



## **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:** 85%

**Total Personnel:** 738

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

**Location:** Lake Isabella

**Cause:** Under investigation

**Costs to Date:** \$20.4 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. The night operations will end 07/02/2016. 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.

**Pacific Crest Trail Temporary Closure:** The temporary closure of the PCT between Jawbone Canyon Road and Walker Pass Campground at Hwy 178 has been lifted.

**Homeowner Re-entry:** 100% of power has been restored in the effected fire area. Some homes that have irreparable damage to panels remain without power.

All roads closed due to the evacuations remain open with the exception of Piute Mtn Road located within the Forest closure boundary. For more information about the closure.

[http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd507582.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd507582.pdf)

The Kern County Office of Emergency Services' transition center at Wallace Elementary will become a Local Assistance Center that opened at noon today. 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. The call center will be open from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday, but closed on Monday. The Kern County 211 Directory will be available for information on Monday 07/04/2016.

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.