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Dixie Fire Criminal Investigation Continues

Yesterday, January 4, 2022, Plumas County District Attorney David Hollister received a 48-page investigation report from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) opining Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) is criminally responsible for the Dixie Fire.

The 2021 Dixie Fire burned 963,309 acres (1,505 square miles) impacting Butte, Lassen, Shasta, Tehama and, primarily, Plumas County. The fire actively burned from July 13th to October 25th destroying at least 1,329 structures and decimating the Plumas County communities of Greenville, Indian Falls, and Canyon Dam.

The Plumas County District Attorney's Office will review and evaluate CalFire's report in light of the other reports and items of evidence collected during a criminal investigation originating shortly after the fire's ignition. DA David Hollister is partnering with the district attorneys from Butte, Lassen, Tehama and Shasta counties in this criminal investigation. This group has been led by Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey who has provided exceptional resources and insight earned from his successful prosecution of Butte County's 2018 Camp Fire, which killed 84 people.

Plumas County DA David Hollister noted, "We will do our absolute best to make sure a fair and balanced evaluation occurs concerning whether criminal charges are appropriate in addressing the origin of the Dixie Fire. If the evidence warrants such a prosecution, I will make sure the interests of Plumas County, approximately half of which was burned in this fire, are represented. I will endeavor to keep Plumas County updated on these efforts while respecting the restraints created by the delicacy, complexity, and wide-range of this criminal investigation."