024.park@firenet.gov

Park Fire Information (CAL FIRE): 530-529-9233

Park Fire Linktree (fire information website links): linktr.ee/park fire

