Sierra County Board of Supervisors' Agenda Transmittal & Record of Proceedings

MEETING DATE:	**TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:**
August 24, 2020	☒Regular ☐Timed ☐Consent

DEPARTMENT: Office of Emergency Services
APPROVING PARTY: Tim Beals, Director OES
PHONE NUMBER: 530-289-3201

AGENDA ITEM: SIERRA COUNTY STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY:

1) Discussion and status reports on the Loyalton Fire and other regional fires in progress.
2) Discussion of fire severity concerns throughout the County and drought conditions impacting water supply and agricultural operations.
3) Discussion and approval of ratification of Director of OES proclamation of a state of local emergency for Sierra County including any appropriate amendments proposed by the Board of Supervisors to affirm the emergency declaration.
4) Comments from State Office of Emergency Services (OES).

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: ☐Memo ☒Resolution ☐Agreement ☐Other
See attached resolution and policy

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

FUNDING SOURCE:
GENERAL FUND IMPACT: No General Fund Impact
OTHER FUND:
AMOUNT: $ N/A

ARE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED?	**IS THIS ITEM ALLOCATED IN THE BUDGET?** ☐Yes ☒No
☐Yes, -- -- ☒No	**IS A BUDGET TRANSFER REQUIRED?** ☐Yes ☒No

SPACE BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE

BOARD ACTION:		
☐Approved ☐Approved as amended ☐Adopted ☐Adopted as amended ☐Denied ☐Other ☐No Action Taken	☐Set public hearing For: _____ ☐Direction to: _____ ☐Referred to: _____ ☐Continued to: _____ ☐Authorization given to: _____	Resolution 2020- _____ Agreement 2020- _____ Ordinance _____ Vote: Ayes: Noes: Abstain: Absent: ☐By Consensus

COMMENTS:

_____ _____
CLERK TO THE BOARD DATE

PROLAMATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
LOYALTON FIRE AND EXTREME FIRE CONDITIONS
COMMENCING FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 403 of the County of Sierra empowers the County Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when said County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity, flood or natural disasters; and,

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Sierra does hereby find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, property, and public lands and resources including, but not limited to grazing lands, watersheds, timber resources, and public infrastructure have arisen within the County of Sierra, caused by Loyalton Fire which started by lightning on Friday, August 14, 2020, as well as the existence of actual and threatened conditions of extreme fire danger within Sierra County; and,

WHEREAS, the County Director of Emergency Services finds that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons, property, and public infrastructure have arisen affecting Sierra County and in particular, the areas impacted by the Loyalton Fire which include National Forest System Lands within Tahoe National Forest and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, private timberlands, private agricultural lands and grazing areas, and including continued threats to entire community areas of Long Valley, Verdi, Sierra Brooks and Loyalton; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of California issued a Statewide proclamation of emergency citing as the primary reasons as current and threated conditions of extreme fire danger as well as the numerous devastating wildfires occurring within the State causing significant impacts to available resources, public budget demands, damage and losses of private and public property, and devastating environmental conditions; and,

WHEREAS, ongoing response and assessments have diverted local resources from day to day operations, and the impacts of the Loyalton Fire and the existence of actual and threatened existence of conditions of extreme fire danger within the County and the continued threat of catastrophic wildfires places the County at significant risk, beyond the control of personnel, services, equipment and budget of the County; and,

WHEREAS, potential threats of further fire damage and destruction is being closely monitored as the Loyalton Fire continues to threaten the Sierra County communities of Verdi, Long Valley, Sierra Brooks and Loyalton, all which are under advisory or mandatory evacuation orders.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED, pursuant to Article 14, Section 8630 of the California Emergency Services Act, and Sierra County Code, Chapter 8.16 that a local state of emergency exists within and throughout Sierra County and the City of Loyalton as of August 17, 2020, and the Sierra County Board of Supervisors shall ratify this proclamation within seven (7) days of the date of the proclamation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, by means of this declaration, the Director of Emergency Services is authorized to use and employ any of the property, services, personnel and resources of the County to help mitigate this emergency, and State agencies and other public agencies may provide mutual aid, including personnel, equipment and other available resources, to assist Sierra County during this emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Governor of California and President of the United States are required to concur with this proclamation and make the resources of the State of California and the United States available to assist in responding to the disaster.

