



**Forest Service**  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



**Lassen National Forest / Plumas National Forest**

**Dixie Fire Update, Saturday, October 23, 2021**

<b>963,309 acres</b>	<b>97% containment</b>	<b>1,044 total personnel</b>
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**East Zone Fire Information:** 949-573-5702 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

**West Zone Fire Information:** 530-592-0838 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

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**East Zone**

The heavy rains that fell on Friday morning altered some of the operational plans due to wet and muddy conditions but even with the rain, about half of the scheduled fire suppression work was accomplished. Progress continued on the road work in the Milford area. Debris was removed from three clogged creeks in the Wolf Creek Road area. A water line that was damaged was assessed in the Meadow Valley area and a plan for repair was initiated. Repair work was postponed in areas that were too wet or too steep to safely engage.

Today, resources will take advantage of the break between the two rain events to complete as much fire suppression repair work as possible before Sunday’s rain arrives. At the end of the day, equipment will be positioned so that it will not be stuck in potentially hazardous situations during or after tomorrow’s rain.

There is a high risk of debris flows on Sunday into Monday from the predicted rain event. Areas of particular concern are the Feather River Canyon, North Fork of Indian Valley, and the Genesee Valley. A flash flood watch is in effect from 5 a.m. Sunday through 5 a.m. Monday. Some areas could receive as much as 8-10” of precipitation from this one event. In addition to debris flows and flooding, winds have the potential to gust up to 55-60 mph which could increase the likelihood of tree hazards. Even areas that were not previously prone to flooding or high-water runoff may experience these hazards in or near the burn scar area. The public and communities near and especially downstream from the wildfire area should expect to see increased flooding and debris transport. These hazards can occur suddenly and have the potential of causing significant destruction. The public should monitor the local and regional weather forecasts to keep up to date on any changing or worsening weather conditions. Avoid lowland areas and areas prone to flooding and recognize that both burned and unburned areas are at risk from a storm that is as significant as what is predicted for Sunday into Monday.

**West Zone**

The National Weather Service in Reno continued a [Flood Watch](#) from late tonight through Monday morning Lassen, eastern Plumas, and eastern Sierra Counties. The Incident Meteorologist expects extremely wet conditions, with heavy rain, and snow at higher elevations. Strong southwest winds in exposed terrain and 3 to 5 inches of rain or snow water equivalent is likely to fall across the fire area. With ample warning of this storm, incident officials have had time to plan. Crews and heavy equipment will be well positioned at lower elevations by the end of today’s shift.

Crews plan to take advantage of today’s nice pre-storm weather to accomplish suppression repair work in priority areas. Weather permitting, heavy equipment crews are wrapping up chipping and root-wad piling operations near Bogard Station, and are continuing work on extensive suppression repair south of Old Station near Badger Mountain. Crews staging at the High Bridge Campground are engaged in hazard tree mitigation work on Lassen County Rd 312 and the access to Feather River Estates and Domingo Springs area.

Wet, muddy conditions forced crews to pause operations in the Butt Creek and Carter Meadows areas to avoid doing more damage to the very land they are trying to fix. Hand crews are also challenged by muddy conditions working to repair suppression damage to sensitive vernal pools on the west side of Lake Almanor.

With dryer weather in the forecast for next week, incident officials and local agencies remain committed to completing as much repair work as possible across the Dixie Fire area this fall.

*The Lassen National Forest has closed the following campgrounds on the Lake Almanor Ranger District for the season: Butte Meadows Campground, Soldier Meadows Campground, High Bridge Campground, and Cherry Hill Campground*

## **Closures**

Closure orders because of the wildfire, remain in effect for some areas of the Lassen National Forest and Plumas National Forest. For more information, visit InciWeb ([inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/7690/](https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/7690/)) or the interactive forest closure map ([arcg.is/1re8my0](https://arcg.is/1re8my0)).

Lassen Volcanic National Park Highway is now closed to through traffic for the winter/spring snow season. For more information, visit Lassen Volcanic National Park's webpage for the Dixie Fire ([nps.gov/lavo/learn/nature/dixie-fire.htm](https://nps.gov/lavo/learn/nature/dixie-fire.htm)).