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# Susanville Interagency Fire Center

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## **DEVIL FIRE CONTAINED AT 4,459 ACRES**

After six days of intensive fire fighting, crews last evening contained the Devil Fire at 4,459 acres of timberland. Fire fighters yesterday held the blaze within its containment lines despite winds that gusted to 40 miles per hour.

Firefighters will remain on the fire lines west of Susanville through the weekend, dousing hot spots and ensuring the blaze will not rekindle. A red flag warning for gusty winds continues today. Full control of the fire is expected Monday at 6 p.m.

Demobilization of the fire fighting force, which topped 1,900 personnel, is now underway. Crews and equipment will be sent to their home bases or to other fires. Today, about 1,000 firefighters and support personnel remain committed to the fire. Four helicopters will be assigned to assist 58 engines and 37 ground crews working toward full control.

The eastern section of Bizz Johnson National Recreation Trail between Susanville and the Devil's Corral trailhead, closed since the fire broke out Sunday afternoon, will remain closed while mop up operations continue. The western parts of the trail were not affected by the fire.

Specialists from the U. S. Bureau of Land Management, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and the Forest Service are now working on rehabilitation of fire lines and other impacts of the fire fighting work.

The Devil Fire was sparked Sunday afternoon by a target shooter in the Williams Creek area west of Devil's Corral. By Monday afternoon, it forced evacuation of about 140 residents in and near the west edge of Susanville.

No homes were destroyed.

Officials at the Susanville Interagency Fire Center said the rapid spread of the Devil Fire is an indicator of the high fire dangers affecting northern California wildlands. They are urging all wildland visitors to be extremely cautious with campfires, power equipment, smoking and off highway vehicles.

Permits for trash pile and incinerator burning have been suspended in Lassen, Modoc and Plumas counties, and in the city of Susanville.