Tim H. Beals, Director
Sierra County Office of Emergency Services

August 19, 2020
Date of Proclamation

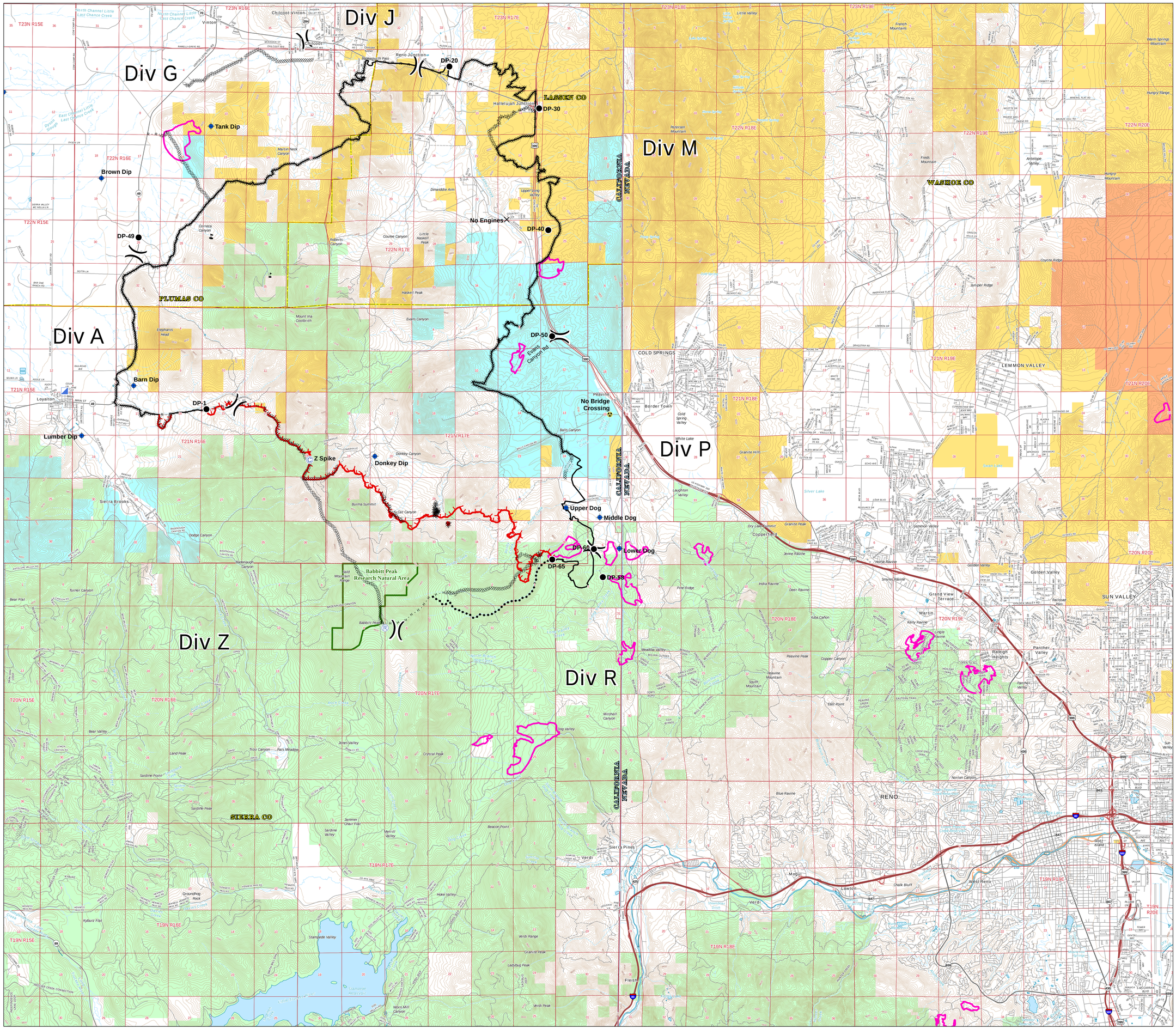
Loyalton Fire

CA-TNF-001600

Operations Map

August 21, 2020

46,872 IR acres
at 12:11 on 8/20



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- Dip Site
- Drop Point
- Hazard
- Incident Command Post
- Repeater
- Value at Risk
- Division Break
- Uncontrolled Fire Edge
- Contained Line
- Completed Dozer Line
- Completed Hand Line
- Road as Completed Line
- Planned Secondary Line
- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Babbitt Peak RNA
- Sensitive Plants

