



## **Erskine Fire Update July 1, 2016 8:00 AM**

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

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

**Fire Start:** June 23, 2016

**Size:** 47,864 acres

**Percent Contained:** 80

**Total Personnel:** 909

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

**Location:** Lake Isabella

**Cause:** Under investigation

**Costs to Date:** \$19.3 million

**Today's Fire Summary:** Very few hot spots remain within the Erskine Fire as crews have completed the bulk of the work and the majority of the fire is contained.

What fire suppression work is left to be done is located east of Inspiration Point heading north to Meadow Creek. The north side of the fire—from Lake Isabella to the Kelso Creek area along the 178 corridor—is secure and all fire suppression repairs are complete. Limited repair work remains along the fire's eastern edge.

Fire behavior has remained minimal since rain hit the area Tuesday but three hot, dry days without rain serve as a reminder of the potential fire danger.

Crews continue to patrol the fire at night and conduct mop-up operations where needed during the day. Mopping up a fire reduces the chance of escape and helps strengthen firelines. Smoldering stumps and heavy fuels well within the fire's perimeter might generate smoke that could be visible for the next several days.

**Homeowner Re-entry:** Southern California Edison officials said all repairs to its infrastructure have been completed. Some homes that have irreparable damage to panels remain without power.

All road closures related to the fire have been lifted and there are no evacuations in place.

The Kern County Office of Emergency Services' transition center at Wallace Elementary will become a local assistance center at noon Friday. The center will provide information services on disaster relief, how to replace records lost in the fire, and apply for assistance. For more information, call Kern County Emergency Operations Center at 661-873-2660 from 8 am to 4 pm. Starting Saturday, the call center will be open from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Sikh Friends of Bakersfield is serving lunch at Kern Valley High School from 11 am to 5 pm through Sunday.

**Shelters:** Shelters for affected residents—at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights and Kernville Elementary School—will remain open until further notice. The Red Cross Safe and Well website is <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>.

**U.S. Forest Service Campgrounds Open:** Sequoia National Forest campgrounds—Old Isabella, Auxiliary, Paradise Cove and South Fork—along California 178 are open. Auxiliary is the only one with water.

**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.

**Remember: if you fly, we can't.**