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Fyi, just passing along below coverage for awareness. PG&E was not mentioned.

Dixie Fire Explodes to 1,200 Acres, Prompts Evacuation Warnings in Area of 2018 Camp Fire

By Amelia Davidson, Ryan Sabalow
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Evacuation warnings were issued Wednesday as firefighters struggle to gain control over a new fire in Butte County, a community hard hit by the deadly 2018 Camp Fire and last summer's North Complex Fire.

The Dixie Fire began as a small vegetation fire Tuesday in the Feather River Canyon near Highway 70. It was originally held to under 2 acres. But the fire exploded in size on Wednesday morning, growing to 500 acres by 8:30 a.m. and to 1,200 acres by 9:45 a.m.

Cal Fire said in a morning update that the fire, which has 0% containment, is burning near the town of Paradise, but is expanding north away from populated areas. Officials have put in a "large resource order" to fight the fire, and said they were being hampered by non-fire personnel using drones in the area.

Butte County Supervisor Bill Connelly, who represents the area, said that so far, the fire is burning on private timber lands and the winds are pushing it away from population centers toward national forest lands.

The Camp Fire's burn scar stands between the fire and homes.

"Everything's pretty much burned between them and the fire," he said. "Some bushes and grass have grown back, but it's probably not a direct threat at this time."

Nonetheless, he urged local residents to closely monitor Cal Fire and local emergency agencies to be ready to evacuate.

The Dixie Fire sparked along Dixie Road and Camp Creek Road, just northeast of the site of the Camp Fire, which burned over 150,000 acres and became California's deadliest fire of all time.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office issued evacuation warnings Wednesday morning for Pulga and East Concow. Both towns were ravaged by the Camp Fire in 2018.

That fire killed at least 85 people, though an investigation by the Chico Enterprise-Record found [at least 50 other deaths that were likely attributed to the blaze](#).

Last summer's lightning sparked North Complex Fire also ravaged Butte County, burning the entire town of Berry Creek and killing at least 16 people.



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