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Lassen National Forest/Plumas National Forest

Forest Service News Release

Dixie Fire Update for Monday, August 16, 2021

569,707 Acres

31% Containment

6,579 Total Personnel

Lassen and Plumas National Forests, August 16, 2021 — Heavy smoke over the fire kept fire activity moderated throughout most of yesterday. There was minimal thunderstorm activity with little impact to the fire environment. The light terrain driven winds contributed to the fire activity in Antelope Valley, but it did not cause any major fire pushes.

Today, triple digit temperatures and unstable atmosphere are forecasted with dry, hot west-southwest winds gusting up to 30 mph. A local Red Flag Warning will be put in place from 3:00 pm today until 10:00 pm on Tuesday over the fire area. Red Flag Warnings are issued by fire weather forecasters to alert residents to an ongoing or imminent critical fire weather pattern. In anticipation of the upcoming wind event, Wildfire Analyst (WFA) and Fire Spread Probability (FSPRO) were utilized to assess the potential impact of anticipated spread.

All lines at Keddie Point and into the North Arm of Indian Valley are holding and are supported by additional firefighters and equipment resources. Fire continues to flank in the Peters Creek area, and firefighters have completed prepping Beardsley-Grade Road to the south. The fire progressed to the south and east into the Walker fire scar and remains south of Fruit Growers Boulevard. Firing operations were conducted on Antelope Road to create a buffer in preparation for the predicted south wind event. Control lines continue to hold around Lone Rock, and the fire has not progressed into the Sheep Fire scar. The fire continues to flank near Coyote Peak and Hamilton Mountain, and firefighters will be constructing indirect and contingency lines.

Priorities for today include holding and maintaining the progress made on Beardsley-Grade Road, Beckwourth Genesee Road, and Fruit Growers Boulevard. The plan is to hold, secure, and prepare for continued burnout operations around Dyer Mountain. Contingency line construction will continue around Hamilton Peak, Janesville, and Antelope Lake.

Under the Incident Risk Analysis, weather was identified as a hazardous action or condition. Crews take mitigations such as conducting a thorough assessment before starting work, planning, and communicating their exit strategy with the entire crew and adjacent resources. Since communication during critical fire weather is essential to crews, the communications team has selected six repeaters and one airline to support radio communication. Locations for repeaters are carefully selected utilizing a topographic application, historic fire data, and Global Positioning System (GPS) to provide the most effective communication system for firefighters.

Dixie Fire West Zone: The heavy smoke layer continued to dampen down fire activity overnight. Today, critical fire weather conditions exist. There is an anticipated wind event that will occur today over the fire area. Temperatures will be in the triple digits and winds are forecast to be WSW at 22 MPH with gusts up to 30 MPH. Damage assessment is ongoing, and the number of damaged and destroyed structures may change as teams are able to access the fire area safely. Evacuation Warnings and Evacuation Orders could change at any time. Please see below for information affecting your area. California historically experiences some of the most devastating wildfires. Do Not Let Your Guard Down! To learn how to prevent sparking a wildfire visit www.readyforwildfire.org.



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