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Lassen National Forest/Plumas National Forest

## Forest Service News Release

### Dixie Fire Update for Tuesday, September 7, 2021

917,579 Acres

59% Containment

4,673 Total Personnel

**Lassen and Plumas National Forests** - Firefighters expect hot daytime temperatures to continue for at least the next several days, with lighter southwest and westerly winds tomorrow, and only a slight increase in humidity. The forest is extremely dry, and the widespread fuel beds are quite receptive to sparks. The fire has moved by direct runs and torching of trees that throw embers over the lines causing spot fires. Firefighters expect moderate to active fire behavior today because of southwest winds in the middle of the day. More than 500 fresh firefighters joined the fight yesterday.

Yesterday and overnight, most of the fire perimeter remained quiet as hot spots were held in check behind containment lines. However, the far eastern and southeastern parts of the fire remain active today. Yesterday evening, fire crossed Highway 395 south of Milford and east of the escarpment, closing the highway for a little while. Crews from the West Zone were able to quickly catch the small spot-fire on the east side of the highway. Hot shot crews are working with West Zone resources to construct direct containment line on the northern flank of the fire near Highway 395. Hand crews and heavy equipment were successful building containment lines and keeping the fire from progressing southward in the Horton Ridge, Dixie Valley, and Dixie Mountain areas. Crews also improved contingency dozer lines located near Dotta Canyon and along the Beckwourth/Genesee Road. Fire continues to burn in very steep terrain of the Devil's Punchbowl south of Taylorsville, and crews are monitoring it closely, using helicopters to keep it in place and cool it down. Crews used water to mop up all the heat within 100 feet around homes in Genesee Valley and continue to patrol and monitor the area. Unburned pockets in the interior of the fire will continue to burn out and produce smoke during the heat of the day.

**Dixie Fire West Zone** - The fire continued to burn into the evening and began to moderate after midnight. Smoke settled into the valleys on the northern portion of the fire. Active ground fire was observed throughout the night, with occasional single tree torching. Heavy down fuels actively consumed throughout the night. Crews will continue to complete line in steep and rugged terrain in the wilderness of Lassen National Volcanic Park using all firefighting strategies available. Resources continue to establish direct and indirect containment line south of Old Station utilizing lines created by the Reading incident. Resources continue to establish containment lines to hold HWY 44 and monitor for spots across the highway while protecting critical fiber optic cable. Crews are completing contingency lines both north and south of Janesville and Milford while monitoring for the predicted wind event today. Crews are providing structure defense while ensuring firefighter safety. Resources will continue to respond to service calls within communities impacted by the fire. Mop up and patrol status is currently being utilized in applicable areas. The high-pressure weather system will begin to weaken today with humidity remaining low and temperatures cooling slightly. Temperatures will be 83-91 degrees during the day. Humidity will be 8-12 percent with southwest winds up to 5-10 mph and gusts up to 15 mph in the afternoon.

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