



Erskine Fire Update June 28, 2016 8:00 PM

Fire Information: 760-376-3781 8:00 AM-4:30 PM

<http://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/4806/#>

Fire Start: June 23, 2016

Size: 46,679 acres

Percent Contained: 60%

Total Personnel: 1, 743

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

Location: Lake Isabella

Cause: Under investigation

Costs to Date: \$15.8 million

Damaged Structures: 17

Destroyed Structures: 257

Today's Fire Summary: Priority today was to add additional crews to the the west flank of the fire. The crews were able to make good progress in bringing the two ends of the containment line, Pack Trail Spike Camp on the north and Harrison Spike east of Landers Meadow on the south, together. The thunder storm that passed over the fire area today produced some rain and lightning. There were a few small fires. These were quickly extinguished.

The damage inspection teams have nearly completed their assessments. The number of residences destroyed or damaged has changed due to more thorough inspections.

Safety: Hwy 178 is now open. There is increased traffic on the highway from the public, residents, and fire vehicles. Motorists should drive defensively, exercise caution, and reduce their speed.

Homeowner Re-entry:

As of 5:00 PM today, **South Lake** is open for residents to return with proof of residency. There is no power to this area and Public Health warnings are in effect. Bottled water will be made available for returning residents

Evacuations orders previously lifted are: Squirrel Valley (proof of residency required); Yankee Canyon and Mountain Mesa residents (there is no power or potable water in these areas but bottled water is being provided); Areas east of South Lake along Hwy 178—Larson Tract, Navajo, Hillview Acres, Bella Vista, and Weldon are also open (these areas have electrical power but no potable water, and bottled water is being provided).

Kern County's Office of Emergency Services' transition center is open to support the needs of the recently evacuated residents who are now returning to their homes. The center is located at Woodrow W. Wallace Middle School at 3240 Erskine Creek Rd. in Lake Isabella. Normal hours of operation will be from 9 AM to 6 PM.

Call the Kern County Emergency Operations Center at 661-873-2660 for more information on homeowner re-entry. The center hours are 8 AM-8 PM daily.

Shelters: Shelters are open for residents affected by the fire and will remain open until further notice. Locations: St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights and Kernville Elementary School, Kernville. The Red Cross Safe and Well site is <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>.

Road Closures: Hwy 178 is open. Road closures continue off of Hwy 178 at McCray Rd and Dogwood, at Entrada and Hwy 178, and Kelso Valley and Kelso Creek Rd.

Drone Intrusion: An UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems), commonly referred to a "drone", intrusion occurred over the Erskine Fire requiring air operations to be grounded for a period of time. All UAS, of any size or weight, are considered aircraft by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and are subject to FAA regulations. UAS may not be flown within a Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) under any circumstances without prior approval by FAA and the agency that requested the TFR.



For Evening Update:

Safety

Keep Drone

New Hours for Info Line

Keep EOC Call Center 661-873-2660

RD Request: Hwy 178 is open. There still is road closures at the junction of Kelso Valley Rd and Kelso Creek Rd, at McCray Rd and Dogwood, at Entrada and Hwy 178

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