



Erskine Fire Information Update

June 26, 2016 8:00 A.M.

Fire Start: June 23, 2016

Location: Lake Isabella

Cause: Under investigation

Size: 36,810 acres

Percent Contained: 10%

Total Number of Personnel: 1,712

Costs to Date: \$5 million

Expected containment date: June 30, 2016

Unified Command: BLM, Kern County Fire Department, Kern County Sheriffs, USFS

Erskine Fire Information Phone Line: (760) 376-3781

LAST NIGHT FIRE SUMMARY

Fire activity continued over the Erskine Fire last evening and throughout the night as fire line continues to hold as most the activity is within the fire perimeter. The forecasted reduced wind speeds during the day yesterday allowed for improved opportunities for firefighters to conduct direct line construction. Today's efforts will continue to take advantage of the lighter winds forecast, however a dry air mass over the area will continue to bring temperatures in the 90's and low relative humidities.

Current numbers of destroyed structures : 200 Damaged structures: 75

Two fatalities have been confirmed. Additional fatalities are possible due to the extreme fire behavior during the initial hours of the incident. For additional information contact Kern County Sheriff's department.

Additional Precautionary Evacuations:

Landers Meadow and Claraville area. This includes the area along Piute Mountain road between Kelso Valley road and Saddle Springs road.

Precautionary Evacuations:

Squirrel Valley, Mountain Mesa, South Lake, Lake Isabella, (Erskine Creek area) and the Weldon area which includes Landers Meadow and Clareville.

Recommended Evacuations:

Bella Vista, South fork, Yankee canyon, Weldon, Southlake, Squirrel valley, Lakeland estates Onnyx and Mountain Mesa.

Road Closures:

Road closures in effect for Highway 178 at the following intersections; Kelso Creek, Sierra Way, Kelso Valley, Entrada and Lake Isabella and Kelso valley at Kelso Creek.