



Yuba River Complex

Fire Update

Tahoe National Forest

Wednesday, July 16, 2008, 8:00 a.m.

For further information visit:

www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe or <http://www.inciweb.org>

Info Center (530) 478-6101

Hours of Operation: 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

By the Numbers

Yuba River Complex:

1 hand crew and 3 engines

100% Contained

Fires Facts

Total Complex 4,254 Acres

Fully Contained:

Fall Fire- 2,420 acres

Scotchman Fire-1,230 acres

Celina Fire-397 acres

25 Fire-189 acres

Skillman Fire-2 acres

Gaston Fire-5 acres

Omega Fire #1-2 acres – within
the Scotchman Fire perimeter

Omega Fire #2-3 acres

Columbia Fire – 3 acres

Alpha Fire -.25 acre

Bald Mountain Fire -1 acre

Quaker Fire - .1 acre

Banner Fire - .1 acre

Nevada and Sierra Counties, CA – According to Eric Petterson, Incident Commander, the Yuba River Complex including the Fall Fire, is now 100% contained. Yesterday, some active burning continued within the perimeter of the Fall Fire. Crews will be patrolling and mopping up for the next couple of weeks as areas will continue to burn and smoke. The fires were started by lightning on June 21.

The weather is expected to be warmer, drier and windier for the next several days.

The Incident Command Post has been moved to the White Cloud Fire Station.

The Tahoe National Forest wishes to thank the many cooperating agencies for their assistance in the Yuba Complex.

Note for Residents: Smokes within the perimeter of the fires will continue to be visible for many weeks.

Road Status: All roads are open except those that are west of the Bowman Road in the immediate vicinity of the fire.

Caution for Forest Recreationists: Please drive slowly and watch for fire equipment along roads.

Fire Restrictions are in effect for the Tahoe National Forest. Contact the Forest Headquarters or any Ranger Station for more information. Campfires can only be in designated campgrounds. Internal combustion engines need to remain on roads or trails. For more information on the restrictions, please see <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe/fire/index.shtml> or <http://www.inciweb.org>

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Info Center (530) 367-6223, 6224, or 6226 Hours of Operation: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

By the Numbers

Complex

18,799 acres; 50% contained;
844 personnel: 19 crews; 8
helicopters; 51 engines; 7
dozers; 28 water tenders

Estimated Containment Date:

August 1, 2008

Fires

Government Springs/
Westville Fire

18,192 acres; 50% contained
Peavine – 551; 100 % contained

Placer County, CA – Firefighters have started mop-up operations along the north and south sides of the Government Springs/Westville fire. This fire is now 50% contained. Firefighters are continuing direct attack, working toward the American River on the fire’s eastern flank. Rehabilitation of machine-constructed fireline is being assessed. Excess resources are being identified for release as progress continues on securing the perimeter.

On Tuesday, continued favorable weather conditions allowed firefighters to begin mopping up small, remaining hotspots within 150 feet of the northern fireline west to east from Texas Hill Spring to near Big Valley Canyon. As crews begin mop-up, hazardous trees within the mop-up area will be removed for the safety of personnel. Mop-up also began on the southern fireline, from Humbug ridge on the west to Canada ridge on the east.

Three 20-person hotshot crews, supported by helicopter water drops and engines, continued direct attack west of Big Valley Canyon on the northeast edge of the fire line, and five hotshot crews continued direct attack north from Canada Ridge toward the American River Canyon on the southeast edge of the fire.

Today, crews will continue mopping up within 150 feet in order to secure the fireline on the north and south sides of the fire. Focus on direct attack actions will continue north of the Canada Ridge area. New fireline will be constructed and existing fireline strengthened in order to corral the uncontrolled perimeter. Fireline patrol with engines will continue as needed, and rehabilitation work to reduce future erosion will begin where control lines are no longer needed.

Fire restrictions remain in place on the Tahoe National Forest. For information on the fire restrictions, please go to www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe .

Several road, trail and area closures remain in effect. Please see www.inciweb.org or www.fs.fed.us/r5/tahoe/fire/index.shtml for the complete listing of closures.

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