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Lassen National Forest/Plumas National Forest

Forest Service News Release

Dixie Fire Update for Saturday, September 11, 2021

959,253 Acres	62% Containment	4,878 Total Personnel
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Lassen and Plumas National Forests -

Rainfall around one quarter of an inch to just over one half of one inch fell across the East Zone Thursday evening and Friday morning, resulting in minimal fire activity. Larger and thicker fuels – like stumps, logs, and duff – continued to smolder while fine surface fuels quickly dried out as the day warmed and winds increased. Today, resources will continue to hold and improve dozer and handline from Lake Davis to Clover Valley and secure dozer and handline to keep fire from spreading further south into Dixie Valley, as well as south towards Clover Valley and Portola. East of Milford, crews will maintain direct and indirect containment lines on the northwest flanks to prevent fire from again impacting that community and Highway 395. Crews will also work to complete dozer line in Dotta Canyon to the Sugar Fire scar as an alternate contingency line in addition to improving Road 177 and Beckwourth-Genesee Road as secondary control lines. Hotshot crews will again work to secure direct line construction in the rugged Devil's Punchbowl, as gains continue to be made in that area. Maintaining containment, mop-up, and backhaul of equipment on western and central divisions will take place around the cooler areas of the fire perimeter. Structure protection remains in place within Genesee, Dixie Valley, Lake Davis area, Milford, and Taylorsville. California Interagency Incident Management Team 1, led by Incident Commander Jerry McGowan, assumed command of the East Zone Saturday morning.

Dixie Fire West Zone -

The humidity overnight continued to moderate fire behavior with some creeping and heavy material burning out. Interior islands and fuels within the control lines continue to smolder. Active burning in heavy receptive fuel beds may increase fire activity today. Potential still exists for spots to become established well outside of the control lines. Today, quieter weather returns to the fire area. Winds will stay elevated through this afternoon with gusts up to 20 mph and cooler temperatures around 80 degrees. Crews will continue to complete line in steep and rugged terrain, perform holding actions, and provide structure defense in communities at risk. Incident priorities are to prevent further fire spread into HWY 395 and prevent additional fire spread into surrounding communities, private and public infrastructure and forests, and to protect the communities of Hat Creek and Old Station as well as the timberlands. Residents are urged to stay vigilant to changing weather and fire behavior. Smoke will be seen in the fire area and surrounding communities for many days. Damage assessment is ongoing, and the threatened structures count may change depending on the fire status.

***A firefighter assigned to the Dixie incident passed away, due to an illness on September 2.**

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