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Lassen National Forest/Plumas National Forest

## Forest Service News Release

### Dixie Fire Update for Monday, August 23, 2021

725,821 Acres

40% Containment

6,001 Total Personnel

**Lassen and Plumas National Forests, August 23, 2021** — The eastern edge of the fire line towards the Janesville area remains secure with crews on the ground continuing to mop up hot spots around the structures in Milford. On the southern edge above Antelope Lake, resources continue to work the fire's edge to tie it into the Lake. On the western edge, they completed the dozer work and are continuing to secure the line, extinguishing heat along the way. In Genesee Valley, resources continue to mop up around structures. Firefighters are holding the fire that has made its way down to the road as they continue to catch any spots or slopes to secure it at the road. There are two spot fires on the south end of Genesee Valley. One is below the Grizzly Spot and will burn into it. The other has been contained at one acre. Today crews will continue to work prepping houses while minimizing any spread.

In Taylorsville/Peters Creek, firefighters are going direct on the fire's edge, mopping up and patrolling around all the structures. A contingency line above Taylorsville is being constructed, which is expected to be complete today. Yesterday, the Beckworth Hotshot crew was able to complete handline down the eastern side of the Grizzly Spot. They will continue to work the western edge this morning. The spot fire has not crossed Grizzly Ridge, although it is actively burning and does have the potential to grow towards the ridge. Dozers, feller bunchers, and masticators are working to construct and reinforce indirect lines on Grizzly Ridge. Additional contingency lines are currently being constructed south of Grizzly Ridge. The Dyer Mountain area remains stable as dozer lines were reinforced and patrolled around the communication tower area. Firefighters continue to patrol and mop up the line east of Westwood. All lines at Keddie Point and into the North Arm of Indian Valley are holding and will continue to be patrolled.

Winds will lighten today slightly from the southwest at 10 to 15 mph, with gusts on the ridges at 22mph. Relative humidity's are anticipated in the 13 to 18 percent range, which is expected to continue all week. Winds will continue from the southwest at 12 to 16 mph, gusting up to 20 mph at ridgetops. Temperatures in the lower elevations are expected to rise a few degrees in the mid to high 80's with higher elevations dipping down into the mid to high 70's.

**Dixie Fire West Zone:** Fire remained active until after midnight. Smoke settled back over the fire in the early morning hours, reducing fire activity. Cooler weather and increasing humidity slowed rates of spread, with isolated torching, still observed. Smoke settled back over the fire in the early morning hours. A much quieter weather pattern is shaping up for most of this week. Crews continue mopping-up hot spots and are working to strengthen control lines. Damage assessment is ongoing, and the number of damaged and destroyed structures may change as teams are able to access the fire area safely. Northern California has experienced large fire activity and will likely experience an extended fire season. Fires burning in northern California are exhibiting extreme fire growth based on critical fuel conditions. The prioritization of resources is always based on life, property, and natural resources. Under these drought conditions, wildfires are burning rapidly with extreme severity and have traveled up to 8 miles in a single day. Fuel conditions are much worse than previous years and, along with wind, is causing much greater fire spread. Firefighters are experiencing conditions never seen before, such as increased spread rates, spotting, and active nighttime burning. We coordinate very closely with the US Forest Service and CalOES for our local and out-of-state partners to ensure resource availability.

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