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The following coverage has updated to include P.Moreno quotes.

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Cal Fire said in a morning update that the fire, which has 0% containment, is burning on the edge of Butte County, but is expanding north into Plumas County 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.

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

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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.

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The Camp Fire was caused by electrical transmission lines operated by Pacific Gas and Electricity. The cause of the Dixie Fire is so far unknown.

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Megan Brown, a sixth-generation rancher with lands in Butte and Plumas counties, got an evacuation alert on her cellphone Wednesday morning.

The alert brought terrifying chills. She’s suffered through three major fires since the 2017 Cherokee Fire.

“It’s stressful, and it’s kind of reliving the Camp Fire,” she said. “So we’re definitely paying attention.”



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