Ownership

- Bureau of Land Management
- Forest Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- State
- Private

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Loyalton Fire

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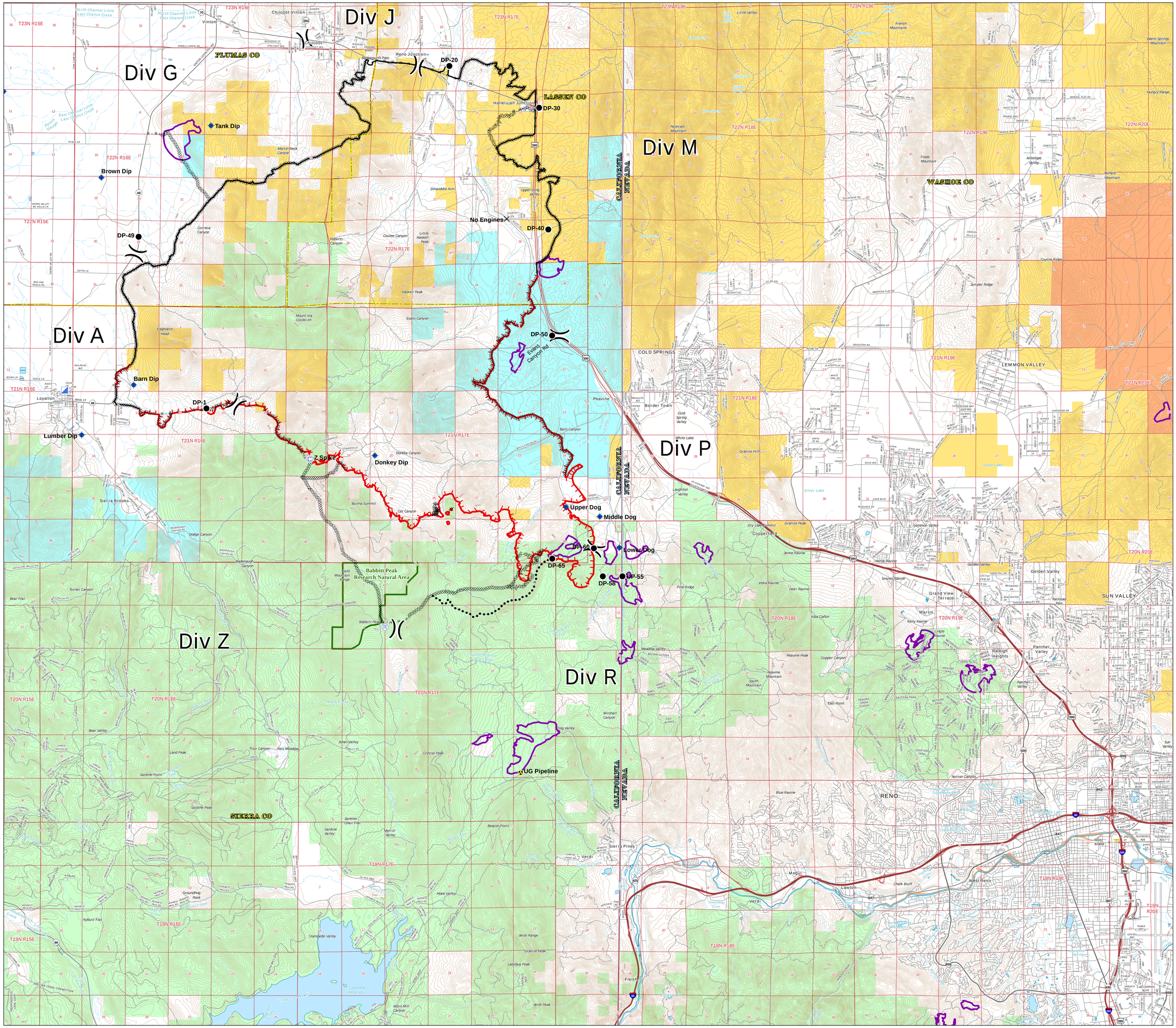
Operations Map

August 20, 2020

46,386 IR acres
at 1:45 on 8/19



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