

*News Release*

# Susanville Interagency Fire Center

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## **CONTAINMENT OF STRAYLOR FIRE ESTIMATED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 27**

The Straylor Fire, burning in timber and brush 20 miles southeast of Fall River Mills, is expected to be fully contained by 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 27. This morning, the blaze was 95 percent contained at 3,220 acres.

Officials said demobilization of the fire fighting force, now totaling 1,585 personnel, is expected to begin this evening, with crews and equipment being sent to their home units or to other fires.

Today, there are 45 hand crews, 12 helicopters, 88 fire engines, 24 bulldozers and 30 water tenders assigned to the fire. Crews will continue building and improving fire lines and watching for spot fires.

Fire investigators determined that a spark from a power saw being used in a logging operation caused the northwest Lassen County fire Thursday afternoon. Investigators said the "hot saw" blade hit a rock, causing sparks.

The fire has burned on the Lassen National Forest, private land, and Bureau of Land Management-administered public land. There were no structures threatened or damaged.

Because of heavy fire traffic, Lassen National Forest officials have closed Forest Road 22 to the public. The closure is from the Davis Creek area on the west to Russell Dairy Creek on the east, and will be in effect until further notice.

Officials at the Susanville Interagency Fire Center are reminding local residents and visitors that fire dangers are high and increasing in northeast California. They urged all back country visitors to be careful with fire.

Fire restrictions, which will limit campfires, woodcutting and off highway vehicle driving, will go into effect on the Lassen National Forest and on public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management on Sunday, Aug. 1. The last day for firewood cutting with chainsaws on the Lassen National Forest will be Saturday, July 31. On BLM-managed land, chainsaw use will be allowed until 1 p.m. daily when the fire restrictions go into effect.

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